



THE ROTARY FELLOE

Rotary Club of Easton, Pa., District 7430
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September 5: TBD

This Week:	Focus On Peace	
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August 29



Polio Update
 With
 Carol Ferguson



Noon In The Zoom Café!

LAST WEEK:

Peace Project: Easton Rotary partnered with the Easton YMCA on a two-hour program about peace and love. Easton Rotarian Gayle Rogers led the way in developing the program. Other Rotary participants included Morgan McKay, Sanju Choudhury,



Gordon Bigelow, Kathy Heller, and Lori Metz. The children involved ranged in age from grade 3 through 6.

Happy Things: *Janet Kolepp* announced that Bethlehem Morning Star has an exchange student for the first time in about six years. *BJ Metz* attended the BIP 5K race that has raised many thousands of dollars for the Miracle League over the years. *John Eisenhard* had successful lung surgery. *Paul Braden* can cross “Alaskan cruise” off his bucket list. *Wayne Barefoot* reports that Marnie is still recovering from a nasty fall. *Lynn Schoof* was happy because? *John David* was able to attend a daytime meeting. *Don Lockard* was perplexed by an early morning email containing only a cryptic mugshot. *Audra Frank* was happy to see Kyle Stoltz. *Terry Pundiak* can see Saturn but not the rings. *Gordon and Joyce Bigelow* occasionally have different views on their later years.

Past District Governor Janet Kolepp visited and urged us to attend the Vibrant Club Summit that is scheduled for September 14 at MontCo Community College in Blue Bell. This learning opportunity is designed to help Rotarians bring the Rotary Action Plan to life in their Clubs. A highlight of the event will be a virtual presentation by Rotary International Director Chris Etienne.

Service Opportunity: A food insecurity project is scheduled for the evening of September 23 in the West Ward. Volunteers will be needed to help pack and handle the food that will be given away. Watch for more details to come.

Community Opportunity: The non-profit Swingle Family Foundation has been selected by SURV Restaurant in Forks Twp to be part of their curbside family of four meal fundraiser for the month of August. The meal consists of fried pork medallions w/ corn & pea risotto, corn on the cob, and a blondie brownie for dessert. The meal costs \$60 (\$30 of which comes back to the nonprofit). The process is simple: you give the restaurant a call and place your order for the curbside meal and set a pick up time for either Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday (8/26-8/28) between 4p-6p. The deadline to order a meal is this Saturday (8/24).

Entertainment Opportunity: The Rotary-sponsored series of cultural programs presented by the Three Church Hill Art and Historical Society has been revised. The series will kick off with The Life and Times of Louisa May Alcott on September 6 from 1:30-2:30.

There are two Rotary Awards available for the 2024-25 year. One from Rotary International, and one from District 7430 Governor Katie Farrell. President Gordon outlined the requirements and it appears that Easton Rotary has a great chance of receiving both. Our Club was one of only eleven District 7430 Clubs to receive the 2023-24 International Rotary Citation.

Vacation Opportunity: Easton Rotary has been asked to partner with Phillipsburg Rotary on a French Riviera adventure. The trip is scheduled for October 30 – November 7 2025. Participants will be based in a hotel in Nice and excursions will include visits to Monaco, Monte Carlo, Cannes, and Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat. More information is available at <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1286072>.

It's About Time Dept.: We are in the second month of the Rotary year and, despite the annual theme, have witnessed no magic. To the rescue came Terry Pundiak. He warmed up the crowd with the ever-popular severed thumb trick and then dazzled us with a Penn & Teller inspired number prediction trick.

Youth Service: Dennis Fallon is taking over the Youth Service Chair from Mark Haldaman. Dennis will be looking for some volunteers to assist.

Basketball News: This year's event will be a little different. Freedom and Hatboro dropped out of the Boys Division and will be replaced by Abington Heights and Northeast. The out-of-town teams may result in a loss of some ticket sales. We are looking at the possibility of offering a live stream version of the Tournament which may help replace the lost revenue.

Easton Rotary, the YMCA, Kids, and Peace!



Service Opportunity: September 14 is Service Club Day at the Miracle League. Volunteers from the Easton Kiwanis, Palmer Kiwanis, Easton Lions and Easton Rotary will take over the concession stand for the day. Shifts run from 9:30 - 11:30 and 11:30 - 1:30. Come on out to Easton Rotary Field and watch the kids play.

Important Dates :

Sept. 9: Phillipsburg Rotary Golf at Architects Golf Club

Sept. 14: Service Club Day at The Miracle League



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Easton Rotary: www.eastonrotary.com
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