



THE ROTARY FELLOE

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Meets at 12:15 p.m., Thursday *Vol. 2415*

July 25: TBD

This Week:



Focus On Peace



July 18



Evening Social

Featuring:

Author: David Childs

5:15 PM at The Pomfret Club

LAST WEEK:

Our new Rotary friend Sanju Choudhury entertained us with a saga of his journey to Rotary service. The journey began in northeast India and was quickly filled with tragedy as his father passed away when Sanju was only 6 months old. His mother was devastated but somehow managed to get a job and provide a Catholic-school education for her three children. Complicating matters were the constant fights between tribal and non-tribal forces. In 1988, Sanju managed to slip away during curfew and managed to reach New Delhi with the equivalent of \$3 in his pocket. An old-fashioned telephone directory helped him find a friend in that mass of humanity. The friend provided shelter and Sanju was safe for the moment. At the time, he already had the belief, the vision, the determination, and the passion to one day come to America. There was great temptation to make some money through nefarious means, but Sanju was resolved to never risk his relationship with the Almighty. The challenges we face in the world make up the story of our lives. As a young man, Sanju was aware of Rotarians and considered them to be impressive people. An out-of-town wedding led to a serendipitous meeting on a train with a visiting American student named Renee. A long-distance courtship ensued followed by a wedding in 1996. The couple had a 3-month sojourn in the United States which has now lasted nearly 30 years. Settling in Idaho, Sanju started and operated several businesses. In 2008, it was suggested that he become a Rotarian. His time in Rotary helped him to become a good human being. In 2015, a return visit to his hometown opened his eyes to the needs of that community. He dedicated himself to establishing an orphanage and hospital in that area. He still supports both of those entities. The power of Rotary helped him accomplish that goal which serves approximately 7,000 people. His newest project is to provide beds for St. Aloysius Hospital in association with the Orchid Rotary Club Shillong. Sanju likes the fellowship of Rotary, but the really great thing is how it gives us the ability to help someone. *And that is what it is all about.*

Community Service: Heritage Day 2023 could be summed up in one word: “WET”. The word for Heritage Day 2024 was “HOT”. Thanks to a fortuitous drawing, Easton Rotary earned \$205 from our 50:50 ticket sales. The highlight of the day was a visit from Constance Lai who was an Easton Rotary outbound Exchange Student to Belgium in 1989-90. She is now working in Washington DC as a preservation architect. Look for her to be featured in an upcoming Zoom meeting.



Community Service Idea: New RI President Stephanie Urchick has put a focus on Peace. One easy way to promote peace is by installing a Peace Pole in the community. Perhaps it is time for one in Easton.

Unhappy News: Easton Rotary has received resignations from Eve Chiles and Sue Worobec.

Happy Things: *Properly-badged Jim Palmeri* endured a harrowing drive to the meeting, culminating in a serious case of convertible hair. *Sanju Choudhury* was here. *Jerry Paulus* is the President of Mesa Rotary in Arizona and he is celebrating his new role by visiting Pennsylvania before an extensive trip to Europe. *Don Lockard* enjoyed catching up with Constance Lai and is also happy to get his arm out of the sling. *Paul Braden* spent a week at the beach with family. *Wayne Barefoot* is happy that the transition of power to John David was completed without an insurrection. *Lynn Schoof* repaid her IOU to Jim Palmeri and is happy to have welcomed 10-week-old kitty Joanie Jellybean Schoof to her household. *Audra Frank* plans to buy a drink for Jean “Hole-In-One” McGill. *Keith Lampman-Perlman* is happy to have Morgan McKay back at work. *Richard Sywensky* is clean shaven. *Gordon Bigelow’s* mother-in-law had a successful knee replacement.

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.

Heritage Days: Oh yeah, it was HOT!!!



District 7430 Tops ShelterBox Donations

Thanks to the generosity of D7430 Rotarians and Clubs, we are the leading district in the US in donations to ShelterBox for the current Rotary year.

Important Dates :

August 8: District Governor Katie Farrell and Member Inductions

Sept. 9: Phillipsburg Rotary Golf at Architects Golf Club

Sept. 14: Service Club Day at The Miracle League



Rotary on the Web:

Easton Rotary: www.eastonrotary.com
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