

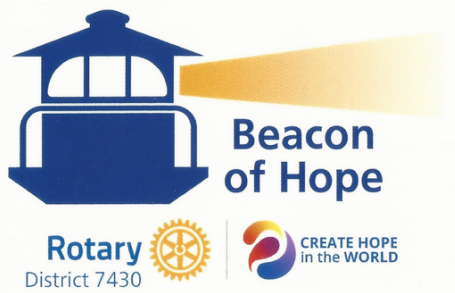
# The 'Social' Fellowe



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## **Easton Rotary Evening Social at 'The PC' - Our First Four Way Test Speech Contest - The start of a new annual Youth program!**

Congratulations to Alivia Rieland of Notre Dame High School, the winner of Easton's inaugural Four-Way Test Speech competition. Our star panel; judges Mike Dowd, Jean McGill and BJ Metz, timekeeper, Lynn Schoof, and teller, Gayle Rogers performed effortlessly under great pressure and the watchful eye of fellow members and guest in attendance. A special thanks to our Membership Co-Chair, Audra Frank, for promoting Easton Rotary securing membership applications from Richard Sywensky and Dana Cardona, joining Nick Swingle, Andrew Bogoly, Darcie Swingle, Dakota Wright, Patrick McGowan, Eve Chiles and Dennis Fallon as new members of the Rotary Club of Easton in fiscal year 2024-25. Thanks also to The Pomfret Club for providing a great venue, excellent service and the 'light-faire'.

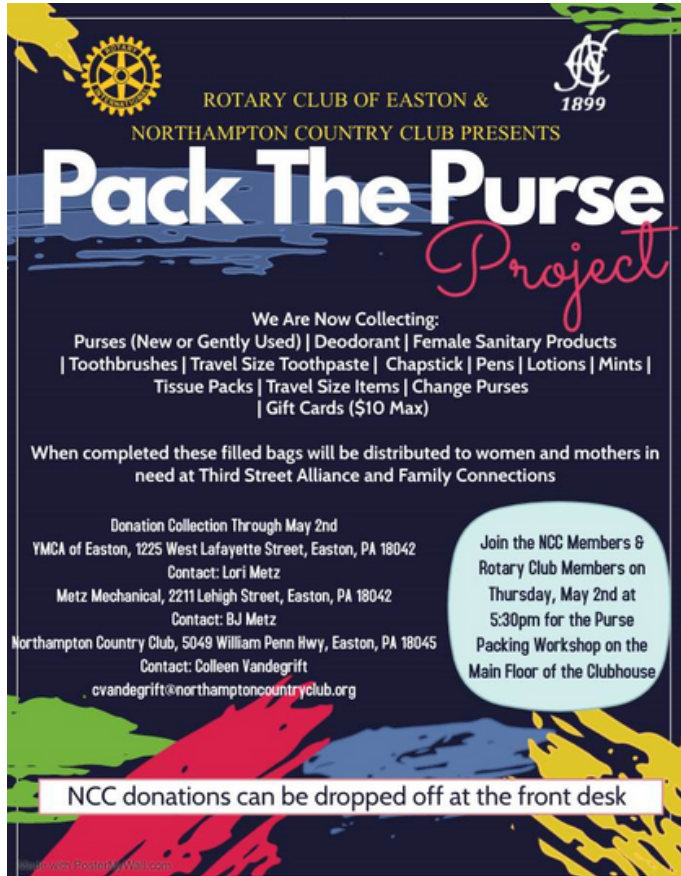


**Next week's meeting,  
Thursday, March 28,  
a noon luncheon at the PC -  
our Easton Rotary Vaccine  
Information Pamphlet Project,  
in conjunction with the PA  
Polio Network, takes center  
stage with the assembling and  
delivery of over 350 information  
packets to ProJeCt and the  
'Easton Y'**





Join us at 5:30 pm on May 2, 2024  
for 'Pack The Purse' at  
Northampton Country Club



**ROTARY CLUB OF EASTON & NORTHAMPTON COUNTRY CLUB PRESENTS**

## Pack The Purse Project

**We Are Now Collecting:**  
Purses (New or Gently Used) | Deodorant | Female Sanitary Products  
| Toothbrushes | Travel Size Toothpaste | Chapstick | Pens | Lotions | Mints |  
Tissue Packs | Travel Size Items | Change Purses  
| Gift Cards (\$10 Max)

When completed these filled bags will be distributed to women and mothers in need at Third Street Alliance and Family Connections

Donation Collection Through May 2nd  
YMCA of Easton, 1225 West Lafayette Street, Easton, PA 18042  
Contact: Lori Metz  
Metz Mechanical, 2211 Lehigh Street, Easton, PA 18042  
Contact: BJ Metz  
Northampton Country Club, 5049 William Penn Hwy, Easton, PA 18045  
Contact: Colleen Vandegrift  
cvandegrift@northamptoncountryclub.org

Join the NCC Members & Rotary Club Members on Thursday, May 2nd at 5:30pm for the Purse Packing Workshop on the Main Floor of the Clubhouse

NCC donations can be dropped off at the front desk

Thursday's Luncheon at 'The PC on  
March 28, 2024, participate in your Club's  
Vaccine Information Packet Project

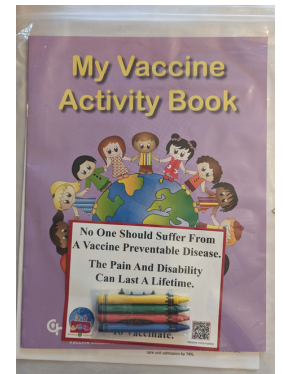
We need to transform this mound of 'Stuff' into .....



.. 450 packets like this one, in English, but also in Spanish, German, Persian, Polish, Russian and Ukrainian!!



**Polio Network**  
Polio Survivors Serving Others



*Join Us!*



## ROTARY DISTRICT 7430 CONFERENCE

April 26-28, 2024  
Wind Creek Hotel & Casino, Bethlehem

### FRIDAY

Arrive in Bethlehem on Friday, check-in, and join us for a Welcome Reception before being transported to Main Street for a Rotary-themed Scavenger Hunt with food and drink tastings and an after-party in the historic Sun Inn Courtyard. Cap off the night in the Hospitality Suites!

### SATURDAY

It's a full day of connecting with Rotarians from around the District! Be inspired with new ideas to bring back to your club. From breakfast to nightcap, enjoy fellowship, the House of Inspiration, great speakers, and the Four-Way Speech Contest finals. In the afternoon, you can continue your learning journey by attending the District Training Assembly with informative breakout sessions on everything Rotary. Or you can choose to explore the mini adventures being offered throughout South Bethlehem. Saturday wraps up after dinner with a trip to SteelStacks for the Governors' Desert Party in the shadows of the Blast Furnaces with coffee, amazing desserts, drinks, and dancing!

### SUNDAY

After a great breakfast, spend the morning exploring how to erase the stigma associated with caring about emotional well-being, raising awareness about mental health needs, and working to improve access to mental health services. As President Gordon says, "Together, we can support one another, our loved ones, our clubs, and our communities to Create Hope in the World."

## JOIN US FOR THE WHOLE WEEKEND!

Sign up now for the whole weekend for **\$295.00 before Jan. 31!**  
Price increases to \$310.00 on Feb. 1, 2024. One-day Saturday registration is also available at <https://bit.ly/7430DC>

### WINDCREEK HOTEL

Wind Creek Hotel is offering a special room rate for Rotary members for the weekend. Enjoy four-star accommodations just steps from the Conference. Book today! Special hotel pricing is only available until March 26, 2024 at <https://book-passkey.com/e/50667631>

Tickets Are On Sale Now!



## New 'Easton, PA Rotary' Window Stickers



The new club branded window stickers are now available. Show your pride and promote your club, on your vehicle or the door at the office!

I also have 10 new 'Easton, PA Rotary' yard signs available for the asking!

Thank you to Rotarian Jeff Kicska, owner of 'And The Sign Says', for a job well done!