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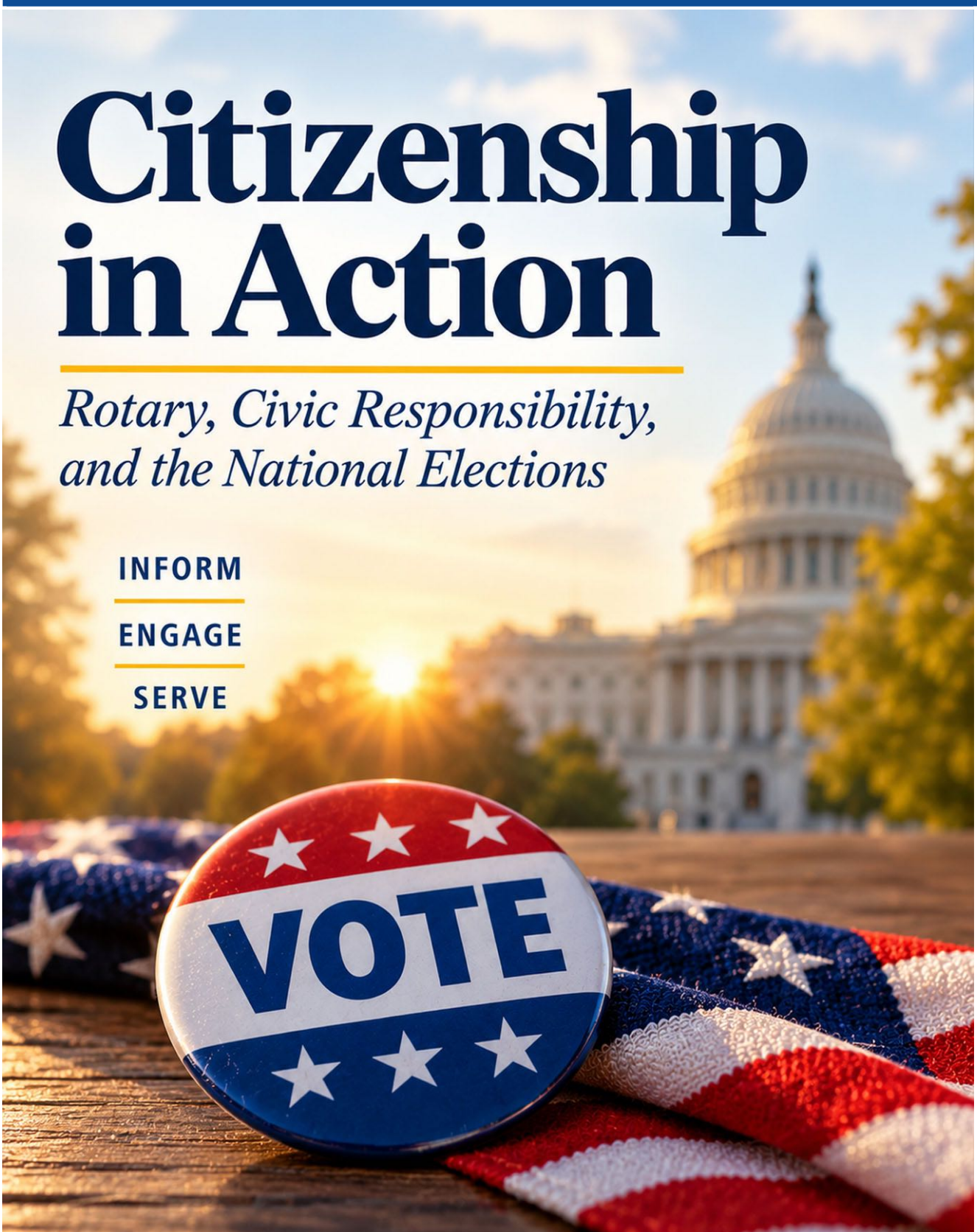
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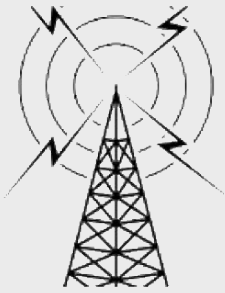
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The Inside Story

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Geo. Gellrich & Lena Hohenadel, Off The Streets

3rd Host Family Needed

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Coming Events

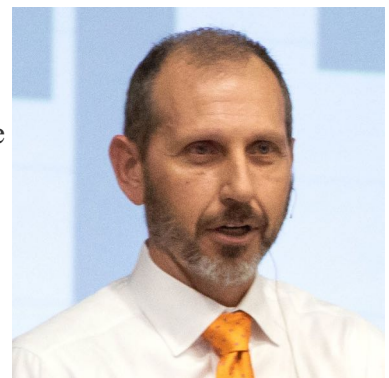
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- Nov. 7 - Saturday, Foundation Dinner
- Nov. 11 - Jordan Steffy, How Founder of Attollo Saved Bowling Alley
- Nov. 18 - Julie Kennedy - Summer Youth Experience Report

Together, we create positive change.

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

Berwood Yost, Dir., Opinion Research “Mid-Term Election Trends”

With more than 30 years of experience in survey research, the Center for Opinion Research (COR) at Franklin & Marshall College is much more than the organization behind the familiar “F&M Poll.” Based in Lancaster, COR is a full-service, nonprofit, nonpartisan survey research organization.



Berwood Yost is director of the Center for Opinion Research, the Floyd Institute for Public Policy, and the Franklin & Marshall College Poll, which tracks public attitudes toward policy issues and political campaigns.

Yost's research spans several disciplines, with work published in journals covering criminology, human rights, political science, psychology, and public health.

He frequently writes about Pennsylvania politics, election campaigns, and changes in the state's electorate. His recent research examines ideological and partisan patterns among Pennsylvania voters. He also co-edited *Are All Politics Nationalized? Evidence from the 2020 Pennsylvania Campaigns*, published by Temple University Press, which explores how political campaigns communicate with voters about the issues most important to them.

In February 2021, Yost began publishing a newsletter about Pennsylvania politics. He continues to write regularly for general audiences about elections, polling, and public policy.

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Link for the next meeting:

The Franklin & Marshall College Center for Opinion Research
<https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/franklin-marshall-college-center-opinion-research>

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Notes from Last Week's Meeting - Off The Streets, Inc.

Rakesh Popli introduced our speakers. Lena C. Hohenadel, a native of Venezuela, became a U.S. citizen in 1984. She retired in 2014 after 23 years as a residential Realtor. Active in community service since 1967, Lena serves on the Board of Off The Streets, Inc., and is a volunteer and member of the Leadership Team of Off The Streets Lancaster. George Gellrich, a first-generation American who retired in 2020, is an active volunteer and Lancaster Leadership Team member.



Lena began by explaining that the mission of Off The Streets (OTS) is to help individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness secure permanent housing. The organization assists people who can afford monthly rent but cannot afford the security deposit and other initial costs of moving into a home. OTS also provides beds, furniture, linens, and other household necessities.



OTS is just one piece of the puzzle. It accepts referrals only from social workers at shelters and other organizations, including Women & Babies Hospital, that assist people experiencing homelessness. All referrals are carefully vetted. Clients must be capable of caring for themselves and maintaining an apartment, as well as paying the monthly rent and ongoing expenses. They need not have any personal possessions. The referring social workers locate an apartment before submitting a referral. The apartments may not always be the nicest, but they become homes.

OTS provides virtually everything needed to set up a household, from shower curtain hooks and personal care products to rugs, beds, and bedding. Volunteers inspect the apartment, talk with neighbors, and determine what will be needed for move-in. OTS pays the security deposit, while the new residents assume responsibility for rent and ongoing expenses.

OTS Lancaster has been operating for 13 years and has helped 6,500 people experiencing homelessness move into homes. Remarkably, it accomplishes this entirely through donations and volunteers, with no paid staff. The organization accepts no government funding, relying instead on contributions from individuals, places of worship, businesses, and other organizations.

OTS originated in Danbury, Connecticut, 23 years ago. When its founder learned that he had cancer, he established a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization to ensure that the work would continue after his death. Two chapters were established in Connecticut, followed by Lancaster as the third. Today, there are 15 chapters across the country.

Beyond providing housing, OTS seeks to restore hope and dignity. Many clients have struggled with low self-esteem, so the organization makes a point of providing attractive, good-quality furnishings. Items



Duty Roster

Invocation:

John Grove

DJ:

Phil Randell

Patriotic Song:

God Bless America

Greeter:

Jeff Bleacher

Joys and Concerns:

Nancy Mannion

Registration Table:

Nancy Mannion

Speaker Introduction:

Jamie Alton

Sergeant-At-Arms:

Mike Esterly

Transmitter Reporter:

Steve Henning

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Did You Know:

In 1993, Bill Marshall chaired the Tip-Off basketball tournament at F&M College; it became an annual event until 2019.

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need not be new, but they should be nice, rather than simply unwanted castoffs.

George then described the warehouse operations and the process of receiving, selecting, and delivering donated furnishings. He began volunteering by helping with Saturday morning move-ins. They typically complete three move-ins each Saturday and currently have a backlog of about two months.

One of George's first experiences involved moving a family into a home just before Christmas. Volunteers took the family shopping so the children would have Christmas gifts. What the children wanted most, however, was books of their own. That was what they had missed most while homeless.

Having a permanent home can transform family life. Children can attend school, families can obtain medical care, and everyone has access to sanitary living conditions and electricity. George recalled a father and son who had been living in the woods in sleeping bags. In some cases, children who have been placed in foster care can be reunited with their parents once the family has a home.

In addition to helping with Saturday move-ins, George organizes work at the warehouse. Furnishings and household supplies come from donations, including new items contributed by local businesses. OTS also works closely with CommunityAid.

When a move-in is scheduled, volunteers tag the items needed from the warehouse inventory and arrange to obtain anything that is missing. One of the most sought-after items is a bedroom dresser small enough to be carried up stairs. Before any donated items are delivered, they are thoroughly cleaned and inspected for safety. Electrical items receive additional safety checks.

Through its volunteers and donors, Off The Streets Lancaster provides more than furnishings and financial assistance. It gives individuals and families a second chance at a stable home.

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Link from the last meeting:

'Off The Streets' Earns International Recognition:

<https://www.catholicwitness.org/off-the-streets-earns-international-recognition>.

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Community Service Opportunities for Rotary Members

Building a Stronger Community, Together
Rotarians have countless ways to make a difference in Lancaster! Below are several current opportunities to get involved, connect with others, and live out our mission of supporting youth and strengthening our community.

Whether your passion is mentoring youth, supporting families, protecting our planet, or addressing community needs—there's a place for you to serve. Together, we embody the Rotary spirit and make Lancaster a better place for all.



McCaskey HS Mentorship Opportunity:



Do you know a mental healthcare professional—such as a nurse, social worker, or therapist—who would like to mentor local students?

Mentor Criteria:

- Listen actively and offer life wisdom through shared experiences
- Participate in group discussions and projects
- Attend at least five meetings (November–May)
- CTE experience is a plus, but not required

 Meetings: Second Wednesday of each month, 10:00–11:50 a.m.

 Program Duration: November through May (ends with a senior graduation ceremony)

 Contact: Joseph Guarino
– joseph.guarino@Linkbusiness.com

Preserve Planet Earth Committee



Join the Preserve Planet Earth Committee to help plan and implement environmental projects that protect and sustain our community's natural resources.

 Contacts:
Fred Cluck – fcluck@jacobson-cm.com and
Alex Ebert – aebert@ppmproperties.com



Empower. Educate. Feed.

Power Packs is seeking volunteer drivers to deliver food items to Washington Elementary School on Wednesdays during the school year.

 Contact:
John Herr – johnkherr@gmail.com



Attollo Prep is looking for 16 volunteers to serve as interviewers during student sessions this fall and winter.

 Commitment: 2.5 hours per evening (late October and December)

 Contact:
Sara Gebhard – GebhardS@members1st.org

Lancaster County Food Hub



The Food Hub needs volunteers to help in the clothing bank—sorting and hanging donations—on Mondays or Fridays from 1–3 p.m.

They also welcome extra help during ExtraGive on November 20th.

 Contact:
Lauren Miller – Lauren_miller@iu13.org

Announcements:

Invite Isaac to dinner.

The host family for Isaac, our Rotary exchange student from Brazil, only sits down as a family for dinner once each week.

Hence, here is an opportunity for other families to invite Isaac to dinner. For more details, contact Dave Freedman at dfreedman@barley.com.



Ask Isaac

Dave Freedman has requested Rotarians send him questions for our exchange student from Brazil, Isaac Rodrigues Oliveira, to answer when he comes to meetings. Please send the questions to Dave Freedman at dfreedman@barley.com.

Isaac is attending Hempfield High School. One of his goals besides attending MIT is to improve his English. In Brazil, he didn't have much opportunity to practice his English outside of school.

Need 3rd Host Family

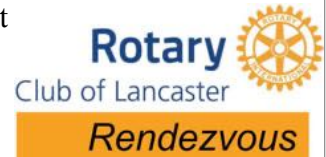
Dave Freedman found a 2nd host family for Isaac. Dave is now looking for a 3rd host family for next spring. Please help us identify a family who might enjoy the rewarding experience of hosting an international exchange student. If you have a lead, contact Dave Freedman at dfreedman@barley.com. Dave will be happy to provide additional information and assist in approaching a prospective family.

Please give some thought to friends, neighbors, coworkers, or other families who might be interested in hosting Isaac. You don't need to be a Rotarian to be a host family.

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Rotary Rendezvous meets Oct. 28!

Looking for ways to connect with fellow RCL members and focus more on fun and fellowship than a structured meeting? Drop by our popular Rotary Rendezvous!



It's not your standard Rotary meeting. Rotary Rendezvous is focused on camaraderie and has become a highlight of RCL business and social gatherings, and a fun event for current and potential new members. If you're looking for fellowship, or a night out, please drop by Rotary Rendezvous on Wednesday, October 28, at Stoner Grille.

Rotary Rendezvous meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Arrive anytime between 5 and 5:30 p.m. for drinks and fellowship.

Thanks, we hope to see you there!
- Tom Baum and Rendezvous Committee

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October Rotary Anniversaries

Lancaster Rotary Club is acknowledging the member anniversaries each month for those who have passed the 5-year milestone. Congratulations!!

Rotarian	Tenure	Date Joined
John Grove	8 Years	October 31
Mike Lutz	8 Years	October 10
Rakesh Popli	9 Years	October 11
Greg Melhorn	13 Years	October 23
Beth Trout	12 Years	October 7
Larry Miller	17 Years	October 28
Tom Baum	32 Years	October 26
Scott Owens	39 Years	October 9
Sam Altdorffer	53 Years	October 1

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Why Join?

Opportunity to Give Back -
 Great Food - Fun & Fellowship -
 Fantastic Programs - No Pressure to Join - Personal Growth -
 Contacts When Traveling - Strong Ethics - No Official Creed -
 Cultural Awareness - Leadership - Development - Networking -
 Community Service - Global Service - **Was Invited!**



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Friend!

Bulletin Board:

Routine Club Procedures:

The club is cashless.

Since our meals are included in our dues, there is only a need to pay \$20 for meals when we bring guests. Cash will not be accepted. Only credit cards will be accepted.

Dues during Leave of Absence. Any member may request a three-month leave of absence. Dues will be \$134 for this three-month period.

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“Lifetime” Member nominations.

The Board is accepting nominations for the new Lifetime Membership Category

for members in good standing who are unable to attend meetings and perhaps have stopped paying dues. The designation is honorary and does not require dues, but entitles the holder to receive The Transmitter and other club correspondence for life. The Lifetime Member needs to be nominated by active Club members and approved by the board prior to recognition.

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Add, Edit, or Drop Announcements

Transmitter Editor, Steve Henning, will gladly add a new announcement, edit an existing announcement, or discontinue an announcement that is no longer relevant. Photos of Rotarians in action are always welcome. Please contact Steve at: rotarians@earthlink.net.

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New Member Proposed

A new corporate member has been proposed for membership into our Club:

William "Jack" Soost - Sponsor Cynnie King

The Board has approved this new member. If no objections are received from Club members, he will be inducted into the Club.

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Please Share Your Program Ideas!

We welcome ideas for interesting speakers and engaging programs.

You can help continue our great tradition of hosting thought-provoking programs and speakers.

If you have any ideas for programs, please contact Christine Sable (sableccim@gmail.com) or Tom Gemmill (tomgemmill.tg@gmail.com) or any Board member, who will pass them along. Both live and virtual (Zoom) speakers are welcome.

We have Program Committee Resources to help you suggest speakers and programs:

- Guidelines as to what is appropriate for a club program ([download](#)).
- Form to request information from an approved speaker ([download](#)).
- Form to propose a speaker or a program ([download](#)) (is the above 2 combined.)

The programs the Lancaster Rotary Club offers are important for our club and, with your help and participation, have often been truly phenomenal.

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Club Photo Directory.

The Club Photo Directory includes a photo, email address, mailing address, and phone number for every member. The directory is password-protected on ClubRunner and available only to club members.

If you need your ClubRunner password, please contact Rachael. If you would like to update your photo, email a replacement photo to Steve Henning at rotarians@earthlink.net, or have Steve take a new photo at a club meeting.

The directory can be accessed at: <https://admin.clubrunner.ca/2268/ClubDirectory/List?ViewMode=Card>

Selecting ‘Download vCards’ will download a file that can be imported into your contacts application, including member photos where supported.

Selecting ‘Export to PDF’ will download a directory containing the names, email addresses, preferred phone numbers, and member category for active and honorary members.

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2026 Lancaster Rotary Golf Outing



The outing took place on October 15 at Overlook.

The team coming in 2nd was Rob Gallagher, Garrett Worthington, Leandra Creasing, and Evan Hebel.

The team coming in 1st was Brad Reynolds, Dave Hosler, Sam Altdoerffer, and George Grove.

Closest to the pin on hole 6 was Sam Altdoerffer.

Longest drive on hole 9 was George Grove.

Closest to the pin on hole 12 was George Grove.

A good time was had by all!

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District Learning Events

District 7390 is offering 4 monthly learning events via Zoom on Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



October 27 - **The Environment**

November 24 - **Action Plans**

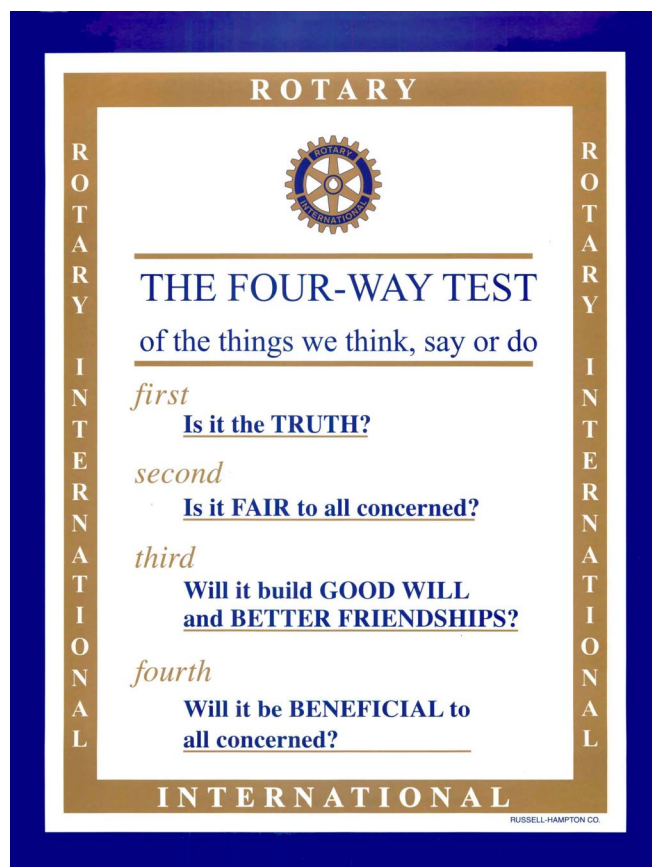
December 22 - **Speaking Skills**

January 26 - **Public Image**

Registration is necessary.

[Click Here To Register](#)

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Joys & Concerns:

Joy: Jamie Alton's wife and Nick Downey's son were both honored by Lancaster Catholic High School on Sunday.



Kathy (Stengel) Alton received the Alumni Citation Award for Outstanding Service to Catholic Education.

Nick Downey, Jr., was admitted to the Athletic Hall of Honor.

Rotarian Jackson Houston was also at the celebration.

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Resources for Members:

Archive of Past Transmitters:

Rotary - People of Action Flier:

Membership Talking Points:

Join Zoom Meeting (when available):

Current Transmitter (PDF):

Club Photo Directory

Club Overview:

2026-27 RCL Committee Descriptions:

2026-27 RCL Committee Signups:

RCL Strategic Plan:

Club Bylaws:

Foundation Bylaws:

Available Membership Levels:

Proposed New-Member Application:

RCL Program Guidelines:

**Rotary Club of Lancaster Speaker
Information Request Form:**

Rotary Club of Lancaster Timeline:

Rotary Club of Lancaster History:

Power Packs Clearance Forms:

**A Tax-Saving Way for Seniors to
Contribute to Rotary Foundation:**

2026 WW5K Registration Flier:

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Rotary Make-Up Opportunities

- **Online Make-Ups** (Rotary E-Club One):
www.rotaryclubone.org
- **Committee meetings:** Thirty-minute attendance
- **Bring a guest** to a Rotary meeting
- **Attending or volunteering** at certain designated events
- **Attending a meeting at another Club**, such as the following nearby Clubs:

Denver-Ephrata Area

American Legion, 300 Cocalico St, Ephrata
Thursdays at 7:30 a.m.

Eastern Lancaster County

Yoder's Restaurant, 14 S. Tower Road, New Holland
Thursdays at 7:30 a.m.

Elizabethtown

Monday at 5:30 p.m. @ Moo Duck Brewing, 79 S. Wilson St.; Friday at 12:15 p.m. @ Hennigan's Restaurant, 1990 W Main St (Mount Joy).

Hershey

Hershey Lodge & Convention Center, 325 University Drive, Hershey, Mondays at 12:00 p.m.

Lancaster Hempfield

Homestead Village, Village Circle, Lancaster, 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 7:15 a.m.

Lancaster Penn Square

Yorgos Restaurant, 66 N. Queen St., Lancaster
1st, 3rd, 5th Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

Lancaster Sunrise

Bent Creek Country Club, 620 Bent Creek Drive, Lititz, PA, Thursdays at 7:15 a.m.

Lancaster-South

Meadia Heights Golf Club, 402 Golf Rd, Lancaster
2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m.

Lititz

Lititz Springs Inn & Spa, 14 E. Main St., Lititz
Every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

Manheim

Cats Meow, 215 South Charlotte St., Manheim
Thursdays at 12:00 p.m.

Mount Joy

The Gathering Place on Tue., 6 Pine St.; Twisted Bine on Thu., 93 E Main St., both at 12:15 p.m.

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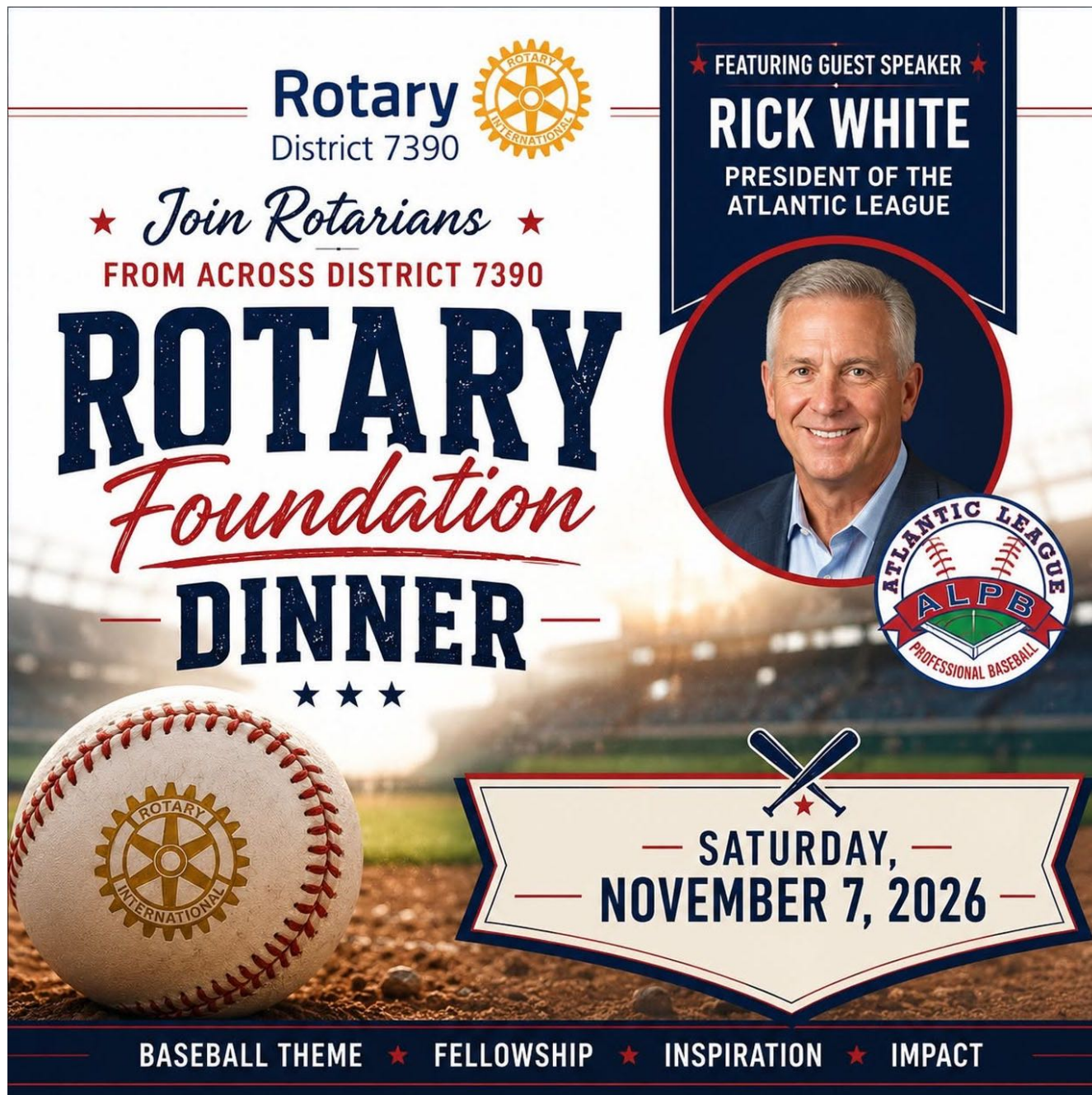
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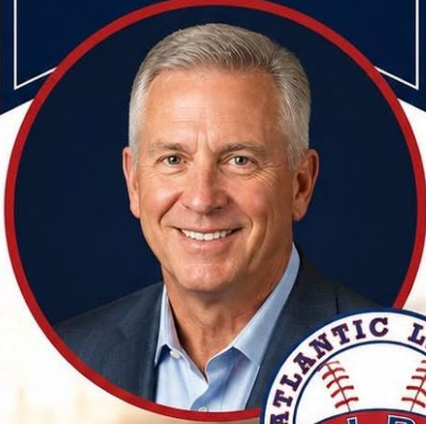
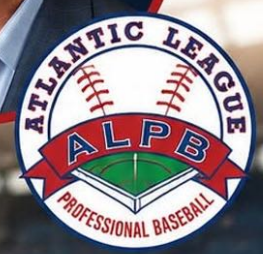
The poster features a background image of a baseball field at sunset. In the foreground, a baseball with the Rotary International logo is on the left. The text is arranged in a central column with various logos and a guest speaker portrait on the right.

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★ *Join Rotarians* ★
FROM ACROSS DISTRICT 7390

ROTARY
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DINNER
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★ **FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER** ★
RICK WHITE
PRESIDENT OF THE
ATLANTIC LEAGUE


— **SATURDAY,** —
— **NOVEMBER 7, 2026** —

BASEBALL THEME ★ FELLOWSHIP ★ INSPIRATION ★ IMPACT

Saturday, November 7, 2026

5:30 PM – Cocktails & Networking (appetizers & cash bar)

6:00 PM – Dinner & Program (Flank Steak or Salmon or Eggplant)

Country Club of York (1400 Country Club Road, York, PA 17403)

\$75 per person, Registration Deadline: October 30, 2026.

Register today:

<https://rotary7390.org/events/the-rotary-foundation-dinner/>

Monthly Learning Events

Learn • Connect • Grow • Lead

Join us for a series of practical learning opportunities designed to help Rotarians strengthen their skills, expand their Rotary knowledge, and make an even greater impact in their clubs and communities.



October 27 **Protecting the Environment**

Explore Rotary's environmental priorities and discover ways your club can make a difference.



November 24 **Action Plans**

Learn how effective planning can turn ideas into meaningful results for your club.



December 22 **Speaking Skills**

Build confidence and learn techniques to communicate your message clearly and effectively.



January 26 **Public Image**

Discover ways to tell your Rotary story, increase visibility, and showcase the impact of your club.

Click Here to Register For Each Zoom Event

Mark Your Calendar!

**Four topics. Four opportunities to learn.
One stronger Rotary experience.**



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