



Rotary Brings Hope

Cheers to Amy!



Rotary
Club of Lancaster
PEOPLE OF ACTION

Join us for a
Farewell Party
for

Amy Lewis

President-Elect
of the Rotary Club
of Lancaster

8 years of
Service, Friendship
and Impact!

New
Adventures
Ahead!



IRON HILL
BREWERY & RESTAURANT
781 Harrisburg Pike
Lancaster, PA

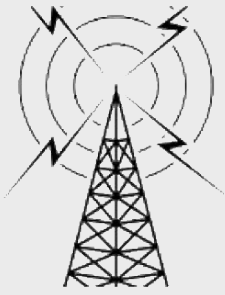
Tuesday, October 6
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Cash bar.
Appetizers will be provided.
Feel free to stay for dinner.

Please RSVP to Past President
Jamie Alton at jalton141@comcast.net.

Let's raise a glass to Amy
and wish her all the best in Ohio!

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LEADERSHIP
A BRIGHTER TOMORROW



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Club #5346
District #7390

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The Inside Story

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The Future of LNP

Ed Mahon, Spotlight PA

3rd Host Family Needed

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Foundation Dinner is

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***Together, we create
positive change.***

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Mike Orren, LNP CEO

“The Future of LNP”

Mike Orren is the chief executive officer of LNP | LancasterOnline, the 231-year-old Lancaster news organization now owned by the nonprofit Always Lancaster.

Orren, 53, founded Pegasus News, a pioneering hyperlocal news site serving the Dallas-Fort Worth area, in 2006. The company was acquired the following year by Fisher Communications and was later purchased by The Dallas Morning News. Orren subsequently served as chief product and marketing officer at DallasNews Corp.



Orren and his wife, Crystal, moved to Lancaster in 2024. His appointment as CEO places a Lancaster resident at the helm of one of the nation's oldest continuously operating news organizations at an important point in its history. LNP | LancasterOnline began operating under nonprofit ownership on January 8, 2026, when Pennon transferred its assets to Always Lancaster.

Orren works alongside Executive Editor Tom Murse, who leads the newsroom. Always Lancaster founder and former NPR journalist David Greene serves as chair of the nonprofit's board. The new organization is pursuing a funding model combining subscriptions, advertising, and philanthropy.

Orren now faces a challenge confronting local journalism across the country: how to preserve strong community news while adapting to dramatic changes in the ways people receive—and pay for—information. His experience combining journalism, technology, and business should provide an informative look at what the future may hold for local news here in Lancaster County.

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Denise Grove

Link for the next meeting:

LNP plans to thrive, not merely survive:

https://lancasteronline.com/opinion/columnists/lnp-lancasteronline-plans-to-thrive-not-merely-survive-column/article_09c2bfad-a49b-4ecc-bcdc-5a6e0eb0b30f.html

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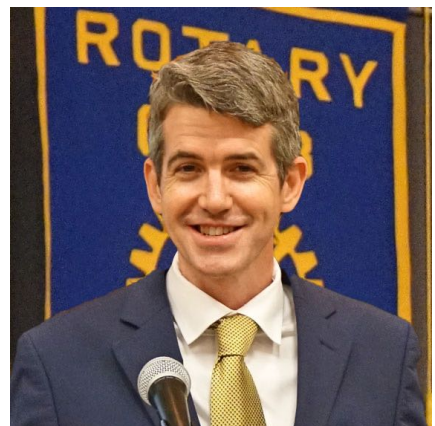
Notes from Last Week's Meeting

Tom Gemmill introduced Ed Mahon, an investigative reporter and occasional editor for Spotlight PA. His journalism career spans more than 20 years. He described his job as searching for the truth and sharing it fairly and accurately. His goals as an investigative reporter are to reveal hidden truths, give voice to those who are silenced, and make an impact. Outside of work, he is involved with his local PTO, serves as treasurer for a Scouting America troop, and is in his fifth year as a soccer coach. His program focused on how artificial intelligence is affecting journalism and how he uses AI in his work.



Mahon pointed out that one challenge today is finding credible news sources. He said 75% of newspaper jobs have disappeared since 2005—about 270,000 jobs—and some areas are no longer served by a credible local news source.

Spotlight PA was launched in 2019 as a nonprofit, nonpartisan, independent news organization serving all of Pennsylvania. It depends on reader tips and public-records requests for much of its investigative work. Its reporting covers such issues as policy changes, new legislation, and legal actions. Mahon said action prompted by Spotlight PA reporting has saved or returned \$20 million to taxpayers. People read its reporting online, see it on local news broadcasts, and read it in newspapers that no longer maintain their own state government reporting staffs.



AI is finding its place in news coverage, but its record has had its ups and downs. Early attempts to use it to write sports stories were poor, and AI sometimes “hallucinates,” confidently presenting false information as fact. Mahon cited an article recommending a summer reading list that included nonexistent books. Several news organizations have also been caught publishing inaccurate AI-



Duty Roster

Invocation:

Steve Schwartz

DJ:

Phil Randell

Patriotic Song:

Star-Spangled Banner

Greeter:

Bill Jefferson

Joys and Concerns:

Malcolm MacDougall

Registration Table:

Malcolm MacDougall

Speaker Introduction:

Christine Sable

Sergeant-At-Arms:

TBA

Transmitter Reporter:

Steve Henning

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Did You Know:

In 1992, the Club had a luncheon on the stage at the Fulton Opera House.

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generated material. As Mahon put it, news without accountability is not news; it is fiction.

Another area of concern is the use of AI to impersonate professionals such as doctors or nurses and dispense misleading or completely false advice. Pennsylvania is using AI to help identify chatbots engaged in such practices. As Mahon explained, there is both good and bad in the rapidly expanding use of AI.

AI is also in the news because of the enormous proliferation of data centers. Investigative reporting has examined nondisclosure agreements, major demands for electricity and water, and tax breaks offered to attract data centers that may shift costs to other taxpayers. Reporters are also examining the positions and actions of public officials regarding data-center development.

At the same time, AI can be a useful tool. For the past two years, Spotlight PA has created online tools where readers can ask AI chatbots questions about the positions of political candidates and officeholders. These have proven popular. Similar tools could provide the results of health inspections of local restaurants or information about nursing homes and child-care centers.

But AI cannot build trust with people who have experienced failures in systems they once trusted. When their stories are reported by credible news organizations, people may contact government representatives, donate food to food banks, give blood, or pay closer attention to how government agencies respond to vulnerable populations.

In conclusion, Mahon said the Rotary Four-Way Test summarizes many of the principles news organizations should follow. Journalism needs to report the consequences of both good decisions and bad decisions.

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Link from the last meeting:

Cases could reshape the way Pa. treats users who are accused of supplying drugs in fatal overdoses:

<https://www.spotlightpa.org/news/2026/09/pennsylvania-supreme-court-drug-delivery-death-charges-justice-system/>

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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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Power Packs Needs Winter Volunteers

Since some Power Packs volunteers are “snowbirds,” they need replacements during the winter to pick up food and take it to the schools on Wednesdays.



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Rotary Golf Outing is Oct. 15

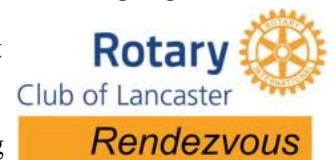
The Golf Outing has been rescheduled for Thursday, October 15, at Overlook. The first tee time is 12:30 p.m. The fee is \$80 and it includes golf & cart, box lunch, beer, & prizes. Guests are welcome. If you have any questions, contact Brad Reynolds at brad.reynolds@nm.com or 717-341-7720.



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Rotary Rendezvous meets Oct. 14!

Rotary Rendezvous has become a highlight of RCL business and social gatherings, and a fun event for current and potential new members. Anyone who is interested in joining our committee, looking for fellowship, or simply a night out, please join us for Rotary Rendezvous on Wednesday, October 14, at Southern Market in Lancaster. Parking is available at the Steinman garage or folks can find side street parking. Arrive: between 5 and 5:30 p.m. for drinks and fellowship. Trivia begins at 7:00 p.m.



Rotary Rendezvous meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.

Thanks, we hope to see you there!

- Tom Baum and Rendezvous Committee

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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!**



BRING A
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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FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



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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Goodbye Amy! We will miss you!



Members gave Amy a standing ovation, said goodbye and wished her all the best as she moves to Ohio.

New Members Proposed

Five new members have been proposed for membership into our Club:



Leandra Cresong (Sponsor Rob Gallagher)

Tim Shenk (Sponsor Lauren Miller)

Jennifer Youndt (George Grove, Sam Mecum)

Marshall Pickard (corporate alternate)

Ashley Ball (corporate alternate)

Evan Kleinhaus (corporate alternate)

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

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**GROOVY
GREEN
SALAD CO.**



New Caterer Arrangement

Our caterer at the Farm & Home Center has always been Hess's Barbecue, and recently our backup caterer has been Groovy Greens Salad Co.



All that has changed: Groovy Greens is primary, and Hess's Barbecue is secondary starting in October.

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Joys & Concerns:

Joy: This is Amy Lewis's last meeting with us. We are excited to see her next Tuesday at Iron Hill.

Joy: Bill Patrick joyfully anticipates his daughter's wedding this Saturday and hopes the weatherman continues to cooperate.



Coming Programs & Speakers

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[View Entire List](#)

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**SERVICE
ABOVE SELF**

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.



McCasky 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 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

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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**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!**



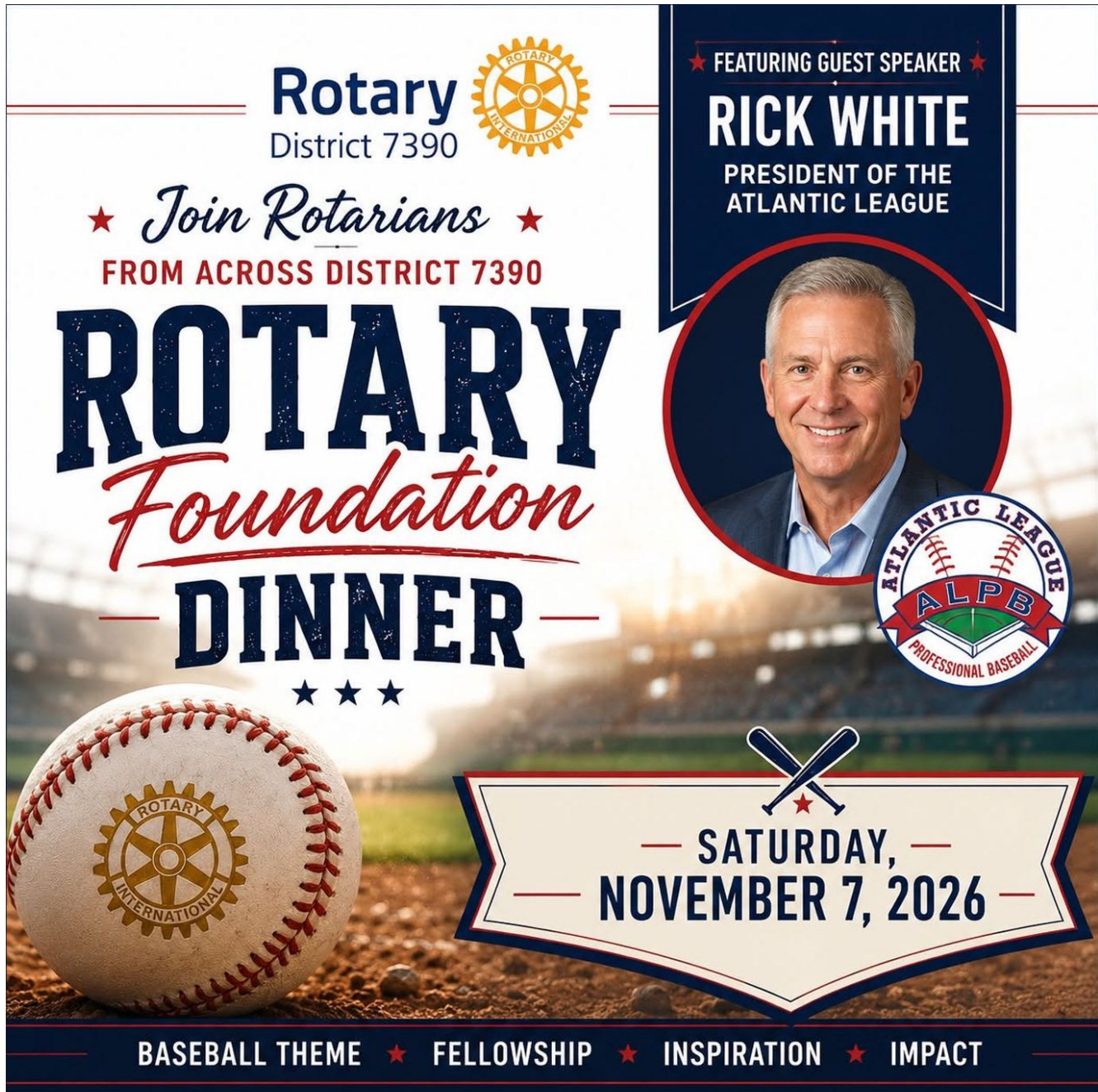
REGISTER TODAY
www.rlinea.org



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!***



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, bold, and stylized manner. The top right corner features a circular portrait of Rick White, President of the Atlantic League Professional Baseball (ALPB), with a corresponding logo below it. The bottom of the poster has a dark blue banner with white text listing the event's themes: Baseball Theme, Fellowship, Inspiration, and Impact.

Rotary
District 7390

★ *Join Rotarians* ★
FROM ACROSS DISTRICT 7390

ROTARY
Foundation
DINNER
★ ★ ★

★ FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER ★
RICK WHITE
PRESIDENT OF THE
ATLANTIC LEAGUE

ATLANTIC LEAGUE
ALPB
PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL

— 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/>