




THE ROTARY FELLOE

Rotary Club of Easton, Pa., District 7430
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1915 - CELEBRATING 105 YEARS OF SERVICE - 2020
 Meets at 12:15 p.m., Thursday (someday?) at Northampton Country Club *Vol. 2009*

Next Meeting ??????????????????????????????		
This Week:	Joker's Treasure is now \$98.00 ■ ■ Cards remaining ➡ 45	

The Meeting Place



Rotary International has been blessed with great leadership. The Felloe Staff was recently treated to a glimpse into the life of one such leader: Past Rotary International Vice President Dean Rohrs. What follows is a little bit of her Rotary story:



Dean was literally born into Rotary. Growing up in Zambia, her father served as District Governor. Her mother was active in the Rotary Women's Auxiliary known as "Rotary Anns". As such, Dean remembers hating Rotary because every time there was a Rotary event she was "voluntold" to participate. Dean's mother was the head of the Red Cross in southern Africa. Zambia was seeking independence but didn't have the violence that occurred in some of the surrounding areas. Through the Red Cross activity, Dean was able to see some of man's inhumanity to man. One day a plane touched down. From inside, Dean could hear a kind of moaning sound. The passengers were nuns. The warring parties in their land had severed the nuns' hands. Dean became active in the independence movement and attended some rallies. At one rally she was knocked unconscious by a police officer and she woke up face down on the floor in an infamous prison. She would later have a career as a surgical nurse and was on the team in Cape Town when Dr. Barnard performed the first heart transplant. Eventually she married Rhino Rohrs and found herself back in the Rotary world because he was a Rotarian. She wound up in West Vancouver and joined Rotary herself in 1989, shortly after women were permitted to become members. Her father never recognized her as a Rotarian, being adamantly opposed to having women in the organization. In 2000, she was back in Africa learning to be a Game Ranger. She learned that villagers were convinced that AIDs could be avoided by having sex with underage girls. She witnessed a Rotary-sponsored educational program that worked to dispel this myth and

provide other health related education. She saw the power that Rotary had to transform a culture. She realized that Rotary had so much to give and decided she needed to give back. She served as Governor of her District, Rotary Membership Chair, and Rotary Foundation Chair. Ultimately, she served as Director of Rotary International. During the second year of her term she served as Vice President of Rotary International. With each new position she came to understand Rotary at a higher level. She came to see Rotarians participating in an ethical global challenge. Dean appreciated the free-thinking attitude of the Rotary International Board. She was impressed with their flexibility. Her Rotary journey has taken her to over 120 countries. Her current role is with the Shaping the Future of Rotary Committee. What would Rotary look like if it were created today? Certainly unlike many of our legacy Clubs. She is also working on growing Rotary in Russia. Imagine a District that spans 11 time zones! The current virus crisis is forcing Rotary to adapt at a greatly accelerated pace. This is a good thing. Dean believes this is the most exciting time ever to be a Rotarian. She established a program with a Vancouver Interact Club to do projects in Africa. Every two years a team is sent to live in an African village and every team returns transformed. They work in the schools and with the local businesspeople. They see, firsthand, the grass roots results in the changes in the village. Dean believes the biggest challenge facing Rotary is a closed mind. She refers to it as the frozen middle ground. We are too comfortable with Rotary as we know it. We should take the advice of (as she puts it) an ol' dame from Africa and embrace the new Rotary world. Whatever that may be...

Service Opportunity: Easton Rotary is collecting money to provide meals for families in association with the Easton Community Center. Donations should be made to the Easton Rotary Service Foundation and mailed to **Mike Dowd, 25 Chestnut Ridge Circle, Easton, PA 18042.**

Future Meetings: Upcoming meetings will be held through Zoom technology. Zoom instructions can be found on page 4. The first meeting of the month will be at 5:30, Thursday, just like our regular cocktail meeting. The third week will be held at 5:30 on Tuesdays in accordance with the routine of Rotary 2.0. All other meetings will be scheduled for Thursdays at noon. Student awards and speakers will be featured in upcoming weeks.

Join Zoom Meeting by computer or laptop:

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pwd=dk5TbVRKbm1oQytFVUxJLzlUR3hNdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83226488072?pwd=dk5TbVRKbm1oQytFVUxJLzlUR3hNdz09)

Join Zoom Meeting by tablet or smartphone:

Download and open the free Zoom app (no need to “Sign in”

Click “Join meeting”

Enter the Meeting ID: 832 2648 8072

Enter the password: Rotary1915

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Important Dates :

Oh, well...

Makeup Opportunities: *Now available online!*

Phillipsburg: 12:00 at Flynn’s on the Hill

Allentown West: Wednesday 07:30 at Luthercrest, 800 Hausman Road

Allentown: Friday 12:00 at Bell Hall

Bethlehem: Wednesday 12:15 at Moravian Village

Bethlehem Morning Star: Thursday 07:30 at Moravian Village

North Hunterdon: Friday 12:15 at Beaverbrook Country Club

Rotary on the Web:



Easton Rotary: www.eastonrotary.com
District 7430: www.rotarydistrict7430.org
Rotary International: www.rotary.org



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