



Rotary Opens Opportunities

## THE ROTARY FELLOE

Rotary Club of Easton, Pa., District 7430  
Founded in 1915 Charter # 149

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Meets at 12:15 p.m., Thursday (someday?) at Northampton Country Club *Vol. 2022*

*Next Meeting: Oct. 8 - Natalie Barefoot: Whales*

**This  
Week:**

*Happy Dollar Pledges: \$62*



**Oct. 1 - 5:30 PM**

**LIVE!**

**At the**

**Pomfret Club**

**And also in the Zoom Lounge**

# LAST WEEK:

**Our program featured** Doylestown Rotarian Carol Ferguson. Carol is a polio survivor who is now suffering from post-polio syndrome. Part of her personal story is featured in the “tough Cookies” article in the September Rotary magazine. In 2014, she co-founded the Pennsylvania Polio Survivors Network. This all-volunteer advocacy organization shares people’s stories, provides information about post-polio syndrome, and lobbies legislators to increase awareness of the need to prevent infectious diseases through immunization. Her overall message is that vaccines work. Not just for polio, but for many preventable diseases. Here in the United States, we often think of infectious diseases as a third world problem. We have done so well in preventing diseases it has led to an increasing number of people believing that vaccines are unnecessary and, perhaps, dangerous. Many people have never seen the ravaging effects of these diseases. The Covid-19 pandemic is a stark reminder for people old enough to remember the polio days. The lack of vaccinations has been listed as one of the ten biggest threats to global health. The issue of vaccinations is a highly personal one. No parent wants to put their child at risk. Bombarding anti-vaxxers and hesitant parents with information doesn’t work and can even backfire. Carol’s organization wants to put access to information into the hands of new parents. They have developed a post card that lists resources. They hope that Pennsylvania pediatricians will distribute the cards to every new parent. So far, the response from doctors has been extremely positive. The cards are produced with funds from donations from Rotary Clubs and individuals. Carol and other polio survivors know all too well how the pain and disability from a disease can last a lifetime. The work they are doing will help ensure that no child will suffer from a preventable disease.

**Happy Things:** *David Wolff* celebrated his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday holding his granddaughter for the very first time. *Mike Dowd* at last was able to enjoy the Steeple lighting ceremony at First United Church of Christ. *BJ & Kristie Metz* are attending the three-day on-line Rotary Institute.

**Community Service Opportunity:** Easton Rotary will be systematically supporting the Easton-based food banks. Volunteers will be collecting donations from households and drop-off spots. The first collection benefitted the food pantry at ProJeCt which received 80 pounds of food. The next round will support the Salvation Army. Food donations can be dropped off at the Easton Y or Metz, Inc. (Metz - 2211 Lehigh Street, Easton). Monetary donations should be mailed to Mike Dowd (Checks made to the Easton Rotary foundation, c/o Mike Dowd, 35 Chestnut Circle, Easton. PA. 18042).

**Membership Opportunity:** Gordon Bigelow has stepped up to lead our membership initiative. There is always room for volunteers on this committee. Watch for electronic surveys from Gordon in coming weeks.

**Service Opportunity:** The Miracle League will host a Trunk Or Treat Halloween Party in the afternoon on Saturday, October 24. Easton Rotary already has a spot reserved. We will need some candy and a theme with which to decorate our vehicles.

**Fun Opportunity:** Phillipsburg Rotary will host their annual golf outing at Green Pond Country Club on October 9. The event will feature former major league baseball player Matt McBride as the honorary Chair. Details can be found on the Club's website.

**Good News Dept.:** Easton High Athletic Director Jim Pokrivsak reports that the teams have been selected for the Jack Bennett Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament. Chair Lew Fish is already working to secure sponsors for the event. Local businesses and individual Rotarians are encouraged to become sponsors.

**Future Meetings:** Upcoming meetings will be held through Zoom technology. 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.

**District 7430:** The Disaster Relief Fund of Rotary International has agreed to fund over \$5 million Covid-related grants. Our District application for a \$25,000 grant has been approved. The money will be spent to buy food for local pantries, purchase grocery store gift cards for needy families, and to provide PPE for nursing home workers.

# Service To the World



John Nanni teamed up with Rotarian Debbie Vance to create these Take Out Polio pins. A \$40 donation to the polio eradication campaign will be matched with \$80 from the Gates Foundation. That \$120 is enough to buy vaccine for 200 children. That is why it says “*I saved 200*” at the bottom of the pin. Notify President BJ if you plan on donating at least \$40 and he will reserve a pin for you. We are so close to completing this incredible mission and fulfilling our promise to the children of the world.

## Important Dates :

*October 15:TBA*

*October 22: Linda Grass - St. Luke's Easton Hospital*

*Nov. 19: Easton - Phillipsburg Football Preview*



## Rotary on the Web:



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**District 7430:** [www.rotarydistrict7430.org](http://www.rotarydistrict7430.org)  
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