District 7300 2009-2010

“F” is for Foundation

The letter “F” is for our Foundation. November is Foundation Month. The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. Our Foundation has been achieving its objective of furthering understanding and friendly relations between peoples of different nations.

Friday, November 6 will be our annual District Foundation Dinner. We will be blessed to have our inbound Ambassadorial Scholars at the dinner. Thank you to Don and Polly Del Vitto, Paul and Jean Elder, and Mary Alice and Arthur Tripp, Jr. for establishing a legacy of endowed gifts to support the Ambassadorial Scholarship and World Peace Fellowship. Our district will be sending out five Ambassadorial Scholars this year.

I am happy to announce that the following clubs’ applications for the District Simplified Grants have been approved: Bethel-St. Clair, Braddock, Carnegie-Collier, Green Tree, Monroeville Sunrise, New Brighton, New Kensington, Pittsburgh’s North Side, Pleasant Hills, and Upper St. Clair-Bethel. These projects allow the members to have a greater part in the using of our Foundation money. More money from The Rotary Foundation came into our district to support our advertising efforts when Pittsburgh hosted the G-20 in September. Thanks to Lou Piconi, Foundation Trustee, District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Denny Crawford, and John Chamberlain for working with The Foundation and the local advertisers to create a tasteful and effective message.

Our Foundation is made up of many different people working for a common goal. Each does their part with little or no fanfare. We are indebted to the many volunteers who are on the front line. Thank you for your continued support with your time and talents.

“The future of Rotary is in your hands!”

District 7300 Awarded First Place in Membership Growth in Zone 28

At the Zone Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 6 through 11, District 7300 was awarded First Place in recognition of outstanding effort in Membership Growth in Zone 28 in the Rotary year 2008/09. See article on page 10.
Historic Moments: Women in Rotary
By Susan Hanf and Donna Polydoros
Rotary International News – 1 October 2009

The 1989 Council on Legislation vote to admit women into Rotary clubs worldwide remains a watershed moment in the history of Rotary.

"My fellow delegates, I would like to remind you that the world of 1989 is very different to the world of 1905. I sincerely believe that Rotary has to adapt itself to a changing world," said Frank J. Devlyn, who would go on to become RI president in 2000-01.

The vote followed the decades-long efforts of men and women from all over the Rotary world to allow for the admission of women into Rotary clubs, and several close votes at previous Council meetings.

The response to the decision was overwhelming: By 1990, the number of female Rotarians had skyrocketed to over 20,000.

Twenty years after the Council on Legislation's vote, Rotary has nearly 188,000 female Rotarians. Women have served in leadership positions as high as the RI Board of Directors and The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees. (Watch a video about women in Rotary from RVM: the Rotarian Video Magazine volume 4, issue 3).


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https://wwwa.applyonlinenow.com/USCCapp/Ctl/entry?directMail=true&sc=UAARK9

Speakers Corner

Interesting speakers for your meetings …

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“How to write a Press Release for your Business”

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“Exciting information about our four museums in Pittsburgh”

For an additional list of interesting speakers, sign in to www.rotarydistrict7300.org, click on the SPEAKERS tab to the left of the home page under SITE PAGES.
Hello District 7300!

Last month you all got to know our outgoing Ambassadorial Scholars for 2010-2011. This month, I’m introducing our incoming Scholars.

First, there’s Barbara Bonamassa from Bologna, Italy. Barbara is studying at the University of Pittsburgh, and her counselor is Ken Wolff. She is very interested in speaking at your club and asked that her name be published ASAP in our District Newsletter—On My Honor, at the earliest possible convenience. She wanted to get the word out to invite her over, so let’s step up and be accommodating! Her email is barbara.bonamassa2@unibo.it. She is a full year academic scholar.

Second, there’s Saeah Oh, from Seoul, South Korea. Saeah is studying at Carnegie Mellon University, and her counselor is Don Friedman. It turns out that Saeah has also studied in Italy, so if you know of any REAL GOOD Italian restaurants, you may be joined by two very charming young ladies (This also counts if you are a great Italian Chef). Her email is ohsaeah@hotmail.com. Saeah is also a full year academic Scholar.

Third, just arrived, is Chun Cheng, Lin (Stanley), who hails from Taipei, Taiwan. I am his counselor. Stanley is a 3 month Cultural Scholar studying at the ELS at Point Park University, but because of work obligations, he can only stay two months. He wants to experience everything Rotary while he’s here. We should make it a whirlwind for him. His email is stanley@kinik.com.tw

Please welcome these scholars to your clubs. You will get a chance to meet them in person, at the Foundation Dinner on November 6th. There are one or two others coming to our District, and I’ll notify everyone when they arrive.

On Monday, October 5th, District Governor Rick Martin, welcomed incoming scholars Saeah Oh from Korea, and Barbara Bonamassa from Italy, to our Pittsburgh in the Croghan-Schenley Room at the University of Pittsburgh Cathedral of Learning. Joining Rick in the welcome were DGE Cindy Sakala, the Ambassadorial Scholars Committee and the students’ Rotarian Counselors.

Rick presented them with this year’s Rotary theme “The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands” pin, the District 7300 Rotary pin, and a Heinz ketchup pin. Ambassadorial Scholars Chair Jeff Klink gave them each a Pittsburgh Steelers “terrible towel”, and instructed them on how to wave it. Michael Sands, a past Ambassadorial Scholar, was also present … and pinned. Mike would love to speak to your club. Contact him at mt.sands@gmail.com.

My thanks to Judy Zang, of the University Honors Program, for sponsoring our reception at the University.

Candidate nominations for District Governor 2012-2013 are due by Dec. 1st. Any member of a club in good standing can nominate someone. The candidate must be a Rotarian in good standing, must have full qualifications of Rotary membership, have served as Club President, have served as an Assistant Governor and have been in Rotary for a minimum of seven years. Details of all qualifications are available on the RI website under section 15.70 of the bylaws.

All applications are to be submitted to me. The nominations will be for Rotary year 2012-2013. The committee is made up of four area reps and me. New area reps are selected at our District Conference each year. I will be the sitting Chair for this year only and Jim Kunkelmann will follow me next year, with new area reps as well.

All applications will be reviewed by the committee. The chosen candidates will be personally interviewed and the selection will be made following that process. The nomination form is on the District website: www.rotarydistrict7300.org. Let me know if you have any other questions: crawfordd@all-pak.com.
DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Something to think about …

May 13 – 16, 2010

Oglebay

HOSPITALITY SUITES AVAILABLE
COTTAGES INCLUDE 4-6 ROOMS
EACH
OK TO BRING YOUR OWN
FOOD & BEVERAGES

Must book through Co-Chairs:

PDG Kathy Crawford
724-772-3439

or

Diane Dornenburg
724-775-3944

RATES TO BE ANNOUNCED NEXT MONTH!!

Rotarians Seeking Employment …
Rotarians Seeking Employees

With the current economy as it is, many Rotarians are being displaced from their jobs. In an effort to help our fellow Rotarians, District 7300 will post their resumes on the District 7300 website. This will allow networking opportunities for Rotarians seeking employment as well as for Rotarians seeking to hire qualified staff.

Send your resumes to Webmaster Marc Myers: webmaster@rotarydistrict7300.org for posting.

Speaking of Networking …

Rotarian Bride Seeking
Rotarian Wedding Services
(Or why you should list your classification in your D7300 website profile)

Denise Vergenes, of Greater McKees Rocks Rotary, is getting married on Friday, April 16, 2010. She and her fiancé have reserved the Christ Church at Grove Farm, off Mt. Nebo Road, for the ceremony; and now they are lining up the other services they’ll need for the wedding, such as a photographer, a limousine, a reception hall, flowers, and the perfect wedding cake, to name a few.

So, knowledgeable Rotarian that she is, she went to the www.rotarydistrict7300.org website to find if there were any Rotarians in the District who provide these services … she found none.

Did you know that there is a networking search on the District 7300 website? Go to the website ADMIN page, and click on SEARCH MEMBER E-DIRECTORY in the FOR MEMBERS box … you can search for fellow Rotarians in the District by club, by first and/or last name, by e-mail address and by classification! Try it! Type in Attorney … and all the Rotarians in the District who have filled in their classifications in their profiles display.

So, if you’re interested in networking in the District, go to your profile and fill in your classification … you never know who may be searching for your services!

And, if you’re in the wedding business, you may want to contact Denise: dvergenes@hamiltongv.com … AFTER you fill in your classification in your profile!

Every good wish, Denise!

Take a moment to browse the Oglebay website for more information on the various dining options, their 5,000 square foot West Spa, Speidel Golf Club 36-hole championship golf course and more:

http://www.oglebay-resort.com
The Enriching Rotary Experience
Tom Nunnally – Forest Hills Rotary [since 1979]

People join Rotary because someone invited them or because they wanted to serve their community. This is a small door to a vast arena that is just the beginning. As one grows in this, they find richness in the Rotary experience.

First, Rotary enriches diversity. Rotary is a worldwide organization and each Rotarian discovers the unique cultures of each country and ethnic group through participation in global efforts such as polio eradication and water purification. They learn of the uniqueness of people firsthand through Rotary programs such as the Rotary Student Exchange, Rotary Group Study Exchanges, and interaction with Ambassador Scholars. There are also fellowships in Rotary, such as the Flying Rotarians, that bring people of wide geographical areas with similar interests together. This is more than learning to live with people of different backgrounds, it is about respecting and enjoying the differences of others and their own goals and practices for their lives and those around them.

Secondly, Rotary is a laboratory for solving problems. This can be invaluable to younger Rotarians, who get to experience, outside of their workplace, to the best methods and practices of how to set goals, motivate others beyond a paycheck, and to reach the final goal. Initiatives in health, hunger, and humanity hone these skills which can benefit the Rotarian in their own fields of endeavor.

Rotary sharpens moral and ethical behavior. This elevates each member's own vocational group, both in dealing with each other and constituents. In business, one intuitively expects more from dealing with a fellow Rotarian, as a vendor, customer, or regulator. Each of us has had a suit in which we treasured the fabric and fit of the garment. But once a hole is discovered in the suit, it is diminished in its appeal to the wearer, as it is assumed that the blemish will be the focal point of the observer. The same can be said of those who tarnish the reputation of the vocation, be it business, law, or teaching. Rotary does have the vaccine for this, the Four Way Test. As it is practiced day by day, the whole of the vocational group is enhanced in the eyes of the public.

And lastly, Rotary exposes individuals to the best mentors and friends they will ever have. I shudder to think of the hundreds of wonderful and ethical people that I would have never met, if I had not become a Rotarian.

So look forward to the richness of the Rotary experience. It is one that money cannot buy, but is free to those who seek it with enthusiasm and conviction.

Acronyms of TRF
by Cindy Sakala, District Governor-Elect

Hello District 7300 Rotarians.

November is the month when we celebrate the work of The Rotary Foundation (TRF). Don’t you just love the Rotary-speak acronyms? Well, here’s a little primer to help you decode the mystical language of Rotary as it relates to TRF:

TRF: The Rotary Foundation. This is the charitable foundation of Rotary International and how we get many things done in Rotary.

ERey: Every Rotarian Every Year. The campaign to encourage every Rotarian to contribute at least $100 annually to TRF.

PHF: Paul Harris Fellow. Make a contribution of $1000 to TRF to receive Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

PHS: Paul Harris Society. Members commit to a $1000 contribution to TRF annually.

APF: Annual Programs Fund. Annual contributions made by individuals, clubs and districts are invested for three years after which 50% is returned to the district through DDF and 50% is used in the World Fund.

DDF: District Designated Fund. Funds available for use in club and district projects.

DSG: District Simplified Grant. Grants allocated to clubs for use in their projects. Funding comes from the DDF (20% of APF from three years prior).

GSE: Group Study Exchange. Groups of young professionals travel to partner districts around the world. Funded through the World Fund.

RRFC: Rotary Regional Foundation Chair. Dr. Stephanie Urchick is the regional resource person for TRF. sau1227@earthlink.net 724-873-7704

Yours in service,

Cindy Sakala, District Governor-Elect
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district.governor2010-2011@rotarydistrict7300.org
The Penn Hills Rotary held a joint picnic with the Murrysville Rotary Club on Sept. 17. The well-attended family-friendly event was held at the Turner Farm in Slickville, and hosted by Turner family members, including Penn Hills Rotarian Robin Turner. The day was topped off with a world-class fireworks display provided by the Turners.

Penn Hills Rotary members distributed dictionaries to students and teachers in all third-grade classes in Penn Hills schools during the week of October 12. Students, teachers and administrators were enthusiastic and appreciative of the club's efforts.

Penn Hills Rotary joined with the Municipality of Penn Hills and the Penn Hills Interact Club to sponsor the children's Halloween Parade on the afternoon of October 24 in Penn Hills Community Park. Penn Hills businesses and organizations purchased tables and distributed candy and other treats to approximately 300 children. Prizes were awarded for Halloween costumes.

**2010 Rotary Convention in Montreal by Bus**

We have been talking about a bus trip to the International Convention in Montreal. It is time to let us know if you are interested in riding the bus. Cost of the bus will be based upon how many will ride the bus. Housing will be arranged after we know how many will be riding. Contact Walt Sickles at 724-266-9060 or e-mail HARWAL706@yahoo.com as soon as possible.

The Shaler Area Rotary Club has announced their new club officers for 2009-2010. They are Dave Fitzsimmons, President, John W. Newhouse, Vice President, and Joe Hollern, Secretary-Treasurer.

With the closing of the Millvale Rotary Club, our club has invited those former Millvale members to join the Etna/Shaler Rotary Club. In conjunction with the new members, the club has approved a name change to the **Shaler Area Rotary Club**. This was done to reflect our commitment to the entire Shaler Area community.

The Shaler Area Rotary Club was first established in 1952 and has been providing community service since then when needed. Some of the past services of the Shaler Area Rotary Club include raising $25,000 for the Etna/Millvale area flood victims, $7,500 for a new “jaws of life” for the Cherry City Fire Department, and raising over $50,000 through our annual golf outings to benefit those in need both in our community and throughout the world. In addition, the Shaler Area Rotary Club provides scholarships to Shaler Area High School students, provides monthly support to the local food banks, and serves with many other community projects.

In order to best serve the community, we need new members. We also welcome those who are interested in speaking at our weekly meetings. The Shaler Area Rotary Club meets every Wednesday for lunch at the Shaler Lounge on Mount Royal Boulevard. The meeting starts at 12:15 and we welcome all those who are interested in Rotary to attend. For additional information, please contact John Newhouse at (412) 487-5333 or john.newhouse@comcast.net

**Rotarians Respond to Disasters**

Rotarians have been providing assistance in Indonesia, the Philippines, and the Samoan Islands after a recent series of natural disasters. A path of destruction was left by an earthquake in Indonesia, two typhoons in the Philippines and a tsunami in the Samoan Islands. Rotarians responded with immediate relief and are now planning long-term recovery efforts.

November is Rotary Foundation month; so I want to tell you about endowment opportunities within The Rotary Foundation. An endowed fund is a gift that secures The Rotary Foundation’s future. An endowment is a gift made to the permanent fund. The principal of an endowment fund gift is never spent, while a portion on the income is made available for specific Rotary programs as determined by the donor. Endowment funds are critical to the long-term stability of The Rotary Foundation; they ensure that there will always be funds to support its international, humanitarian, cultural and educational programs. Some Endowment Fund opportunities to consider:

Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution. US$1,500,000+ endows a Rotary World Peace Fellow as often as every year for two years of study in perpetuity.

US$750,000+ endows a Rotary World Peace Fellow as often as every two years for a two year course of study in perpetuity.

US$500,000+ endows a Rotary World Peace Fellow as often as every three years for a two year course of study in perpetuity.

US$1,000,000 is the minimum gift to propose a new Foundation program for Trustee consideration, such as The Rotary Foundation Blane Community Immunization Grants that provide up to US$1,000 in matching funds to US Rotary clubs to help improve immunization levels in their communities.

US$250,000 establishes a named fund within the permanent Fund for any of the purposes listed below and entitles the donor to recognition in the Hall of Honor at Rotary International World Headquarters.

US$150,000 is the minimum gift to establish a named project within a Foundation program such as an endowed Ambassadorial Scholarship. A portion of the earnings is directed to a specific project within a program to support in perpetuity.

US $50,000 establishes a named fund within the Permanent Fund. A portion of the earnings may be directed back to the donor’s district through SHARE or support the Trustee-managed World Fund. The fund’s investment earnings are tracked as a district fund within the Permanent Fund.

We are very fortunate that we have several endowed funds that come from District 7300, the most prominent of which was from Paul and Jean Elder. I featured Paul and Jean in last month’s newsletter. Other funds are The Louis Blum Charitable Foundation and Donor Advised Fund within The Rotary Foundation, The Donald J. and Palmira Del Vito Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship Endowed Fund, The Mary Alice and Arthur D. Tripp, Jr. Endowed Ambassadorial Scholarship through the Permanent Fund of The Rotary Foundation, The Balwant and Joyce Brengarth Singh, PhD’s, Endowed Fund through the Permanent Fund of The Rotary Foundation. Over the years these endowments have sponsored 34 Ambassadorial Scholars, 10 World Peace Fellows and provided countless funds for health, hunger and humanitarian grants within District 7300.

An endowment is a gift to the Permanent Fund. It’s the vehicle that allows Rotary International to do what it does worldwide. Paul Elder summed it up best when he said, “The Rotary Foundation can do more good with my money than anyone.”

See Foundation Dinner flyer on page 16.

Foundation Dinner Awards
For Rotary Year 2008-2009

Highest Per Capita achieving at least $100 per active member to the Annual Program Fund.

Bethel Park    Green Tree
Bethel-St. Clair   Hampton Township
Braddock       Monroeville
Crafton-Ingram  Monroeville Sunrise
Elizabeth      Moon Township
Forest Hills    New Brighton
Greater McKees Rocks     Turtle Creek

100% Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member Club
awarded to clubs with every active member of the club personally contributing $100 or more to the Annual Program Fund.

Bethel Park    Braddock

Every Rotarian Every Year Club
awarded to clubs that achieved a minimum $100 per capita with every active member personally contributing some amount to the Annual Programs Fund.

Bethel Park    Braddock    Moon Township

What is a Zumbathon?

A Zumbathon is a Latin dance based workout that hit the US about six years ago. Many organizations hold Zumbathon fundraisers... see McCandless’ on the Club Events page. Kelly Riddle, a fitness instructor for over 20 years leads the two hour workout, along with five other fitness instructors. For more information on holding your own fundraising Zumbathon, contact: Kelly Riddle at 412 901 0684.
Operation Troop Appreciation on Veteran’s Day … and Always

Kristen Holloway, founder and President of Operation Troop Appreciation, embarked on a personal project in March 2004 to provide Under Armor® T-shirts to a local Pennsylvania National Guard platoon of 38 soldiers deployed in Iraq.

An overwhelmingly positive response from the soldiers sparked the creation of Operation Troop Appreciation. Kristen’s simple project grew into a national organization which was established, later that year, as a Pennsylvania non-profit tax-exempt 501(c)(3) corporation, with a 100% volunteer staff.

Since that time, thousands of soldiers have received their “wish list” items from Operation Troop Appreciation. For information: http://operationtroopappreciation.org

Kristen exemplifies the spirit of Rotary in her “Service Above Self”. On Veteran’s Day, November 11th, remember our heroes in the armed forces around the world.

Fox Chapel Rotary Club Inducts Four New Members

Alvin Filstrup

This summer, Fox Chapel Rotary Club inducted four new members into their club:

Al Filstrup, Kevin Giza, Max Kirk and Tom Forbes
(Mike Harter not pictured)

Tom Forbes, a retired Physician, now on the May Golf Outing Committee, Kevin Giza, a Senior Mortgage Loan Officer, Fifth Third Bank, our new Sergeant-at-Arms, Max Kirk, a Steel Mill Consultant, and Mike Harter, a retired Educator, now Chairman of the Golf Outing.

Group Study Exchange 2010 Argentina

Who would like a FREE trip to Argentina?

When: March 8 to April 12, 2010

The outgoing GSE trip to Argentina is planned for March 8 to April 12, 2010. The team from Argentina will be in our district from April 12 to May 17, 2010.

Applications are now being taken for:

- One Rotarian Leader
- Four Professional non-Rotarians

Understanding of the Spanish language is helpful.

We also need volunteers to host team members from Argentina in their homes for a week’s time during their stay here in the North, South, East and West areas. During their stay, we will need clubs to help schedule and facilitate programs in the different areas.

Thanks to the District 7300 Rotarians who have responded so far.

Please contact Ed Grimes at grimesadv@comcast.net or by telephone to 412 921-1325 for applications and to forward the names of prospective GSE team members.

District Attendance Report

-- As of October 1, 2009

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On Membership
Karl Ohrman

Where Do Rotarians Come From?

Where do Rotarians come from? Well, you say, they come from everywhere. Our local businesses or professions, our local residence areas, etc.

No, what I mean is how do people come to be Rotarians. The simple and by far the most common answer is that another Rotarian invited them to join their local Rotary club.

That’s the secret. That’s where good Rotarians come from. You have to ask good people to join your club. New members don’t just pop into your meetings and ask to join. They are invited.

Unfortunately a troubling statistic from Rotary International states that ninety percent of active Rotarians have never asked anyone to join Rotary. Ninety percent. Can you believe that? It’s true.

Odds say that you are one of that ninety percent. You don’t have to stay in that group. Break out of the mold. Jot a few names down on a sheet of paper. Then simply ask them to join you at your next Rotary meeting.

If you enjoy being a member of your club, chances are your friends will also. If you are excited about Rotary, your friends will be excited too.

It’s not hard. Ask a friend to join Rotary today.

Karl Ohrman is a past president of Pittsburgh Rotary. He has served as Assistant District Governor under a number of past DGs and is currently serving as District Membership Chair. He is open to speaking to all Rotary clubs in the district about the excitement of Rotary.

Focus on Literacy
Gladys Maharam

Dolly Parton to speak at 2010 convention

Rotary International News -- 27 October 2009

Dolly Parton will speak at the morning plenary session on 23 June to promote reading among preschool children. Photo courtesy of The Dollywood Foundation

Country music legend and philanthropist Dolly Parton will be a keynote speaker during the 2010 RI Convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada, 20-23 June. Parton will speak at the morning plenary session on 23 June to promote reading among preschool children. She and the Dollywood Foundation's Imagination Library teamed up with Rotary International in March to help provide age-appropriate books each month to children from birth until age five.

Parton will speak to Rotarians about the importance of early childhood reading and how the collaboration with Rotary International has augmented the success of the Imagination Library.

The singer developed a personal love of books while growing up in rural Tennessee, USA, where she saw firsthand the toll that illiteracy can take on families. "I am thrilled about our partnership with Rotary International," she said in March. "Rotarians love kids as much as I do, so I truly believe we can do something extraordinary together to help even more children love to read and succeed."

Since its launch in 1996, the Imagination Library has provided more than 23 million books to preschoolers.

Gladys Maharam
District Literacy Chair
maharamg@carnegielibrary.org

District 7300 Webmaster,
Marc Myers

For assistance with ClubRunner, contact Webmaster Marc Myers. Marc is also the go-to guy for getting your club events and photos published on the District 7300 website. Contact Marc:

webmaster@rotarydistrict7300.org

District 7300 Golf Shirts for Sale !!

District 7300 golf shirts from the 2009 District Golf Outing are available for $20 each ... only four in size XL are left ... so order now!

To purchase this “one-time-only” shirt, call or e-mail DG Rick Martin: rick.rotary@yahoo.com 724 846-2488.
Rotary Zone 28-29 Institute Held in Minneapolis, Minnesota

The Zone 28-29 Institute was held October 6-11 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The purpose of the Institute is to instruct, inspire, encourage, and create and renew fellowship of present, future and past leaders of the Rotary districts. District Governor Rick Martin, Governor-Elect Cindy Sakala, Governor-Nominee Sue Kelly, District Foundation Chair PDG Denny Crawford, RI Foundation Trustee, Lou Piconi, and Council on Legislation Delegate PDG Joel Nagel attended the Institute. Twenty-nine districts were present from the Midwest to upstate New York and parts of Ontario, Canada. Fun was part of each of the sessions. My picture on the front page was taken during the Wheel of Rotary. I had the letter “F” for our Foundation and I had to explain how the Foundation supports my clubs. Other Governors with the corresponding letter for Water, Literacy, and Health talked about their projects and what their districts are doing. The Governors had horns to blow to get the chance to answer the question during this game show. Next year’s institute will be held in Rochester, New York.

“Why I am a Rotarian”
PDG Carrie Dao Allan
2003-2004 District 5330

After twenty some years of being a “Rotary Anne”, I joined the Palm Springs breakfast Rotary Club in 1987. I have been accused of having two Rotary wheels instead of eyes in my head.

My most powerful Rotary moment did not happen for me until I was attending my International Assembly at Anaheim at the end of my training to be a District Governor. As I was rushing around carrying my Governor’s blazer and greeting so many familiar faces, I was stopped in my tracks. I stood there at the entrance to the Rotary Foundation hall … staring at the large green iron lung.

It brought back so many memories of my first year as a physical therapist. I can still see my patient Beverly in that iron lung and remember the loud siren, every time there was a power failure. As tears poured down my face, my husband tried to assure me that it could not be that same iron lung. We walked up to the iron lung and it had a label on it. It said Rancho los Amigos Hospital 1959-1964. Yes, that iron lung was Beverly’s.

What an impact Rotary has had in the world! It is hard for me to even visualize the 450,000 people per year that have been saved from polio. Polio has not yet been eradicated but more than five million cases have been prevented.

I know that moment at the International Assembly will always be with me. It will always motivate me to continue working for our Rotary Foundation because our programs have changed the world. I also know that with our dedicated partners, polio will be eradicated in the near future.

PDG Carrie Dao Allan carobpt@dc.rr.com

District Governor’s Newsletter
Editor: Sandra Rebholz

November … the fifth issue of “On My Honor” and still no articles from your club! Other clubs are submitting articles … why not yours? Why is your club different from the rest? If you really want to fit in with the rest of us, send in your article for next month’s issue. But note: The deadline is November 15 [for events between the 15th and the end of the month, send the articles and photos as soon as possible]. Don’t miss the boat … sit down and start writing.

Send to: editor@rotarydistrict7300.org.

Looking for a Fun Place for a Club Social … try the Hofbräu Haus

The new Hofbräu Haus on the South Side at South Side Works is a fun place to meet with your fellow Rotarians and friends. Enjoy many of the traditions of Germany in a setting of authentic German décor, with typical German fare and beer brewed on site. In summer, there is an outdoor Bier Garden with a great view of the River and the city of Pittsburgh.

Greeters wear the German dirndl, albeit somewhat shorter than standard, and German pretzels are available for purchase from the strolling dirndl-clad Pretzel Girl. In the traditional German bier hall, the tables are long and wide … perfect for sharing, and nightly entertainment puts you in the perfect mood for a fun time. Try to catch “The Mad Bavarian”, Bob Hamilton, who was the President of Ambridge Rotary some years ago; he entertains three nights a week, and he’s worth the trip to the South Side himself! Well, him, and the pretzels, and the food, and the beer! All in all, it’s a fun place for a Rotary club social.
North Boroughs Rotary
A New Approach to Membership

North Boroughs Rotary Club membership committee has taken a new approach to membership. Our committee consists of club members who in the past have consistently brought new members to our club rather than trying to motivate our entire club. This approach has shown results already with our two newest members, Maureen Newcamp, and Mary Grace Carmody.

Maureen recently spoke at our meeting about her work at the North Hills Community Outreach Organization, (which we support with our annual Fruit Box Fund.) Maureen was so impressed with our club’s emphasis on local outreach that she invited her close friend Mary Grace Carmody to join her as a member. Within a month, as new members, they both suggested and are now heading up our winter coat drive for our community in conjunction with the NHCO.

Local outreach is a key to any clubs’ expansion.

Dave Hutchinson  hatch1@zoominternet.net

World Affairs Institute for Student Leaders November 18

The World Affairs Institute for student leaders will be held on November 18 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. The World Affairs Institute is designed to introduce high school students, preferably seniors and juniors, to international affairs or great importance to the United States, and thereby help them better understand the increasingly complex and interrelated world in which they will live and make their careers. See the District 7300 website: www.rotarydistrict7300.org for brochure information.

On November 17, there will be a dinner at the Rivers Club for any Rotarians who wish to attend. This would be an opportunity to have dinner with those who are speaking at the Institute on the 18th. To attend the dinner, contact Skye Forrester, Pittsburgh Rotary Club: skyf@worldaffairspittsburgh.org

Interact: Future Rotarians

“The future of Rotary is in your hands” ... what a challenge to us in the service to our youth! Truly, we must pass the baton to the next generation. There is a wonderful vehicle in place to do this ... not only in our district but throughout the world. It is Interact -- the high school based service club within the high school sponsored by the local Rotary club.

-- Betty Dunn, District Interact Chairman
Member, Forest Hills Rotary Club

Interact President Maria Graziano and Vice-President Maddy Burgess, of the Interact Club of Bishop Canevin High School joined Green Tree Rotarians for lunch on Thursday, October 22, to discuss their members’ upcoming participation in the Green Tree Food Drive to be held Saturday, November 14, and to update Rotarians on the various projects and activities of their Interact Club.

Rotary Clubs are encouraged to invite Interact students to their meetings … these talented students are our hope for the future, and potentially future Rotarians.

For information, contact Interact Chairman Betty Dunn at 412 243-8795 bdunn111@live.com or Interact Secretary Sue Kelly at 412 249-3626 skelly2@standard.com.

Celebrate World Interact Week

During World Interact Week, 2-8 November, Interactors and Rotarians worldwide commemorate the charter of the first Interact club in 1962.

Pittsburgh’s South Side Rotary Mixer a Success

*Pending Charter

The South Side Rotary Club held a Membership Mixer on Tuesday, October 27 at Claddagh’s Irish Pub. The event was well-attended and six of the guests seemed interested in finding out more about the club. South Side Rotary meets every Tuesday at 5:30PM at Claddagh’s Irish Pub in the South Side Works. All are welcome to come to the meetings.

Social networks help you find thousands of Rotarians online

Join Rotary International on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Flickr, and YouTube.
September 14, 2009

Dennis Crawford
Rotary Foundation Chair, District 7300, RI
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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

Dear DRFC Crawford:

I received with pleasure the news that District 7300 has made a Rotary Centers Peacebuilder District Commitment.

Each Peacebuilder District Commitment will fund one Rotary World Peace Fellowship and will ensure the long-term impact of the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution program. The success of this program depends on the support of Rotarians worldwide, and District 7300 has set a leadership example for others to follow. I hope that District 7300 also will submit qualified candidates to compete in the Rotary World Peace Fellowship competition each year.

On behalf of The Rotary Foundation Trustees, I extend my sincere appreciation for District 7300's support of the Rotary Centers for International Studies. Your generous contribution is essential to the Foundation's goal of promoting international cooperation and world understanding.

Sincerely,

Glenn E. Estess, Sr.

cc: Governor, District 7300, RI
Progress in Rotary’s $200 Million Challenge

From “End Polio Now” quarterly Newsletter – September 2009

Surviving polio
Rotary International News -- 23 October 2009

Actress and activist Mia Farrow, who was a speaker at the 2009 RI Convention, survived polio as a child. Rotary Images/Monika Lozinska-Lee

On 24 October, Rotarians around the world [celebrated] World Polio Day. Polio is a crippling and potentially fatal disease that still strikes children mainly under the age of five in Asia, Africa and the Middle East. Ending polio has been Rotary's top priority since 1988 with the launch of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, in collaboration with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The number of polio cases has been reduced by more than 99 percent, five million cases of childhood paralysis and 250,000 deaths have been averted.

The following is a list of famous people who have had polio:

Alan Alda, actor
Arthur C. Clark, science fiction writer
Judy Collins, singer and songwriter
Mia Farrow, actress and activist
James Gordon Farrell, author
Frida Kahlo, painter
Dorothea Lange, photographer
Joni Mitchell, singer and songwriter
Jack Nicklaus, professional golfer
Grace Padaca, politician in the Philippines
Itzhak Perlman, violinist
Franklin D. Roosevelt, U.S. president
Francis Ford Coppola, director, producer, screenwriter
David Sanborn, jazz saxophonist
Sir Walter Scott
Bapsi Sidhwa, author
Paul Edgar Philippe Martin, Canadian prime minister
Margarete Steiff, toymaker and founder of Steiff Company in Germany
Donald Sutherland, actor
Neil Young, singer and songwriter

Itzhak Perlman Concert
Information on Rotary Website

http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/Polio/HelpEradicatePolio/Pages/concert.aspx
DISTRICT 7300 CALENDAR OF EVENTS
2009

November – Rotary Foundation Month
December – Family Month

District Annual Foundation Dinner – Doubletree Hotel, Moon – November 6

39th World Affairs Institute for Student Leaders - November 18 - David L. Lawrence Convention Center
See brochure and information at www.rotarydistrict7300.org

Rotary International 2010 Convention, 20-23 June – Montreal, Canada
See Rotary District 7300 website for details on events: rotarydistrict7300.org

Club Events

McKees Rocks Rotary is holding a blood drive on Wednesday, November 4, from 7:30AM until 11:30AM at the Kennedy Twp VFD Hall. This is a replenishment drive for Brian Schill, a fellow Rotarian from Upper St. Clair – Bethel Rotary who has a form of lymphoma. Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins are welcome. For more information, or to register, call Denise Vergenes at 412-777-4422 or e-mail dvergenes@hamiltongv.com.

Pleasant Hills Rotary Club is having its annual Harvest Festival Saturday, November 7 from 6:30PM to 11:30PM at Salvatore’s in Baldwin Boro. All proceeds benefit the Ferrelli Family of South Park, who live in an 85 year old farmhouse sadly in need of repairs. All three of their children, Vinnie 10, Juliana 6, and Gina 4, have special needs, but finances are so strained that advanced treatment is prohibitive. Barry Ferrelli has 37 years service with the Broughton Volunteer Fire Department; Cathy Ferrelli has been Registered Nurse for 22 years, although working outside the home has been curtailed due to the lack of appropriate and affordable child care. What is at the harvest festival … how much are tickets … Or, if you care to make a donation to the Ferrelli Family, please contact: Dennis Grantz at 412 751-0621 or dennis.grantz@gmail.com.

Forest Hills Rotary Club presents their First Annual WINE TASTING on Wednesday, November 11 at D’Imperio’s Restaurant, 3412 William Penn Hwy, Monroeville, featuring wine and food pairings from “Around the World”. Introductions start at 6:30PM, Dinner 7:15PM. Donation: $55.00 / Single $100.00 / Pair. Proceeds benefit local educational programs, student awards, USO care packages and other Rotary charitable projects. For tickets and event information, call 412 735-8429.

McCandless Rotary Club is sponsoring a “Zumbathon” on Friday, November 13, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Swinderman Road, Wexford, PA 15090. Hors d’oeuvres, cash bar and raffles. Cost is $20 per person. Proceeds benefit local charities. Registration at 6:00PM, Zumba starts at 7:00PM. To pre-register, contact Kelly Riddle at 412 901-0664 or Kathy Crawford 724 772-3439. Registration at the door available … space is limited.

Green Tree Rotary Club’s annual Food Drive is November 14th for 10:00AM to 1:00PM … with a 10:00AM muster at Green Tree Fire Hall. Green Tree Rotarians and Interact students from Bishop Canevin High School collect food from the community residents, Giant Eagle and Shop n’ Save to benefit local food banks. Volunteers, food and monetary donations welcome. Contact: Barb Bennett: barb.bennett@pittsburghmoves.com.

Pittsburgh Rotary Club is holding its Third Annual Chuck Tanner Baseball Manager of the Year event fundraiser, featuring a roast of Jim Leyland, Manager of the Detroit Tigers, on Saturday, November 21, at The Rivers Club, downtown Pittsburgh. Master of Ceremony: Lanny Frattare, Auctioneer: Jim Roddey. Tickets $250. Cocktail reception 6:00PM, dinner and banquet 7:00PM, silent and live auctions. For information: visit www.district7300.org or contact Pittsburgh Rotary at 412 471-6210.
Club Events (Continued)

South Side Rotary Club [pending charter] is planning their annual Thanksgiving event, working with Folino’s Restaurant and the local Police, to distribute traditional turkey dinners, with all the fixins’, to shut-ins, the homeless, and others. Meals will be delivered by Police Officers on Thanksgiving Day, November 26. For further information, to volunteer, or to contribute to this worthy cause, contact President Dave Trumbore at 412 327-9535 or cyzenis@gmail.com or PDG Kathy Crawford at ceckathy@zoominternet.net.

Quaker Valley Rotary Club is sponsoring a Christmas parade on Saturday, December 5, starting at 10:30AM and Santa will be at Wilcot Park following the parade at 1:00PM. There will be plenty of fun things to do for both kids and adults. For information, contact Scott Diemers 412 741-2830 or sdiemert@verizon.net.

Lawrenceville Rotary Club is asking, “Any bakers in you club? Need a little “dough” $$$ in your club’s account? Well, we have the fundraiser for you!” The Cookie Mall is Lawrenceville’s annual community-wide bake sale. It is part of the Joy of Cookies Tour. It is an opportunity for non-profits to raise money by making and selling baked goods. The Rotary Club of Lawrenceville manages the Cookie Mall and also participates in it by baking and selling cookies.

   When:   Saturday, December 5, from 10:00AM to 4:00PM
   Where:  St. Augustin’s Hall, 37th and Butler Streets, Lawrenceville
   Cost:    $15 per table, payable in advance

Contact: Marie Fallon mzfallon@verizon.net or Lenore Wetzel lenorewetzel@gmail.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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AND ALL OUR MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS
AT THE DISTRICT 7300 FOUNDATION DINNER

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2009
DOUBLETREE HOTEL
MOON TOWNSHIP
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM, Cocktails
7:00 PM Speaker, Dinner

Keynote Speaker: Lou Piconi,
Foundation Trustee and Past Rotary International Vice-President

Dancing to “Casanova”

and

“THE CELEBRATION GRAND SILENT AUCTION”

*Appetizer: Fresh Fruit with Minted Raspberry Yogurt
*Salad: Mixed Field Greens with Kalamata Olives, Feta Cheese and Specialty House Dressing
*Dinner Choices: Pan Roasted Salmon with Lemon Butter OR Chicken Breast Stuffed with Roasted Red Peppers, Asiago Cheese and Spinach
*Dessert: Doubletree Tiramisu

See you at the Foundation Dinner!
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