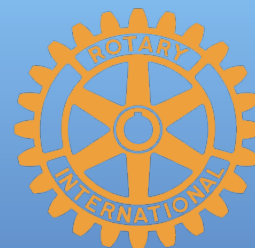




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New This Month: Peace Pipeline Monthly Column!

A Message from District Governor Scott Bayline

February is Rotary's Peace and Conflict Resolution Month. Although I am not a believer in destiny, I can't help but reflect on how Rotary has changed my perception of the world and my small part in it. It probably goes back to my childhood, as I'm sure many of you heard from parents and relatives how lucky we are to have the opportunities and lifestyle available to us as Americans. As a youth, those comments didn't resonate, as I knew nothing else.

Flash forward to the beginning of my Rotary journey. Through my involvement as a club officer, I began to see the bigger picture of Rotary. Not only was there my club, there were 41 other clubs at the time in our District identifying needs in their communities and helping to meet them. A few years later I began to become more involved in the District and was exposed to another level of Rotary. There were 16 Districts with dozens of clubs in our Zone; all doing great things in their communities and in the world just like District 7280. I began to be exposed to, as a Peace Fellow said to me one day, "The Power of Rotary." Not just in Port Allegany or District 7280 or our Zone that encompassed several states, but the world. I was able to hear and meet speakers who are identifying problems in the world and the solutions to them. Simple basic needs of life like clean water, literacy, basic health care, economic opportunities, and of course, basic security or Peace. You might start to recognize these issues as Rotary's six areas of focus. I started to recognize that our Rotary Senior leaders have a plan to make the world a better place. They just need our help.

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District Names Peace Chair



To observe Rotary International's designation of February as Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month, District 7280 announces the formation of a new Peace Committee, chaired by Rotary Club of Erie member, **Diane Chido**. Diane served for three years (2015-18) as the Security and Intelligence Policy Advisor for the U.S. Army's Peace Keeping and Stability Operations Institute (PKSOI) at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, PA. She will update the District on efforts to promote peace in our Clubs, Community, District and Globally through a *Peace Pipeline* in our monthly newsletter and invites interested Rotarians to contact her if they would like to join the new Committee at dchido@dcanalytics.net or 814-440-2490.

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PEACE PIPELINE: CATCHING UP WITH ROTARY PEACE FELLOW, AMANDA OTTMAN

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Amanda Ottman is no stranger to Rotary, starting as a Youth Exchange Student, then being selected to be a Rotary Peace Fellow and now as a Rotarian in Minnesota. Amanda has worked with non-profits in Minnesota, Dominican Republic, Spain and Haiti. Working with Haiti Outreach is how Amanda first connected with our District. She has joined us at our District Conference for the past two years.

Currently, Amanda works as global connections officer for American Refugee Committee, co-creating with refugees around the world to help them survive conflict and lead them towards self-sufficiency. The main focus of her role is building a strong partnership between Rotary and ARC through joint efforts to establish Rotaract Clubs in refugee camps in East Africa.

Her work has taken her to Uganda, where ARC and Rotarians charted the first refugee Rotaract Club in Nakivale Refugee Settlement. If you and your club are interested in getting involved to help extend the work of Rotary and Rotaract in refugee camps, please reach out to Amanda at AmandaO@ARCre lief.org.



Photos from Amanda's recent trip to Uganda.

Is a peace fellowship right for me?

Peace fellowship candidates must meet these requirements:

- ☐ Proficiency in English; a second language is strongly recommended
- ☐ Demonstrated commitment to international understanding and peace
- ☐ Excellent leadership skills
- ☐ Master's degree applicants: minimum three years of related full-time work or volunteer experience, bachelor's degree
- ☐ Certificate applicants: minimum five years of related full-time work or volunteer experience

Applications for the 2020-21 Rotary Peace Fellowship program are now being accepted. The due date for candidates to submit applications to their District is May 31, 2019. Contact District Peace Chair Diane Chido at dchido@dcanalytics.net for more information.

The Rotary Foundation Annual Program Fund (APF) giving statistics for District 7280 follow: Again, in January, the District is ahead of last year in per capita giving. How is your club doing compared to last year? PDG Patty and I are available to speak to your club or Board if you would like more information on The Rotary Foundation. It truly is an amazing organization that enables Rotarians to make the world a better place. TRF is as strong as we as Rotarians make it. I hope your club takes a moment from time to time to share the good TRF does.

Last month, the Sharon Club broke the \$300 per capita giving mark. This month, they have become the third club to qualify for the EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) Banner, joining Butler and Evans City.

In total we have nine clubs that have met or exceeded the \$100 per capita mark and we would like to recognize their accomplishment. If your club would like to know more about achieving the EREY Banner, please contact your Foundation Chair, AG, PDG Patty, or DG Scott. The clubs are:

1. Sharon \$316.21
2. Port Allegany \$213.99
3. Butler \$158.77
4. Zelienople \$154.75
5. Greenville \$151.24
6. Kane \$140.04
7. Slippery Rock \$135.79
8. Evans City \$130.58
9. Presque Isle \$110.71

As you can see the battle for the top 3 APF banners is starting to heat up. It is also worth noting our District Giving in total to TRF is up year over year. This includes our giving to Polio plus, the endowment fund, and specific cause funds with The Foundation. Thank you for supporting our Foundation.

District 7280 giving as of January 2019 YTD compared to January 2018 YTD

	2019	2018
# of members	1,330	1,393
Goals Achieved	51.24%	47.27%
Annual program fund giving YTD	\$74,698.60	\$74,447.85
AF per Capita Giving	\$56.16	\$53.44
Clubs who have donated	31 of 43 (72.09%)	30 of 43 (69.77%)

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The other revelation that I had was how much a “few pennies a day” can change lives and make the world a better place. As you probably know, I believe our Foundation is the best in the world. Not just because of the efficiency with which it operates, but with the impact it has with far less dollars than many others with similar missions.

So back to destiny... Was I set on the path of being District Governor for a reason? Who can say for sure, but I know the path exposed me to tremendous people doing tremendous things in our world. At a time when it is fashionable to think the world is in a dark and dreary place, the reality is we have higher levels of education and less extreme poverty in the world as measured in real numbers and as a percentage of the population than in any other time in history. Rotary has played a big part in this evolution. I will forever be grateful to Rotary and Rotarians for those improvements in the world.

Additionally, I have been extremely fortunate for the experiences and connections I have made through my Rotary journey and it is my responsibility to share those experiences with District 7280, especially my focus on The Peace Centers and their graduates' work. Their part in furthering our mission of advancing Peace in the world is immeasurable.

I hope to share part of what I have experienced to inspire you, or maybe just to remind you of the tremendous “Power of Rotary.” I hope you will embrace Peace and Conflict Resolution month, by exposing yourself, your club, and your community to Rotary's efforts. Any projects in the six areas of focus can help give people hope of a better life and advance Peace in the world.

Sorry to be so long-winded this month. As you may have gathered, I feel passionately about our mission to advance Peace in the world. I think all Rotarians have a passion for service that culminates in a better and safer world. Thank you for all you do in the name of Rotary.

Stolen from Monty Python ... “and now for something completely different”:

- First, remind me again next time it is -11 F and I'm shoveling the driveway why I live in Pennsylvania?
I forget sometimes.
- I hope you will join us in Hamburg this June. Paula and I are starting to develop a plan and found with a few excursions added in it is actually cheaper than booking a flight and a hotel. I promise it will be a life changing experience.
- One excursion while in Germany we are planning is a trip to Poland to see our first exchange student.
- District Conference planning is well underway. We plan to have the menu and registration finalized shortly. You can sign up for your room at the Sheraton, we do have a minimum to meet and there is no charge to cancel if your plans change: [Discounted Room rate link](#)
- Think the District can operate more efficiently? What skills do you have you can offer to help?
We are always looking for help.
- ROVA is scheduled for May 5-6.
- Note the Fall workshop is **NOT** the first Saturday in November this year.
- Change is good, eventually.
- Don't let the warmth fool you. Despite what our friend the groundhog says, I'm betting winter is not over yet.
- Check out the new feature this month: our District “Peace Corner.”

Scott

District Match for new PHF: A benefactor has offered to encourage those not yet a Paul Harris Fellow to become a PHF. Foundation points will be used to match any cash donation to the Foundation 1 point for \$1 to make any member a first time PHF. For example, if a member has never donated to TRF and would like to become a PHF, a donation of \$500 will be matched with 500 points. Likewise, if someone has 800 points accumulated and needs an additional \$200 or points to become a PHF. A donation of \$100 will be matched with 100 points to reach PHF status. To obtain the match please send DG Scott, a copy of the online receipt or donor form showing the amount donated. This can be done via email or hard copy. Once DG Scott is able to verify the donation amount, the points transfer will be requested and the PHF recognition will be sent to the club President.

Service and Support Opportunities:

The following are grants and other service projects looking for support. Some are new and previously communicated items have been updated.

- **HANWASH** or Haiti National Clean Water, Sanitation and Health Strategy is the project to bring clean water and sanitation to all of Haiti. This project provides clubs and individuals an opportunity to support a global grant financially or with your talents. Go to www.Hanwash.org to learn more.
- **10 Million Meal Challenge** –Rotary Zones 33 and 34 have partnered with 40 Regional and Local food Banks from Florida to Pennsylvania. The goal is to raise the equivalent of 10 Million meals. Many clubs already have a relationship with or have been approached by a food bank in your area. Please download the toolkit and [Join the 10 Million Meal Challenge](#) here. Once you sign up YOUR local food bank will be notified to help you begin planning activities.
- **Empowering youth to break the cycle of violence in Africa - Peace Jam:** Project organized by 2012 Peace Fellow Wisdom Addo. Details can be found on our webpage or clicking here: [Project details](#)
- **Clean Water and Sanitation project in Guatemala:** Our own Assistant Governor, Mike McElhanney from Kittanning Rotary club is coordinating efforts to support this Global Grant. Details are on the webpage [here](#).
- **February Peace and Conflict Resolution Month:** February 23rd is Rotary World Peace Day. Rotary would like to bring awareness its mission to further Peace in the world and End Polio. The [Rotary Peace and Polio Challenge](#) link takes you to more details about the challenge. I encourage clubs to educate their members and communities about the mission. If you choose to forego the challenge, other suggestions would be to have a program about our Peace Centers, become a Peace Builder Club ([how to become a Peacebuilder Club link](#)), or support the Peace Centers by making a contribution from the club or individual members.

The Rotary District 7280 Newsletter is published monthly for District Clubs. District News is also available on Facebook – Rotary District 7280 -- and on our website:

www.rotarydistrict7280.org. Email article suggestions, comments and/or questions to

Kathy Corcoran, District Public Information Chair at corcoran7667@gmail.com

District 7280 Calendar

February 2019	Peace and Conflict Resolution Month
February 2019	PETS Orientation – Multiple
February 22, 2019	ROVA Registration due
February 23, 2019	World Peace Day Link to Rotary World Peace Day Event
March 2019	Water and Sanitation Month
March 8-10, 2019	PETS & AG Training, Penn Stater, State College, PA
April 2019	Maternal and Child Health Month
April 3, 2019	District Dues Deadline
April 13, 2019	District Assembly, Ramada Inn (formerly Park Inn) Clarion
April 27-29, 2019	Zones 33-34 Team Training (Membership, Foundation, PI/PR) – Greensboro, NC
May 5-6, 2019	ROVA, Camp Nazareth, Mercer
May 17-19, 2019	District Conference, Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel Reservation Link
June 1-6, 2019	110th International Convention, Hamburg, Germany
June 28-29, 2019	Zone 33 Leadership Training, Greensboro, NC
June 2019	Zone 33 District Foundation & Trainer Training
July 2019	District Governor Ken Fleeson's official visits begin
October 19, 2019	Fall Workshop – New date
November 19-22, 2019	Zone 33-34 Leadership Summit, Atlanta, GA
January 19-25, 2020	International Assembly – DGN Beth Marshall, San Diego
March 6-8, 2020	PETS & AG Training, Penn Stater, State College, PA
May 15-17, 2020	District Conference, Doubletree, Cranberry Twp. PA
June 6-10, 2020	111th international Convention, Honolulu, Hawaii

NEW for February:

- Beer and Pizza!! Rotary Club of Erie member Diane Chido will present a five-part weekly series at the Jefferson Educational Society every Monday at 4:30 pm from February 4 through March 4 discussing the principles the U.S. uses abroad to support post-conflict societies and how they can be applied to our own region's efforts to emerge from the economic and social dislocations of the past few decades. This is part of the Jefferson's *Happy Hour Series*, so beer and pizza will be served. More information and to registration can be found here: [Registration](#).
- Rotary District 7330, in conjunction with 900+ clubs in 23 Districts from Zones 33 and 34 is sponsoring a fund raiser for CART (COINS for ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH TRUST). For a chance to win a new Car and support Alzheimer's Research [click here](#).
- The Dates for ROVA are May 5-6 at Camp Nazareth in Mercer. If you have any questions please contact ROVA Chair, Tracy Becker at 814-226-9161 (work); 814-229-2709 (cell), tracy@clarionpa.com

Club Fundraisers and events that have been brought to our attention:

Please contact the host Club for more information.

- February 7th, Zelienople is hosting the Harmony Fire District, recipient of their Club's District Grant
- February 8th, RichMar "Night at the Races
- February 9th, Franklin's "Celebration of Talent"
- February 9th, Mt. Jewett's Chocolate Indulgence
- February 10th, Bradford's Pancake Breakfast
- February 23rd, Butler AM's Carved in Ice
- February 23rd, Keystone E-club's Rotary 114 Challenge more
- March 1-8, 2019 Kittanning is hosting an international exchange team from the Ukraine.
- March 2nd, Kane multiphasic blood Screening
- March 2nd, Port Allegany Purse Bingo
- March 9th, Dubois' Radio Auction
- March 13th, Warren's Pancake Breakfast
- March 16th, Punxsutawney's Radio Auction
- March 16th, Zelienople's Shamrock Shuffle Half-Marathon, 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run in Harmony, PA