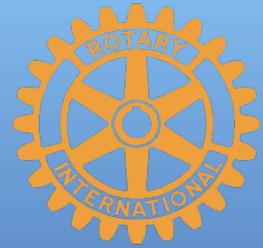




January 2019

# Rotary

## District 7280



## January is Rotary Vocational Service Month

### A Message from District Governor Scott Bayline

Happy New Year! I hope 2019 brings you health, happiness and prosperity. Turning the calendar to another year means this Rotary Year has reached the halfway point. DGE Ken will be traveling to San Diego this week to hear the Rotary theme for 2019-20 and begin his journey as DG. Over the next few months Ken and I will continue to work to provide a seamless transition into Rotary Year 2019-20 for the District. Likewise, your club should, if it hasn't already, begin engaging your new leaders and members to plan for a successful 2019-20 Rotary Year. That is not to say the "Be the Inspiration" year is over, on the contrary we have many goals to achieve and projects to complete.

One such goal of mine is to continue to bringing awareness to Rotary's mission to advance Peace in the world. Not to slight January as Rotary's Vocational Service Month, but I am looking forward to Rotary's Peace and Conflict Resolution Month in February. On the District web page and in the announcement section of this Newsletter you will find more information about events and opportunities tied to Peace and Conflict Resolution. I don't think it's a coincidence that Peace and Conflict Resolution is listed first in our six areas of focus. I also believe the other five areas of focus are necessary to have Peace in the World. It's not hard to find examples of conflict that are created by a lack of economic opportunities, education, health, or clean water. Not only do sustainable projects in Rotary's six areas of focus make the world a better place, but they help make the world a safer and more peaceful place as well. Thank you for all that you do as Rotarians to make the world a better place.

*Continued on Page 3*



The Rotary Club of Franklin recently presented Venango Co. Human Services Dept. with 27 "birthday bash" bags filled with everything needed to hold a birthday party for children, ages 12 and under, whose families need a helping hand.

Vocational Service calls every Rotarian to aspire to high ethical standards in his/her occupation; recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations; and, contribute one's vocational talents to benefit society.

**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 point transfer will be requested and the PHF recognition will be sent to the Club President.

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

- **10 Million Meal Challenge** – Club Presidents will be receiving further information this month. Rotary Zones 33 and 34 have partnered with Regional and Local Food Banks from Florida to Pennsylvania. In December Rotarians have already packed 1 Million meals towards this challenge that will continue through 2019. For more information, [click here](#).
- **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:** Febuary 23rd is Rotary World Peace Day, bringing awareness to our mission of furthering peace in the world and ending polio. The [Rotary Peace and Polio Challenge](#) link takes you to more details about the challenge. I encourage clubs to education 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. Talk to your AG and watch your email for more information in the coming weeks.

- **HANWASH** or Haiti National Clean Water, Sanitation and Health Strategy is the project to bring clean water and sanitation to all of Haiti. The project is expected to run through 2030. The first phase has begun with a Global grant initiated by District 6960 and the Rotary clubs of Naples, Florida and Les Cayes, Haiti. As part of the District Governor project District 7280 will be supporting the Grant. In addition to this grant there are 2 more grants to complete the pilot project and plans to start 3 more pilot projects in additional areas in Haiti. Needed in addition to funds are:

- o Graphic Artist/Designer – to assist with design and production of marketing materials.
- o Web site designer/manager – to maintain and update our existing website.
- o Social Media Expert – to get our story onto the appropriate social media platforms.

Go to [www.HANWASH.org](http://www.HANWASH.org) Get involved Tab ~ in comment section, indicate SPECIFIC interest for response from appropriate Subcommittee. Additional information about the project can be found there as well.

- Hurricane Florence hit the East Coast earlier this year. District 7680 has set up a Donor Advised Fund which allows the Rotary Foundation to accept donations and credit Rotarians with TRF recognition while allowing District 7680 to utilize donations where needed most. Hurricane Michael relief is being coordinated by District 6940 and contributions can be made directly to the District's Foundation. Further information on both funds can be found here: [Hurricane Relief - USA](#)

**Suggestion: Share this newsletter with your members.**

## Continued from Page 1 – Scott's Message

Continuing on this theme you will see information in the announcement section and from your AG about the opportunity to become a Peacebuilder Club. Becoming a Peacebuilder Club is simple: continue projects in the six areas of focus which accomplishes the Rotary mission to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace. Formalize your club's commitment to Peace by appointing a committee of two or more to share the principles of Peace, sponsor a Peacebuilder activity and support District activities.

Keeping with the pattern I started in July, here are a few random observations and thoughts I've had since the last newsletter:

- Review the announcement section and webpage for updates and opportunities to support our Peace Fellows.
- Who would be interested in helping the District with our club runner web page? Contact DGE Ken or myself to volunteer.
- Will the groundhog in our footprint be friend or foe this time next month?
- We now have 1,245 Peace Center participants from more than 120 countries
- Any winter day in northwestern PA without snow is a good day
- What can the District do to help your club?
- Would you like to be part of the District Team? It's never too soon to discuss the skills and interests you could bring to our team with myself, DGE Ken, DGN Beth, or DGND Rick.
- Thank you for Being a Rotarian.
- Why do I seem to have less energy when it's dark so much of the day?
- Sign up for your room at District Conference for the discounted rate. [Discounted Room rate link](#)

Have a Great Month!

*Scott*



## DISTRICT FOUNDATION UPDATE

Here are The Rotary Foundation statistics at the halfway point of this Rotary Year:

The December 2018 results were not complete at the time the newsletter was being prepared which may result in some changes. You will notice all clubs now have an Annual Program Fund goal loaded and that static will be removed from future comparison. Thanks to District Foundation Chair, PDG Patty for filling them in based on past goals and results. If your club has a different goal in mind you can change it at any time. Despite all contributions not being posted for December, District 7280 is ahead of last year in per capita giving. Thank you for your support of our Foundation.

We would like to congratulate the Rotary Club of Sharon for crossing the \$300 per capita mark and making a strong bid to be first in Per Capita Giving in 2018-19. Will anyone challenge them?

A thank you to Greenville for pulling into the top 3 in the District per capita giving.

Congratulations and a thank you to Butler for becoming the second club in the District to achieve the EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) and TRF (the Rotary Foundation) giving banners.

Thank you for remembering The Rotary Foundation in your giving plans in 2018-19.

### District 7280 giving as of December 2018 YTD compared to December 2017 YTD

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Clubs with Foundation goals:	43 of 43 (100%)	43 of 43 (100%)
# of members	1,330	1,393
<b>Goals Achieved</b>	<b>44.98%</b>	<b>42.04%</b>
Annual program fund giving YTD	\$65,571.05	\$66,204.25
AF per Capita Giving	\$49.30	\$47.53
<b>Clubs who have donated</b>	<b>28 of 43 (65.12%)</b>	<b>28 of 43 (65.12%)</b>

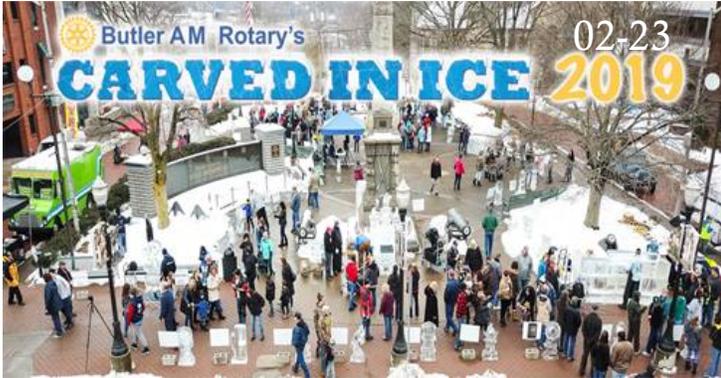
Top 3 clubs December YTD in Annual Fund per capita giving:

Sharon	\$303.71
Port Allegany	\$213.99
Greenville	\$138.18

# RAISING AWARENESS OF ROTARY AROUND THE DISTRICT

## UPCOMING CLUB FUNDRAISERS AROUND THE DISTRICT

Check Each Club's Facebook Page for More Information



The Rotary Club of Sharon distributed dictionaries in January to 3rd graders at Musser Elementary School with Rep. Mark Longietti.

**Punxsy Rotary Auction**  
 Like our page for  
 Auction Updates

March 18 WPKZ 104.1 www.punxsyrotary.com

*Punxsutawney Rotary is having a Radio Auction on March 16. DuBois' Annual Auction is March 9.*

BRADFORD ROTARY CLUB  
**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
 All you can eat pancakes, sausage and eggs.  
 Sunday, February 10th, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



*Port Allegany's Designer Purse Bingo is March 2.*



*Pancakes at Warren on March 13!*



**To get your Club event/program included in the District Newsletter or on the District 7280 Facebook Page, contact Kathleen Katocs Corcoran on Messenger or email [corcoran7667@gmail.com](mailto:corcoran7667@gmail.com).**

January 2019	Vocational Service Month
January 13-19, 2019	International Assembly - DGE Ken Fleeson San Diego, CA
January 26, 2019	District Finance Meeting – Park Inn, Clarion, 10 am
February 2019	Peace and Conflict Resolution Month
February 2019	PETS Orientation – Multiple
February 23, 2019	World Peace Day <a href="#">Link to Rotary World Peace Day Event</a>
March 2019	Water and Sanitation Month
March 8-10, 2019	PETS & AG Training, Penn Stater, State College, PA
April 2019	District Assembly
April 27-29, 2019	Zones 33-34 Team Training (Membership, Foundation, PI/PR) – Greensboro, NC
May 17-19, 2019	District Conference, Sheraton Erie Bayfront <a href="#">Hotel Reservation Link</a>
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
November 19-22, 2019	Zone 33-34 Leadership Summit, Atlanta, GA
May 15-17, 2020	District Conference
June 6-10, 2020	111th international Convention, Honolulu, Hawaii



The Second Annual 'Shine for ShelterBox' Evening of Gourmet Dining Fundraiser, hosted by District ShelterBox Ambassadors John Marshall and Tom Grant, will be held on **Friday, April 5**, at the Stables of Connoquenessing in Renfrew. Catering by John Marshall! You know it will be amazing. Event details and sponsorship opportunities info coming soon.



*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: <http://www.rotarydistrict7280>*

*If you have news to share or an idea for an article, please contact Kathy Corcoran at [corcoran7667@gmail.com](mailto:corcoran7667@gmail.com)*