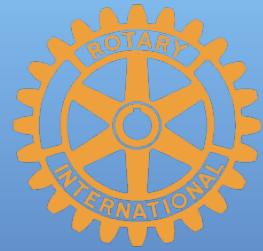




Rotary

District 7280



*Let's all work together to make our Clubs and District stronger and become
'Simply Irresistible'*

A Message from District Governor Ken Fleeson

Last week we lost one of our Past District Governors, Dale Pinkerton. Dale was a true Rotarian and full of "color". By "color" I mean in the way he dressed and lived his life. Dale's sport coats ranged from hot pink, to bright yellow, to the most outlandish plaid you would ever want to see. In addition to being a Rotarian, Dale was "Pinky" the clown and brought smiles to children and adults alike through his service with the Shriners. Anytime you met Dale and asked how he was, his comment was always "FANTASTIC!"

If you knew Dale, you know that all this "color" was not about bringing attention to himself. It was about his love for life and helping others. Dale would light up the room; not just by his bold colored clothing, but also by his infectious smile. The service he did cannot be measured in numbers. He devoted his life to helping others and while doing so, brought some "color" into their efforts, struggles and lives.

February is "Rotary's Peace and Conflict Resolution" month. It becomes disheartening when we see the terrorist attacks, governments that refuse their citizens the basic rights of freedom and equality, Anti-Semitism, sex and human trafficking, bullying, random shootings, and our government and elected officials that often cannot agree on the simplest of matters. I could go on, but I think you get my point; there is a lot of conflict in our world.

While individually we cannot directly effect change for Peace and Conflict Resolution in the world, we, as Rotarians, promote these principles in our communities. For a great example of how "The Power of Rotary" can help effect this change I encourage you to pick up this month's edition of the Rotarian and read the articles titled "More Than a Library" and "Rwanda's Not-So-Distant Horror".

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Dear Fellow Rotarians.

We hope everyone is getting as excited about this year's District Conference as we are. All year we have been promoting the conference with the focus on family and fun. The purpose of District Conference is to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments our members, Clubs and District have had throughout the year, while providing for a memorable fellowship experience. In order to achieve these successes, there is a great deal of hard work that is done, often behind the scenes, and requires a good deal of our time. In some cases, this means taking time away from our families in order to achieve the desired results, and in some cases, it involves the family to help pull things off.

Over the next couple of weeks we will be sending an email to every member of our District as well as our club presidents and secretaries with information on the conference and how you can register and make hotel reservations. We encourage everyone to consider attending the conference so that our family can celebrate with you and your family the successes you have accomplished and thank you for all you have done for your community, our District and Rotary.

Yours in the Family of Rotary,

*Ken, Cindy, Leah, Laura, Brian,
James, Joven and Jadon*

FEBRUARY

is

Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month



February is Peace and Conflict Prevention and Resolution Month

It's the perfect time to become a Peacebuilder! What is your Club already doing to promote peace in RI's 6 areas of focus????

Peacebuilder Clubs Update: Welcome Slippery Rock!

District #7280's effort to become the first district in the world in which every club is designated a Peacebuilder Club by Rotary International is still creeping along with one more joining the ranks. Welcome to Slippery Rock, who is the 12th Club in our District to become a Peacebuilder! Only 31 more to go! RI has made the process SO simple. Your Club's Board agrees to submit your very simple one-page [application, which is normally](#) processed within a single working day. Then you will be able to find your Club on the global [Peacebuilder Map](#) for all the world to see your Club's commitment to peace.

Time to Apply for RI Peace Fellowships!!!!

The 2021 Rotary Peace Fellowship application **opens on 3 February 2020**. Candidates have **until 31 May to submit** applications to their District.

Each year, the Rotary Foundation awards up to 50 fellowships for master's degrees and 50 for certificate studies. The fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship and field-study expenses. It would be so great if District 7280 could recommend at least two worthy candidates to RI for consideration in each category:

- Ⓜ **Master's degree programs:** Rotary awards fellowships for master's degrees in peace and development studies at six premier universities around the world. Teaching is grounded in practical research, and students have diverse backgrounds and professional experience. Programs vary in length from 15 to 24 months and include two to three months of applied field experience designed by the peace fellow.
- Ⓜ **Professional development certificate program:** Takes place at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand and at the new Rotary Peace Center that will open in 2021 at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda. Experienced leaders gain practical tools for promoting peace and international development during an intensive, 3-month program, which includes a preliminary online course, a 10-week on-site course, field studies, a social change initiative, and a one-week on-site capstone seminar.

Our District Peace Committee would be very pleased if you would pass on the information to anyone you think would make a globally competitive candidate. Application information is available here: <https://my.rotary.org/en/peace-fellowship-application>. Please contact District Peace Committee Chair Diane Chido for additional information and to submit applications: dchido@dcanalytcis.net.

A benefactor has offered to help and 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 every \$1 to make any member a first time PHF. For example, if a member has never donated to the Rotary Foundation 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 addition \$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 Ken a copy of the online receipt or donor form showing the amount donated. This can be done via email or hard copy. After DG Ken is able to verify the donation amount, the point transfer will be requested and the PHF recognition will be sent to the Club President.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR MESSAGE - *Continued from Page 1*

Earlier this year we encouraged our clubs to consider becoming a “Peacebuilder Club”, and to the twelve clubs that have done so, thank you. To those clubs that have not taken this initiative, I encourage you to consider doing so. “Peacebuilder Clubs” play a vital role in sparking passion and a direction for peace within our Rotary clubs, districts and communities. A central part of the mission of Rotary is to empower Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace. Peacebuilder clubs commit to engage in dialogues and projects that promote positive peace in their communities and across the globe. Building peace may seem like a daunting task, but the Rotarian Action Group for Peace has identified the “Simplify, Unify, and Engage” approach, which paves a more do-able, effective and successful path to peace and nonviolence.

We may never end all of the conflict, but if we can add more “color” in all that we do and view everyday as “Fantastic”, our attitude can become infectious and spread throughout the world. We need to be the “Pinky’s” of the world. By sharing our love of life and service with others we can help them realize that this is the true meaning of “Peace”.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Ken



*Remembering the
amazing legacy of
Dale Pinkerton.*

By Jack Cohen, District Membership Chair

To all our Rotarians in District 7280, I want to wish you all a healthy and happy new year!

How many of you have a list of the alumni that have left your club? When is the last time you have contacted them? I just did that with my club and invited them back in to have breakfast with me at one of our meetings. Believe it or not, four out of 10 agreed to come and see what is going on. Now despite the fact that I hosted their breakfast, the idea is that by reaching out, we may be able to bring back past members to the club again. And if they do come, get them engaged in one of your projects and give them a reason to stay. This will be a great opportunity to add members back into your club and expand.

If you have any great ideas to share, please do. It would be great to hear from you.

Jack

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DISTRICT FOUNDATION UPDATE

District 7280 giving as of January 2020 YTD compared to January 2019 YTD

	2020	2019
Clubs who have given:	34 of 43 (79.1%)	31 of 43 (72.1%)
Number of Members: <i>July 1 values</i>	1301	1330
Annual Program Fund Giving Year to Date:	\$94,164.13	\$74,698.60
Annual Fund per Capita Giving Year to Date:	\$72.38	\$56.16

Clubs that have achieved or exceeded the \$100 per capita mark:

1. Cranberry Township	\$249.09
2. Sharon	\$196.70
3. Greenville	\$190.88
4. Evans City	\$184.38
5. Kane	\$147.92
6. Presque Isle	\$142.36
7. Slippery Rock	\$141.43
8. Zelienople	\$139.89
9. Butler	\$141.60
10. Clarion	\$120.69
11. Port Allegany	\$119.45



Members of the Rotary Club of Presque Isle, along with AG Lisa Graff and Ken and Cindy Fleeson served hot dogs, chili and hot chocolate to those that attended the Presque Isle "Snow Day".



Congratulations to Kai Skinner, winner of District 7280's Servant Leader Scholarship. Pictured left to right: DG Ken Fleeson, Kai Skinner, District Scholarship Chair Randy Richardson, and PDG and District Foundation Co-Chair Patty Meehan.



Portersville-Prospect Rotarians and spouses gather at the home of PDG Mike and JoAnn Visconti for their first meeting of 2020.



District 7280 Keystone
Rotary
International E-Club



PRESENTS

**VOLUNTEERING AT THE
"WE ARE ONE" REFUGEE
CENTER IN SAMOS**

February 7th at 2:00pm EST

Join via ZOOM:

<https://zoom.us/j/202547917>

Elizabeth Gowing is a storyteller for those making positive change in the world. A writer and presenter who shares her stories on BBC Radio 4, she also offers training and consultancy.

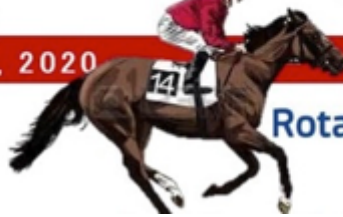


A Night at the Races

Sponsored by Rich-Mar Rotary

Friday, February 7, 2020

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh - Cranberry
910 Sheraton Dr, Mars, PA 16046
Doors Open at 6:00pm ~ Post Time at 7:00pm
Proceeds Benefit Community Service Projects



Rotary



40TH ANNUAL CLARION ROTARY RADIO AUCTION

Saturday, February 29, 2020
Listen to WWCH Radio 13 AM/94.1 FM
C-93 WCCR 92.7 FM and
Live Internet Stream on C93Radio.com



CRANBERRY NOON ROTARY PRESENTS NIGHT AT THE RACES

Friday, February 7, 2020 at 6pm
Richland Fire Hall

5857 Meridian Rd, Gibsonia, PA 15044

Dinner at 6pm • Races begin at 7pm

Ticket Includes: Horse for 1 Race, Dinner, Beer
May Bring Your Own Snacks, Wine, Liquor
Donation \$40.00

UPCOMING CLUB FUNDRAISERS AROUND THE DISTRICT

Check Club Facebook Pages & Websites for
More Information



BRADFORD
ROTARY CLUB

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

All You Can Eat Pancakes, Sausage and Eggs

Sunday, February 9, 2020 – 9:00 am – 12:30 pm



SATURDAY, FEB 8, 2020

Chocolate Indulgence

ROTARY CLUB OF
MT. JEWETT

Punxsy Rotary Auction

March 21, 2020



DIEHL Butler AM Rotary's
TOYOTA **CARVED IN ICE** 2020
DiehlToyotaButler.com

Festival and Chili Cook-Off

New This Year - Night & Day

Friday, Feb. 21 • 5pm - 8pm
Saturday, Feb. 22 • 11am - 4pm

Rotary  OF DUBOIS

RADIO AUCTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020

CALL-BID WIN!

ALL PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY BACK
TO OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY!



Port Allegany Rotary
Sunday, March 1, 2020



SAT, MAR 21, 2020 AT 7:30 AM
2020 Shamrock Shuffle
Grace Church of Harmony, PA

Zelienople

District 7280 Calendar

FEBRUARY 2020

February 2020	Peace and Conflict Prevention / Resolution Month
February 1, 2020	PETS Orientation – GoToMeeting
February 1, 2020	RLI, Bellefonte, PA
February 5, 2020	PETS Orientation – GoToMeeting
February 10, 2020	PETS Orientation – GoToMeeting
February 15, 2020	District Finance Committee Meeting – Clarion, PA
February 15, 2020	District Strategic Planning Committee Meeting – Clarion, PA
February 19, 2020	PETS Orientation - GoToMeeting
February 23, 2020	Rotary's 115 th Anniversary
March 2020	Water and Sanitation Month
March 6-8, 2020	PETS & AG Training, Penn Stater, State College, PA
March 28, 2020	RLI, Johnstown, PA
April 2020	Maternal and Child Health Month
April 18, 2020	District Assembly, Dawndi's, Franklin, PA
April 25, 2020	RLI, Muncy, Pa
April 30, 2020	Zone 33 District Membership Chair Summit – Charlottesville, VA
May 2020	Youth Service Month
May 1-2, 2020	Zone 33 Leadership Team Training Seminar – Charlottesville, VA
May 9, 2020	RLI, Zelienople, PA
May 15-17, 2020	District Conference, Doubletree, Cranberry Twp., PA
June 2020	Rotary Fellowships Month
June 6-10, 2020	111 th Rotary International Convention, Honolulu, Hawaii
June 27, 2020	RLI, Shepherdstown, WV



The Third Annual 'Shine for ShelterBox' Evening of Gourmet Dining Fundraiser, hosted by District ShelterBox Ambassadors John Marshall and Tom Grant, will be held on **Saturday, April 25**, 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 at www.rotarydistrict7280.org Email article suggestions, comments and / or questions to Kathy Corcoran, District Public Image Chair at corcoran7667@gmail.com

CALL FOR DISTRICT TEAM MEMBERS!

All members of Rotary District 7280 are encouraged to volunteer to be a member of one of our District teams:

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| *Community Service | *Peace Fellows |
| *Foundation | *Public Image |
| *Interact | *Scholarships |
| *Membership | *Strategic Planning |

We invite you to share your experience and talents to help strengthen and support clubs in our District.

If you have an interest in serving on one of these committees, please contact Ken Fleeson by email at kfleeson@lectromat.com, or by phone at 724-355-1619.