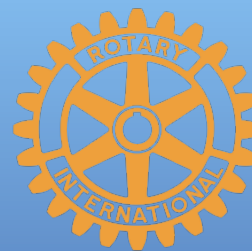




# Rotary

## 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*

I hope everyone enjoyed a safe and happy holiday season with family and friends. My best wishes to everyone for a healthy and prosperous Happy New Year.

December was busy joining clubs for their Light-Up Nights, Ringing the Bell for the Salvation Army or attending holiday socials and parties. As we throw out our 2019 calendars and open our 2020 ones, we are half way through our Rotary year. Someone recently said, "...your year is half over". My response was "the year is half started". There is still a lot that I would like to accomplish and I hope our clubs feel the same way.

Since July 1, 2019, we have a net gain of 17 new members and from what I hear there are a couple more in the wings. Kudos to those clubs that have been successful in growing their club. I hope all clubs continue to focus on how they can attract new members and "Grow Rotary". There are discussions in at least two areas of the district about the possibility of satellite clubs being organized. We currently have two satellite clubs that offer individuals that cannot be a member of the "traditional club", the opportunity to be a Rotarian and fulfill their passion for service. Please let us know if you would like more information or support on how your club can adapt and find new ways to attract members.

Our giving year to date to The Rotary Foundation is up over last year. To those that have given and continue to give, I thank you for your support. As Rotarians we are asked to give of our time, talents and treasures. We all have many choices of organizations we can choose to support financially. As you consider where you would like your "treasures" to go, please consider that over 94% of what we give to The Rotary Foundation not only supports international projects, but helps support projects in our local communities, through District Grants. *Continued on Page 3.*

### **DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN MAY**

We hope everyone is putting May 15 – 17, 2020 on their calendar to attend our District Conference at the Double Tree North in Cranberry Twp., PA. This is a time for us all to celebrate the year, network with fellow Rotarians and share accomplishments.

This year's conference will focus on fun and family. We hope everyone will consider including their spouses/partners, family members, children, grandchildren and guests in our celebration.

A member of our District has offered two challenges regarding attendance at the conference. For those clubs in Butler County that have the highest attendance, 1,000 points will be awarded to the club toward their next Paul Harris Fellow. For those clubs outside of Butler County that have the highest attendance, 1,000 points will be awarded toward their next Paul Harris Fellow. In both cases, attendance includes club members, spouses/partners, family members, children, grandchildren and guests. More information on how to register for the conference will be coming soon.

JANUARY

*is*

*Vocational Service Month*

The fight against Polio has been met with a challenge this year. While Nigeria is on track to be declared as polio free this spring, the number of wild polio virus cases have increased in Afghanistan and Pakistan. As of December 20, 2019, there were 24 new cases of polio reported YTD in Afghanistan as compared to 21 cases for all of 2018. Pakistan however has seen an increase from 11 new cases in 2018 to 101 YTD in 2019.

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative is focusing on reaching every last child in Pakistan with vaccines, strengthening surveillance and maintaining political commitment, financial resources and technical support at all levels.



*NID's have commenced in Pakistan. Some of our members may recognize PDG Irfan Qureshi in these photos. Irfan was the team leader of the Group Study Exchange Team from Pakistan which visited our District in the spring of 2011.*

*Irfan, currently the Zonal Coordinator in Pakistan, is helping to give the Oral Polio Vaccine to Children at the Karachi Railway Station.*

Polio cases have been reduced by 99.9% worldwide. Due to political and geographic obstacles, the last 0.1% is going to be the hardest to overcome. In order to do so, we must continue to support this initiative. To those individuals and clubs that have given to Polio Plus this year, thank you for your commitment to help make our world Polio Free. To those individual and clubs that have not given, I ask you please consider to do so.

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*

If you have not considered The Rotary Foundation as part of your support, I ask you to please do so.

I will be working with our Area Governors to organize combined meetings with clubs in January and February. These meetings will be open to all board and club members to help build collaboration and allow for sharing of ideas and experiences. In addition, I hope to support our clubs and the district in any way I can to increase our connectivity, enhance our participation, Grow Rotary, and hopefully we can all become "Simply Irresistible". In order to do so, I would like to participate in as many club fundraising activities and community service projects as possible.

I will also be working with DGE Beth Marshall as she starts planning for her year as District Governor for 2020-21. Beth will be attending International Assembly in San Diego this month. Coupled with the Governor Elect Trainings she has been through over the last two years, she will no doubt have a list of items she will want to accomplish and will be sharing this vision with the club President Elect's at the upcoming President Elect trainings. I encourage clubs to start think about what has worked and what has not this year and use this information to find ways to make your club more successful in the coming Rotary year.

Yours in Rotary Service,

**Ken**



*By Jack Cohen, Membership Chair*

Not only are we going into a new decade, but we're also going to look at 2020 as a way to improve our vision on what we see and do in Rotary. As membership is one of the biggest keys for Rotary and our district these days, what can we do to retain our existing members and bring in new members? Each one of us has a responsibility to keep our existing members active and find out why they joined Rotary and how we can make sure we give them what they came for.

We should not lose sight of the goals we have put into place. Let's look and see how we can achieve them. With a new year right in front of us, let's reflect on what we've done and what we still need to do. Wishing you a happy holiday season and a happy new year.

Jack Cohen  
District 7280 Membership Chair

## DISTRICT FOUNDATION UPDATE

### District 7280 giving as of December 2019 YTD compared to December 2018 YTD

	2019	2018
Clubs with Foundation Goals:	23 of 42 (100%)	43 of 43 (100%)
<i>Please have your Goals entered as soon as possible</i>		
Number of Members:	1301	1330
<i>July 1 values</i>		
Annual Program Fund Giving Year to Date:	\$79,251.30	\$68,916.00
Annual Fund per Capita Giving Year to Date:	\$60.92	\$51.82

### Top 3 Clubs YTD Per Capita Giving:

Cranberry Township	\$241.94
Greenville	\$190.02
Presque Isle	\$178.93



To date this Rotary Year, eight Rotary clubs in our District have contributed a total of more than \$ 5,000 to ShelterBox USA. The Rotary Clubs of Erie, Rich-Mar and Zelienople have been recognized as “Shelter Box Heroes” for 2019-20 and have achieved the Bronze Level with donations of \$1,000.00 each.

With our support, ShelterBox USA has responded 11 times to reach communities affected by natural disasters and conflict. We have helped provide aid to over 145,000 people in four conflict related and seven natural disaster responses in 2019.

Our help has reached across nine countries: Bangladesh, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Malawi, Nigeria, Paraguay, The Philippines, Somalia (Somaliland), and Syria. ShelterBox USA also sent assessment teams to The Bahamas, Comoros, Greece, Republic of Congo and Burkina Faso.

If you would like more information on ShelterBox USA and how you and/or your club can support their efforts, please visit [www.shelterboxusa.org](http://www.shelterboxusa.org) or contact our district Shelter Box Ambassador, Tom Grant at [tnelson@gmail.com](mailto:tnelson@gmail.com).



Tom and Marie Grant (center) and family with ShelterBox display.

## THE ROTARY FOUNDATION – 2019 FACTS

### 2018-19 Total Contributions: \$395.2 (in millions)



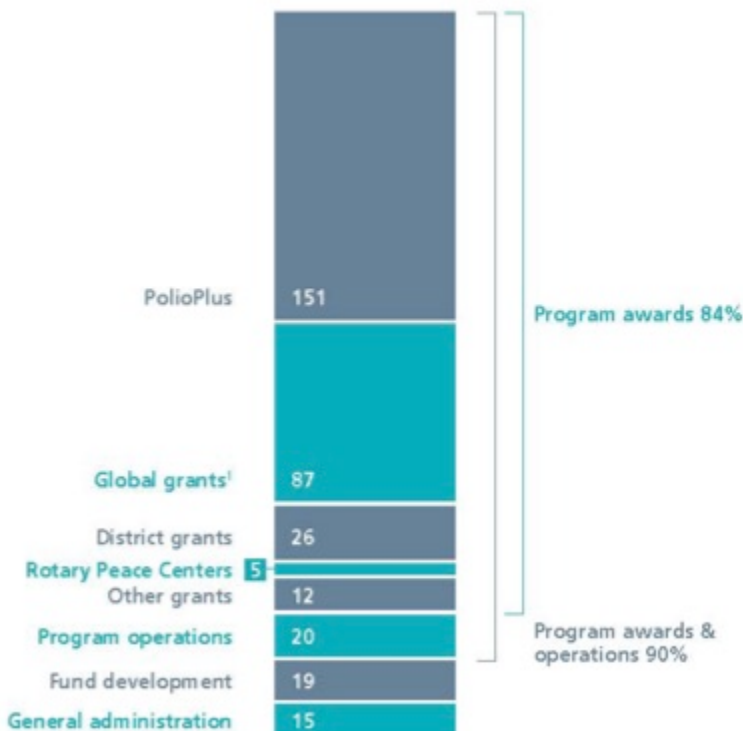
<sup>1</sup> Net of returned funds and other adjustments

<sup>2</sup> Polio transfers

<sup>3</sup> Total new commitments to the Endowment Fund

<sup>4</sup> Includes cash contributions to global grants, the donor advised fund, and directed gifts

### 2018-19 Total Expenditures: \$335 (in millions)



## *Peacebuilder Clubs Update: Cranberry-Sunrise and Grove City bring us to 11!*



District #7280's nine Peacebuilder Clubs have been joined this month by TWO more! Grove City and Cranberry-Sunrise are our newest Peacebuilder Clubs, which bring us to double digits at 11. There are only 32 Clubs left to join by having their boards agree to submit their [applications](#) today and helping us become the first District in the

world to have all its Clubs designated Peacebuilders. When you send in the application, it is usually processed within a single working day and your Club is placed almost immediately on the global [Peacebuilder Map](#) for all the world to see your Club's commitment to peace. Let's make 2020 a year to Focus on Peace!

### *District 7280 Peace Projects*

We want the whole District to know what your Club is up to as we all strive to build peace through Rotary. As you know, Rotary International considers any service toward any of [Rotary's six Areas of Focus](#) to be service in peacebuilding, so send me updates on the projects you are doing as individual Clubs so we can highlight them here and see what a collective impact we are making toward peace in our Clubs, our communities and our District. My email address is [dchido@dcanalytics.net](mailto:dchido@dcanalytics.net)

### *Rotarian Action Group for Peace*

The [Rotarian Action Group for Peace](#) is an action-driven group of Rotarians, Rotarians' spouses and Rotaractors working together for the purpose of advancing peace and preventing wars throughout the world. The Rotarian Action Group for Peace was formed in 2012 as a group of Rotarians, recognized by Rotary International, focused on providing a network and resources to further the peace and conflict resolution work of Rotarians around the globe.

This official entity empowers and supports the peace work of Rotarians by offering structure, guidance and resources to further their peace efforts. Rotary International has a very strong commitment to peace efforts around the world. One of the objectives of The Rotarian Action Group for Peace is to forge a path for existing Rotary peace programs, such as the Rotary Peace Fellows, to become involved directly with Rotarians and their activities.

RAG-P provides a global network for its members to partner with:

- Rotary Peace Fellows
- Rotary Youth Exchange Participants
- Group Study Exchange
- New Generations
- Rotary sponsored program participants
- Civil society organizations around the world
- Other peace-minded citizens



## UPCOMING CLUB FUNDRAISERS AROUND THE DISTRICT

-- Check Club Facebook Pages & Websites for More Information

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### 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.<sup>00</sup>



SATURDAY, FEB 8, 2020

### **Chocolate Indulgence**

Mt. Jewett Veterans Memorial Club

ROTARY CLUB OF MT. JEWETT



### Punxsy Rotary Auction

*Details Forthcoming*

### 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

JANUARY 2020

January, 2020	Vocational Service Month
January 1, 2020	Updates of Club membership due to Rotary International
January 11, 2020	RLI, Monroeville, PA
January 19 -25, 2020	International Assembly, San Diego, CA DGE Beth Marshall will attend
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 <sup>th</sup> 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, Zellenople, PA
May 15-17, 2020	District Conference, Doubletree, Cranberry Twp., PA
June 2020	Rotary Fellowships Month
June 6-10, 2020	111 <sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.rotarydistrict7280.org) Email article suggestions, comments and /or questions to Kathy Corcoran, District Public Image Chair at [corcoran7667@gmail.com](mailto: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:

- \*Community Service
- \*Foundation
- \*Interact
- \*Membership
- \*Peace Fellows
- \*Public Image
- \*Scholarships
- \*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](mailto:kfleeson@lectromat.com), or by phone at 724-355-1619.