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COMMUNITY SERVICE ON A GLOBAL BASIS

MAY 2018

THE NEWSLETTER OF ROTARY DISTRICT 7300

Including Allegheny, Beaver and Parts
of Westmoreland Counties,
Pennsylvania



Dear Rotary Friends:

I can never send out as many kudos to our clubs as I want to! But here is one:

Congratulations to the **Swissvale Rotary Club**, whose members not only heeded the call to plant at least one tree, they went even further and planted multiple trees in a parklet in Swissvale AND ALSO designed and implemented sidewalks and path lighting. To do all this, the Swissvale Rotary Club joined with Deneen's Garden Club, the Swissvale Shade Tree Committee and Nine Mile Run Watershed Association. (See action photo, p. 2.)

The parklet is at the corner of S. Braddock Avenue and Church Street.

Let's Keep Planting Those Trees!

District Governor Ward Garner

And the Indian Headdress Goes To:...



On 29 April 2018 at Longwood in Oakmont, PA, PDG Jim Simmermon (center) was honored at a roast, celebrating his 92nd birthday, 62 years of Rotary service, and perfect attendance. Jim reciprocated the awards theme by presenting a headdress to PDG Bob Arbuckle and a large magnet to PDG Denny Crawford to help Denny with his horse shoe game! As witness PDG Linda Fischer Bruce reports regarding the luncheon celebration, "For as much as the speakers dished out, Jim got back at them once he provided his closing remarks" and "Jim is a true Icon of our District."



WORLDWIDE POLIO UPDATE

As of April 26, 2018,
there have still
been only 8 cases
of Wild Polio
Virus reported in
the world, this
year.--PDG Walt
Sickles

**AT LEFT: SWISSVALE
ROTARY CLUB
PLANTS
MANY TREES**

FLIGHT 93 REMEMBERED

by Charlie Skinner

At the 2 May 2018 meeting of the Rotary Club of Fox Chapel Area, **Pennsylvania State Police Commander David Lieberum** and one of his colleagues told us about the plot and takeover of **Flight 93** on **September 11, 2001**, and about the Pennsylvania State Police's response to the crash site and the crime scene at Shanksville, Pennsylvania. It was a riveting session that had everyone transfixed. The story of Flight 93 was very touching, and the memorial is a place of peace.

David Lieberum entered the Pennsylvania State Police in 1983. Upon completion of cadet training, he was assigned to Beaver County Station. After 7 years he was assigned to the Criminal Investigation Unit as an investigator/detective at the Beaver Station. After a distinguished career, in 2007 he was assigned as the Station Commander of Troop B Pittsburgh Station, from which he retired in 2008.

Pictured below: The Wall of Names running along Flight 93's final flight path.





SPELLING BEES EVERYWHERE

The Rotary Club of Pittsburgh sponsored its Third Grade Spelling Bee at the downtown Urban Pathways Charter School, on 23 April 2018. Pictured with the winners is Rotary Club of Pittsburgh President Mike Smith, and Spelling Bee Chair Gladys Maharam to his right, with the teachers and triumphant students.



District 7300 Board

Did you know we have a Job Board on the home page of the District 7300 website? This is a good place for Rotarians to post job openings in their companies, and for those who are seeking employment to post their resumes. The Job Board is a relatively new feature on the website, but we look forward to new postings as they come in. For job seekers, post your resume so potential employers have a resource for finding qualified employees with character. For Rotarians in business, post your job openings on the Job Board ... and hire Rotarians!

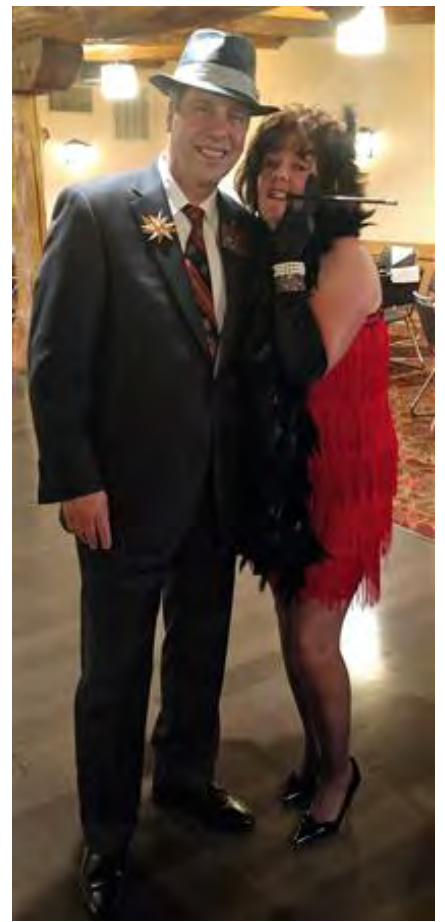
DISTRICT CONFERENCE PHOTOS

If you were able to attend the District Conference of the Rotary District 7300 at Seven Springs, Mountain Resort, 17-20 May 2018, then you will enjoy seeing a few photographs as remembrances. If you could not attend--you will definitely enjoy a few glimpses of the fun. Photos courtesy of the District Photographer Brian Schill.

Photos continue pages 4 through 8--with more next month!.











Dowries in Rwanda

[excerpts from a narrative by Bob Dove]

“How many cows is she worth?”

International Women’s Day was celebrated at Urukundo by Mama Arlene’s treating all the women of Urukundo (including Amy) to Fanta and sambusa (goat meat pies). Rwandan women are highly valued. Unlike the old European and Asian customs of the bride’s family presenting the groom’s family with a dowry, in Rwanda and some other African countries the groom’s family must present the bride’s family with her value in cows or cash. Amy and I first learned of this custom when she was teaching English classes for the faculty at Urukundo Learning Center. When she asked the two classes of teachers to select topics for debates – two per class – one topic selected was “Dowries are an important sign of recognition to a bride’s family.”

Women in Rwanda provide much of the physical labor on the small farms that provide the backbone of the economy (often with babies strapped to their backs), and they are considered men’s equals in business and politics. The family that will lose a woman to marriage and to her husband’s family, loses an asset for which they wish to be compensated.

We attended a dowry party for Betty, a ten-year veteran “auntie” for the kids at Urukundo on Saturday, March 31. We were also invited to the wedding and reception. With the Dowry party scheduled for noon, a group of us left Urukundo at 12:30 in an SUV and a mini-bus. Nothing in Rwanda ever starts on time. Arriving in Muhanga City at 12:45, we made our way to the dowry party and found that we were the first people to arrive. As the only Umuzungus, Amy, Arlene and I sat in the front row with other honored guests and family members of the bride. A protocol officer (spelled protocole on all badges) moved us to the opposite tent, where the bride’s party was to sit. About 20 minutes later the groom’s family and friends began to filter into the seats on the opposite side of the field.

Then the Emcee recited poetry and outlined the events and people of the day. The groom’s side requested the hand of Betty in marriage and the bride’s side said, “Betty who?” with other bantering. After exchanges of smaller gifts, the groom’s side offered cow-related gifts: two hoe heads to cultivate crops to feed the cows, a Jerry can to carry milk, a sickle to cut grass to feed the cows, and a large bin to hold water for the cows to drink from. The bride’s side then asked the main question: “How many cows?” The grooms side considered this for a while and finally offered eight cows and one bull. The bride’s side made a gesture to send someone to check on the health of the cows, but finally accepted the offer. The groom then took his seat at the head table to wait for the bridal party.

The buffet lunch was paid for by the bride’s side and included a lively entertainment of two men in costume singing and performing the “cow dance.” Neighborhood children slipped under the tent to scavenge what food they could from the abandoned plates and chairs. The mamas encouraged this and helped round up food for these unfortunate kids.

HELP WANTED!

Rotary District 7300 is looking for two volunteers for key leadership positions:

District Treasurer;

and

District Secretary BACK-UP to Secretary Sandra Rebholz

Please respond with job application and resume to

Secretary@rotarydistrict7300.org



Rotary Club of Fox Chapel Area Honors Fox Chapel High and Shady Side Seniors

The Rotary Club of Fox Chapel Area this month honored 15 seniors at Fox Chapel Area High School and 10 at Shady Side Academy for academic excellence while meeting the Rotary ideals of good citizenship and service to their school and community. The awards were present on both May 9 and May 16, 2018.

Jacob Klein of FCAHS and Leila Skinner of SSA were each awarded \$2,000 Service Above Self Scholarship by Fox Chapel Rotary. Twenty students, chosen by the various academic departments at the respective schools, were given \$200 cash awards. Two others were awarded Honorable Mention in the Service Above Self competition and given a \$200 prize.

Fox Chapel President Tom Benic said the annual awards luncheons at the Pittsburgh Field Club are highlights of the year for the club. “We invited the parents this year and had our largest meeting attendance ever on back-to-back Wednesdays,” Benic said. “It is truly inspiring to listen to each student talk about their accomplishments and goals. Both local schools and parents in the community are obviously doing a fine job in not only educating the next generation but also instilling ideals of good citizenship. Rotary is only too happy to recognize this excellence.

STRIKE OUT POLIO!!! At a Pirate Game, 7 July 2018 4:05 pm!

The Pittsburgh Pirates, along with Rotary, invite you to join us for Strike Out Polio Day at PNC Park! Come out and watch the Pirates take on the Philadelphia Phillies while raising awareness for the Rotary's Strike Out Polio program!

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change-across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. The eradication of polio is one of our longest standing and most significant efforts. Along with our partners, we have helped immunize more than 2.5 billion children against polio in 122 countries. We have reduced polio cases by 99.9% worldwide and we won't stop until we end the disease for good.

A portion of all ticket proceeds will benefit Rotary's Strike Out Polio program.

Please note - additional ticket price information:

· *Outfield Box ticket purchases include your game ticket and \$5 in Loaded Value credit, good for concessions and merchandise throughout PNC Park on the day of the game.*

<https://www.mlb.com/pirates/tickets/specials/rotary-strike-out-polio>

Use the Coupon Code: ROTARY



District Conference Sunday

On Sunday, the last day of District Conference, Catholic Rotarians attended Mass in the Wintergreen Room at Seven Springs.



Earlier that morning, a Memorial Service was held to honor District 7300 Rotarians who had passed during the 2017-18 Rotary year, a beautiful yellow rose and candle for each one.

When the service ended, Linda Fischer Bruce, Sandra Rebholz and Kelli Robbins took the roses to the Wintergreen Room and placed them on the small altar for the Mass.

Father Richard, from the Franciscan Friars of Loretto, PA, celebrated the Mass. On entering the room and seeing the roses, he was delighted. The Rotarians in attendance were also delighted to learn that Father Richard is also a Rotarian!

Later, Father Richard shared with Linda, Sandra and Kelli that he prays a little prayer to St. Therese of Lisieux, also known as the “Little Flower of Jesus”, every morning. As a sign that prayers are heard, St. Therese sends a rose. It’s amazing how these roses come so unexpectedly out of the blue, so he was overjoyed to receive the roses ... and to know his prayers were heard.



In Memory 2017 – 2018

May 10, 2018	Charles "Chuck" Kellen	1923-2018	Past RI President Rotary Club of Canton, PA
May 2, 2018	Laura Jean Detrick	1963-2018	Upper St. Clair-Bethel Park Spouse of Richard Detrick
December 31, 2017	Lisa J. Bowden Swenson	1926-2017	Oakmont-Verona Rotary Club Spouse of PEG Bowden Swenson
December 26, 2017	John R. McLaughlin, Jr.	1928-2017	Blower Rotary Club
December 20, 2017	Johnnie C. Corns	1961-2017	Myersville Rotary Club
December 16, 2017	P. G. "Toot" Rawns, MD	1939-2017	Myersville Rotary Club Spouse of PEG Rawns MD
December 14, 2017	Michael Parnell	1961-2017	Churchill-Wilkins Rotary Club
December 13, 2017	Lawrence C. Schodding	1943-2017	Seneca Valley Rotary Club Rotary Member
November 24, 2017	Robert J. "Bub" Bridges	1937-2017	Diamond MI Lebanon-Castle Shannon Rotary Club
November 11, 2017	Mark A. Hochstetler	1958-2017	Ambridge Rotary Club Spouse of Sharon Hochstetler
October 24, 2017	Scott R. Reynolds	1956-2017	Diamond MI Lebanon-Castle Shannon Rotary Club
October 20, 2017	Clara L. Kern	1933-2017	Oakmont-Verona Rotary Club Spouse of Fred PEG Kern
August 17, 2017	Rev. Regis M. Farmer	1946-2017	Hampton Rotary Club
July 14, 2017	Robert Burton Hackett	1938-2017	Upper St. Clair-Bethel Park Rotary Club Rotary Member
February 8, 2017	Robert C. Becker	1929-2017	Fox Chapel Rotary Club Rotary Club member (see below)

THE ROTARY DISTRICT 7300 ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

INTRODUCING DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Singh Ajmani

Monday, August 27, 2018

EDGEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

Attach Business Card
or words printing on sign



QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
	Golf Hole Sponsorship	\$100.00	

Make checks payable to: ROTARY DISTRICT 7300

Mail to: Dan Kravetz • 134 Elm Drive • Trafford, PA 15085 • (412) 605-2337 • gdkravetz@gmail.com

COMPANY _____ Contact _____

Rotary Club of _____

CreditCard# _____ Exp. _____ CVV. _____

Name on Card _____ Phone _____

Card Billing Address _____ Zip code _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT DISTRICT 7300



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Singh Ajmani

Monday, August 27, 2018

EDGEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

100 Churchill Road • Pittsburgh, PA 15235 • (412) 823-7300

Light Lunch.....11:30 AM

Shotgun Start.....1:00 PM

Dinner, Awards and Surprises5:30 PM

All Inclusive Package - Only \$150.00

Return Completed Form & Check to:

Dan Kravetz • 134 Elm Drive. • Trafford, PA 15085 • (412) 605-2337

Make Checks Payable to: ROTARY DISTRICT 7300

Payment due no later than August 3, 2018

- ☐ Enclosed is a contribution of \$40 for dinner only (if not golfing).
- ☐ Enclosed is a contribution of \$600 for a foursome.
- ☐ Enclosed is a contribution of \$150 for each single golfer.
- ☐ Enclosed is a contribution of \$100 for a tee sponsorship.
- ☐ Enclosed is a contribution of \$675 for a foursome and tee sponsorship.

Tee Sign to Read: _____

\$150.00 per golfer fee includes: Lunch, 18 Holes of Golf, Golf Cart & Dinner

Contact Name (Company) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Rotary Club of _____

☐ I am registering as part of a foursome.
The remaining members of my group are:

☐ I am registering as an individual. (Please match me with three other golfers.)

CRAFTON-INGRAM ROTARY

26th Annual

Rib & Chicken Fest

& World Famous Llama Plop

August 2, 2018 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Crafton Park Shelter

Rotary



Raffles • Auctions • Llamas • Door Prizes

Rib Dinner Donation-\$20.00 (Baby Back Ribs)

Chicken Dinner Donation-\$18.00

Dinners include: Ear of corn, baked beans, coleslaw, hot dog, dessert & beverage.

Take out available



Llama Plop Tickets -\$20.00 / 1 chance in 100 to win \$1,000.00

Call for information and tickets: 412-922-8824 or 412-292-7109

Featuring Ribs & Chicken by: Roadside Ribs Catering 412-292-8156
www.roadsideribs.com



6th Annual
ROTARY DISTRICT 7300
LIVE NIGHT AT THE RACES



Friday July 27, 2017
Seating Starts at 5:00 PM
Buffet Food Served at 6:00 PM
Cost \$40.00 per Person

Make checks payable to: Rotary District 7300

All reservations are final and must be paid for rain or shine

Arrive early if you can, 4:00 - 4:30 PM would be best. Parking is free, shuttles are available if you use outer lots. It will be an Adios race so plan accordingly.

Our private room will be located downstairs.

Bring your friends and family to join in the FUN.

Welcome Singh Ajmani as the new District Governor 2018-2019 and honor Ward Garner for his 2017-2018 year.

Food, Fun, Fellowship & Cash Bar, Races Start at 5:00 PM

RSVP now! Deadline July 20.

***Dennis Piper, dennis@deptech.net, 412.292.7109
or 15 Noble Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15205***

GREEN TREE ROTARY

Annual Golf Classic



CHARTIERS COUNTRY CLUB

601 Baldwin Road • Pittsburgh, PA 15205

August 27, 2018

10:45 AM

Registration opens

11:00 AM

Driving range and practice greens open

12:00 PM

Shotgun Start / Scramble format

5:00 PM

Dinner

\$150 Admission includes the following:

- ✓ 18 holes of championship golf
- ✓ Access to driving range and practice greens
- ✓ Boxed lunch
- ✓ Buffet dinner
- ✓ On course refreshments
- ✓ Skill prizes including hole in one contest

Sponsorship Opportunities

\$1000 – Gold Sponsor

Includes Foursome, Flag Sponsor and Banner

\$200 – Flag Sponsor

\$100 – Hole Sponsor

Name of sponsor to display:

Guest Registration

Primary Contact Info for Golfer 1

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Foursome Registration:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Payment Options:

☐ Check Enclosed, or
to pay by phone using credit card contact
golf@greentreerotary.org (Visa, MC, Discover or Amex)

Return form via email to golf@greentreerotary.org

or to: **Green Tree Rotary**

10 W Manilla Ave. Pittsburgh PA 15220



25th ANNUAL DISTRICT 7300

INTERACT CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 26, 2018

CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL

PITTSBURGH WEST-GREEN TREE

7:30 AM-1:30 PM

District Governor – Janelle Randolph, Montour High School

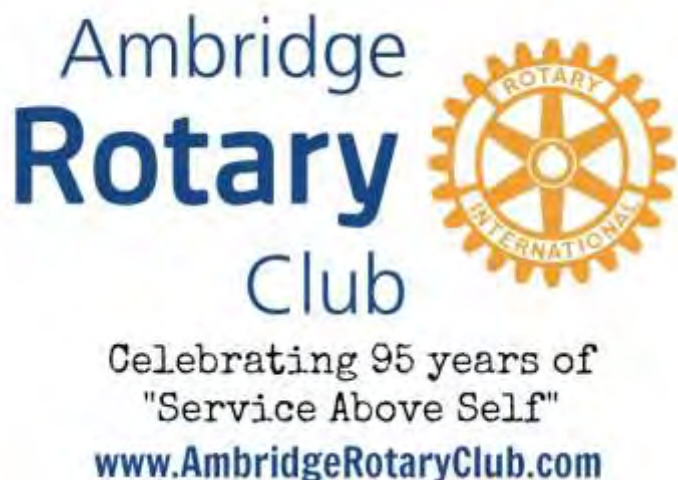
Board – Cathryn Holmes, South Park High School

Naomi Fry, Gateway High School

Kelsie Wagner, Thomas Jefferson High School

Keynote Speaker –Beth Caldwell

Executive Director Pittsburgh Professional Women



Sponsorship and Advertisement Opportunities

2018 Car Cruise and CommUnity Festival

July 21, 11 am – 7 pm

Located on Merchant Street
between 8th and 14th

Have your company name listed or announced on...	\$2000	\$1,000	\$500	\$250	\$100	\$40
Banners	X					
Flyers	X	X				
Shirts (deadline July 1)	X	X	X			
10 mins on Stage	X	X	X	X		
Website	X	X	X	X		
Booth (prices good until June 15 Limited Spaces)	X	X	X	X	X food	X Other
Your company can provide a giveaway for raffle or free handouts	X	X	X	X	X	X

Contact Ambridge Rotary Club at 724 264 5846 or AmbridgeRotaryClub@gmail.com



Send Information to Felicia@ Felicia Mycyk .Com or call / text for pick-up 724 264 5846

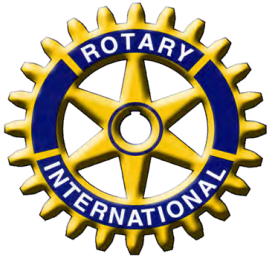
Name _____

Company _____

Contact Info Phone / Email

Level Chosen (circle One) \$2000, \$1,000, \$500, \$250, \$100, \$40

Please send all graphics to Felicia Mycyk @gmail.com



Shaler Area and Northern Allegheny Rotary Club
2018 Golf Outing
19TH ANNUAL ROTARY GOLF OUTING
Benefiting the Shaler Area and Northern Allegheny Rotary Club

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2018
Registration/Lunch – 11:00 AM
Shotgun Start – 12:30 PM

WILDWOOD GOLF CLUB
2195 Sample Road
Allison Park, PA 15101

Dinner/Silent Auction – 5:30 PM

Proceeds from this year's event will go to support the following local causes:

*College Scholarships for local high school seniors,
Support of local youth organizations, Emergency Services,
Libraries in our Northern communities, community projects, and
to the family of Michael Labella,
a young Shaler resident undergoing treatment
for Acute Myeloid Leukemia.*



SILENT AUCTION DURING DINNER FOR TREMENDOUS PRIZES!

PRIZES FOR TOP THREE TEAMS' SCORES!

LONG DRIVE, LONG PUTT and CLOSEST TO THE PIN CONTESTS!

During the history of this event, over \$150,000 has been raised and used in our communities!

Not only will this event be a great day of fellowship and sportsmanship, it will provide all guests the opportunity to learn more about Rotary and the importance of supporting your local Rotary Club.

Shaler Area and Northern Allegheny Rotary Club
2018 Golf Outing
CHOOSE YOUR SUPPORT LEVEL

_____ **Platinum Sponsor \$2,500**

Includes foursome, lunches, gifts, dinners, tee/green signs, recognition at the dinner

Sponsor Name: _____

Golfers: _____

_____ **Gold Sponsor \$1,000**

Includes lunch, golf, gift, and dinner for one golfer with all print/sign recognition

Sponsor Name: _____

Golfer: _____

_____ **Silver Sponsor \$500**

Recognition on signs and all printed materials

Sponsor Name: _____

_____ **Single Golfer \$150 Foursome \$600**

Includes lunch, golfing, gift, and dinner

Golfer(s): _____

_____ **Tee/Green Sponsor \$100**

Includes company sign at tee box or green on one of the 18 holes.

Sponsor Name: _____

_____ **Dinner Only \$50**

Name: _____

_____ **Premium Package Add-On \$40**

Includes 50/50 tickets, 2 mulligans (one each for front and back nine holes) and silent raffle tickets - these items will be sold at the event - with the Premium Package, these items will be prepared for you prior to the event, saving you precious practice time!

_____ **Total Amount Enclosed**

Please remit this portion of the brochure with check made payable to Northern Allegheny Rotary Club to:

Northern Allegheny Area Rotary Club
C/O Tony Rocco
1009 Perry Highway
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
412-902-3011

Please return no later than Monday, May 22 2018!

Please include all contact information:

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Club Affiliation (Circle one): Shaler Northern Allegheny