



Rotary

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November 2018

THE NEWSLETTER OF ROTARY DISTRICT 7300

Including Allegheny, Beaver and Parts of Westmoreland Counties, Pennsylvania



Dear Fellow Rotarians:

In late November and December each year, the fundraising clamor reaches deafening levels.

However, there is a quieter charity, that you already love, that needs you -- **Your Rotary Foundation.**

Giving to the Rotary Foundation (go to <rotary.org> or talk with your club officers) is not only an effective way to amplify your Rotary service--enough individual donations qualify members' clubs for District and International Rotary grant possibilities.

If you have not made your Rotary International year-end contribution, yet, would you please consider doing so now? Think of all the solid good your dollars will do--and thank you.

Yours in Rotary Service,

S. Singh Ajmani

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POLIO UPDATE

By PDG Walt Sickles

As of November 27, there have been 26 new cases of the Wild Polio Virus reported in the world this year. That, of course, is 26 too many; so we must keep up the fight to completely eradicate this horrible disease.

The above update is 9 more new cases than occurred by that date last year. This means that we MUST continue the inoculation campaign so that we really END POLIO NOW.

There is currently a problem scientists are working very hard to solve ... that is, some additional new polio cases are being caused by the vaccine itself. Let's hope and pray that this problem will be solved very soon.



Rotary District 7300 “Peace Float” in WPXI Holiday Parade

District 7300 participated in the 2018 WPXI Holiday Parade again this year ... our 25th consecutive year. It was a very rainy day, and although we all had ponchos and umbrellas, we were all freezing cold and wet. It was a terrible day for a parade, but in spite of the weather, the float showed well in the parade, and we had a million laughs!



The theme of the float is “Rotary Promotes Peace” and is known to WPXI as the “Rotary Peace Float”. Riding on the float were District Governor Singh and Surinder Ajmani, PDG Walt Sickles, District Secretary Sandra Rebholz, PDG Sue Kelly, Rotarian George Yamalis, and Singh’s son, Bob and his wife Karen Ajmani, with their two children, Andrew and Anna. Flags for many countries were mounted on the float, with two American flags prominently displayed. The centerpiece of the float was the big Rotary Wheel balloon.

PDG Mark Brilmeyer drove the tow car, and George Yamalis released eight white doves from the float as we passed the review stand.

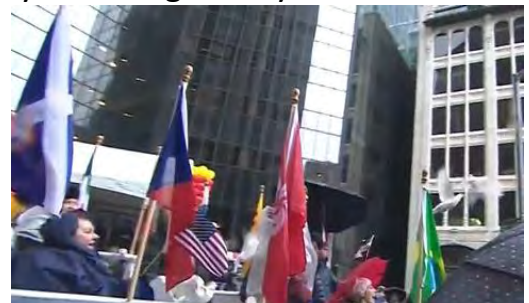


Alongside the float Rotary Exchange students from District 7300, 7330 and 7280, carrying the flags of their respective countries, and Interact students carrying flags of many other countries.

White doves are released at the review stand every year, symbolizing Rotary’s dedication to peace in the world.

George

Yamalis was our “Dove Meister” this year, and it was a perfect dove release.



The parade was narrated by WPXI David Johnson and Perry Finnegan.

To view the float: <https://www.wpxi.com/video?videoid=877897709&videoVersion=2.0> .

The clip is also posted on the District 7300 website: www.rotarydistrict7300.org and on the Rotary District 7300 page on Facebook.

Clothing Drive for Southern West Virginia – Another Great Success

by PDG Walt Sickles

For the second time in the last four years our 2014-2015 District Governor, Herm Dieckmann, spearheaded a project to help folks in the Pineville, WV, which is in Appalachia. Four years ago, over 100 mattresses and lots of clothes were taken to the St. Vincent DePaul Association office in Pineville for free distribution to the needy in the area.

Thanks to Haddad's Truck Rental in West Mifflin , we had a 16 foot box truck to deliver the many bags of clothing, especially coats, that completely filled that truck.

On Tuesday, November 13, I had the pleasure of accompanying Herm, as I did on the previous trip, to take this truckload of clothes down to Pineville.

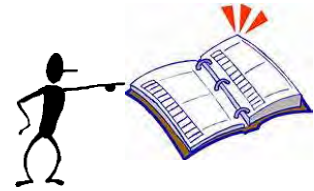
We left Upper St. Clair just after 8 AM and upon arriving in Pineville at about 1 PM there were four other folks waiting to help us unload the truck.



The participating clubs for the Pineville Project were: Ambridge, Beaver, Beaver Falls, Beaver Valley South, Bethel-St. Clair, Churchill-Wilkins, Crafton-Ingram, E-Club of Pittsburgh, Forest Hills, Greater McKees Rocks, Green Tree, Moon Township, New Brighton, North Boroughs, Northern Allegheny, Oakland, Oakmont-Verona, Parkway West, Penn Hills, Pittsburgh, Pleasant Hills, Quaker Valley, Sharpburg-Aspinwall & Turtle Creek Valley.



SAVE THE DATE



SAVE THE DATE – NOVEMBER 24, 2018

ROTARY DISTRICT 7300 FLOAT IN WPXI HOLIDAY PARADE
RYE, INTERACT, ROTARACT, STUDENTS WELCOME!



SAVE THE DATE – NOVEMBER 30, 2018

WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL - HEINZ HISTORY CENTER



SAVE THE DATE – JANUARY 26, 2018

MID-YEAR REVIEW – CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, GREEN TREE

MID-YEAR REVIEW

SAVE THE DATE – MARCH 13, 2019

LEADERSHIP ETHICS INSTITUTE – LA ROCHE COLLEGE



SAVE THE DATE – MARCH 23, 2019

PETS – PRESIDENT-ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR



SAVE THE DATE – MARCH 31, 2019

FOUNDATION LUNCHEON – RIVERS CASINO



SAVE THE DATE – MAY 10-12, 2019

DISTRICT CONFERENCE FOR DG SINGH AJMANI



SAVE THE DATE – JUNE 1-5, 2019

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
HAMBURG, GERMANY



SAVE THE DATE – AUGUST 12

DISTRICT GOLF OUTING – GREEN OAKS COUNTRY CLUB



Paul Harris Green Tree Rotary's David "Kaye" Kwiatkoski



Professional comedian David "Kaye" Kwiatkoski has brought laughter and fun to the Carnegie Boys & Girls Club Comedy Night for many years. Always ready to go above and beyond for the fundraiser, David, now a new member of Green Tree Rotary Club, was recognized for his continued "Service Above Self" not only in his professional career but in his personal life as well.

On 8 November 2018, Rotarian Sandra Rebholz, a Carnegie Boys & Girls board member, presented him with a Paul Harris she had earned at the 2018 Foundation Luncheon. David, always ready with quick wit and clever comment, was speechless!

Rotarians Love the Club Flags!

In October, 2018, Mariuza Odle, of the Churchill-Wilkins Rotary, had a chance to exchange flags with the Rotary Club of Larnaca, Cyprus, which was established in 1953. Mariuza reports that the Cyprus club was enthusiastic to support the Masai Mara girls' project in Kenya. Where else but within Rotary can you bring together interests and service, among several continents, so easily?



Great Resources:

- **Rotary International Web Site:** www.rotary.org

Please visit the new and improved RI website. The new webmaster left Microsoft to join the Rotary cause. There are great resources from the Rotary Citation to easy-to-create brochures. You can even get 40% off **Kennywood and Sandcastle tickets**.

- **District 7300 Web Site:** www.rotarydistrict7300.org

We have done some significant work on the District website. We just added photos from the 2017 Atlanta International Conference and the 2018 District Conference. Check out the videos on the home page and in the news section. If you have some District event photos, we would love to post them. Please email any event and activities to the District Secretary.

PLEASE NOTE: All member, officer and club information **MUST** be entered on the **CLUBRUNNER DISTRICT WEBSITE, NOT the RI website**. *The two sites are integrated, so by entering information on the District site, the RI database will be updated as well.*

- **Club Runner App:** *Available for all Smart Phones*

If you would like a list of your members and all their information, download this free app. The new version is awesome.

- **Presidents and Presidents Elect:** www.rotary.org

It is very important to fill in your goals and volunteer hours on the RI website. If you need help, please let me know. It is not that painful and will benefit Rotary more than you know. Thank you for all your hard work.

- The Presidential Citation is now called the *Rotary Citation*

- Check out the new and improved *Rotary Club Central*. Record your goals & service activities. Quick link: <https://rcc.rotary.org>

- **Assistant Governors:** Technology also comes in the form of people who want to help you. AGs are a great resource.

If you need assistance with any of these technologies and/or would like to schedule a club training session, please feel free to email dennis@deptech.net or call me: 412.292.7109





Rotary Club of Pittsburgh Hosts its "Meager Meal" at THREAD

by Barbara E. Johnson

The Rotary Club of Pittsburgh holds its regular downtown meetings at the William Penn Hotel, every Wednesday at Noon. This means that every year there might be a club meeting at Noon on the day before Thanksgiving ... and that is just untenable!

So, for many years, including this year, the Rotary Club of Pittsburgh has taken the money it would otherwise spend on its Thanksgiving Week Wednesday banquet -- this year, \$1200 -- and donates it to a charity that is willing to welcome club members to its facility for a "meager meal" provided by the charity (maybe something as simple as a sandwich). This gives club members a chance to see the premises, and work, of the recipient -- and it is always one of the most meaningful club events of the year.

This year's traditional Meager Meal was hosted on 21 November 2018 by THREAD, at their Homewood manufacturing facility. THREAD takes plastic bottles--such as might be trash or recyclables--and turns them, literally, into thread--which then has a wide scope of uses. Plastics-based threads created by THREAD have made their way into, for example, Marmot, Timberland, Aerie and Reebok products and have been a fundamental constituent of backpack fabric for THREAD's backpack initiatives.

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

A reminder from District Treasurer Heather Dieckmann

Yes, it's that time again ... to ensure that your club's membership numbers on the District 7300 website are correct and up to date. This should be done by December 15, as the Semi-Annual Membership Dues Invoices from BOTH Rotary International and District 7300 will be sent via E-mail to every club shortly after January 1. The dues amounts will be based on the number of members listed on our District Website as of January 1, and those numbers can NOT be changed at that point; the amounts billed ON BOTH INVOICES are the amounts that are due and payable.

Please be aware that the District 7300 invoice will also include the annual \$140.00 club assessment to cover the expenses of our mandatory PETS (President- Elect Training Seminar), which will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2019, from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm. More details will be forthcoming.

On page 6 of this newsletter, some helpful tips appear to help you to update your membership information on the District Website (which will then "synch" with Rotary International). Please do not hesitate to contact me at 412-310-1308 (mobile), hjdieckmann@gmail.com or at SSB Bank, ATTN: Heather Dieckmann, 8700 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA, 15237, if you need assistance in making any changes or corrections to your records, or you can contact District Secretary Sandra Rebholz, at 412 429-7300, or district.secretary@rotarydistrict7300.org .

LOOK CLOSELY at Prince Charles' lapel--a picture really is worth a thousand words!



Please Use the ClubRunner Site

Member, Officer and Club information MUST be entered on the ClubRunner site, NOT the RI site. The two sites are integrated, but information only flows one way – from the District to RI. So information entered on the ClubRunner site will update the RI site; but information entered on the RI site will NOT flow back to the District site. So, to keep the two sites in sync, please use the ClubRunner site for Member, Officer and Club information.

Here's an anagram to help you remember:



M – Member information

O – Officer information

C – Club information

K – Keep using the ClubRunner site

PS – Johnny Mock loves this anagram!

Also, from time to time, it's good to check that both sites remain in sync. Club officers can access the RI Member Synchronization function on the ClubRunner Administration page, bottom, right. It is particularly a good idea to perform this function in June and December, in preparation for the July and January SARs.

Should you need assist, please contact District Technology Chairman Dennis Piper dennis@deptech.net or District Secretary Sandra Rebholz district.secretariat@comcast.net .



Featured Speaker

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Organ and Tissue Donation, Organ Transplants

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Website and Blog: www.saveeight.org



AND THE AWARD-WINNING PHOTO OF THE MONTH GOES TO...

Fox Chapel Rotary, who on 18 October 2018 participated in the tree planting at the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania's Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve, in Fox Chapel. As Charlie Skinner writes, "Special thanks to (1) the ASWP for organizing all the materials, (2) club members who showed up and helped, (3) our trusty photographer Tom Benic, and (4) hands-on organizer George Dull, for putting together such a great event - our contribution to RI President Ian Riseley's worldwide tree-planting project! Remember the fifth of our "Four-Way Test" - will it be fun? I think the answer is obvious from the pictures!"

It's that Fun Factor that gives Photo of the Month to Fox Chapel Rotary--look at the smiles in this picture! We dare you to look at this photo and not smile, yourself. [-Ed.]

Membership Minute

Where do Rotarians Come From?

by *Karl Ohrman*



Where do Rotarians come from? Well, you say they come from everywhere. Our local businesses, professions, involved citizens, etc.

No, what I mean is how do people come to be Rotarians? The simple answer is that another Rotarian invited them to join their local Rotary club.

That's the secret.

That's where good Rotarians come from. You have to ask good people to join your club. New members just don't pop into your meetings and ask to join. They are invited.



Unfortunately a troubling statistic from Rotary International states that ninety percent of active Rotarians have never asked anyone to join Rotary. Hard to believe.

Odds say that you are in that ninety percent. You don't have to stay in that group. Break out of the mold. Jot a few names down on a sheet of paper. Then ask them to join you in your next Rotary meeting.

If you enjoy being a member of your club, chances are your friends will also. If you are excited about Rotary, your friends will be excited too.

It's not hard. Ask a friend to join Rotary today.



You're invited to a
roaring good time!

The New Kensington Rotary Club's 20th

ROTARAMA

MARCH 23, 2019

Hill Crest
Country Club
Lower Burrell,
PA

*Voted 2018 Best
Wedding Venue by
Pittsburgh Magazine*

**Sponsorship
& Advertising
Opportunities,
as well as Tickets
for Attendance
Available**



THE FUN BEGINS AT 5 P.M.

**CONTACT: MIKE NEWELL
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20th Anniversary Event Features:

This event's going to be the bee's knees!

 Famous Reverse Raffle - \$4,000 Grand Prize

 Live Music with Neon Swing X-perience
Voted a Best of Pittsburgh winner by Pittsburgh City Paper

 Dinner and Speakeasy
Includes beer, wine and soft drinks


 Table Games and Raffles

 Photo Opportunities and Selfie Station

All gents and dolls are invited to put on the ritz in their best attire as we party like Gatsby & raise a glass of giggle water to benefit the Rotary's community grant program.



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