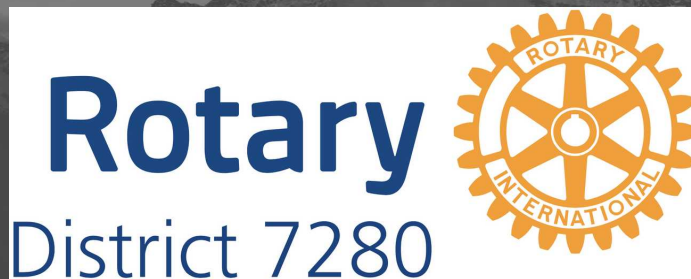


AUGUST 2021



Newsletter



A MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR RICK TOTE

As I begin my official club visits, I am delighted to finally meet many of you in person and get to know your clubs. I am truly inspired to see how active and engaged you are in your communities. All but two clubs have resumed their in-person meetings while providing a virtual alternative and most are picking up where they left off during the pandemic with their fundraisers and service projects. Each visit is an uplifting experience and I encourage each of our clubs to "Tell your story". To borrow from our Strategic Plan Priorities - your efforts and your message Makes An Impact, Expands Our Reach, by Engaging Others. We are inventive, entrepreneurial, and resilient. We are People of Action.

Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Butler/PM for their 100+1 Anniversary celebration held on July 19th. It was an outstanding event and program and they truly showcased the rich tradition, history, and impact they have on their community and for Rotary.

It was also my pleasure to participate in the Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser event held by The Erie Presque Isle Club. It was "All Hands On Deck" on both Saturday and Sunday morning at the Rotary Pavilion at Presque Isle State Park to cook and serve well over 500 people each day. Will try to remember announcing this event in next June's newsletter for other club members that may have an interest.

I wish to remind any clubs that have not already done so, to please enter their goals in Rotary Club Central and that the District Grant Application deadline is fast approaching being August 31, 2021.

This month is Rotary Membership and New Club Development month so I hope each club has a Membership Chair, if you do not, please consider appointing one as soon as possible. If you are looking for new or fresh ideas, please reach out to District Membership Chair Kathy Corcoran at corcoran7667@gmail.com. But please remember, member recruitment is not just the responsibility of the Membership Chairs, it is the duty of every member to help strengthen Rotary. As our President Shekhar Mehta requests, "Each One, Bring One" and introduce someone to our organization.

Yours in Service,
Rick

TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT'S INSIDE:

- DG's Message
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- Sprinkle's Oktoberfest
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- Dr. Arthur Dupstadt
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- Membership Month
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- District 7280 Nominations & Calendar

DISTRICT FOUNDATION UPDATE

On behalf of the Rotary Foundation, I would like to thank those individuals and clubs that supported both the Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus for the Rotary year 2020 - 2021. As the final numbers of giving will not be available until mid-September, the current amount that has been donated to the Annual Fund is \$154,508.00 and to Polio Plus is \$24,476.00. This compares to the giving in 2019 - 2020 of \$166,968.00 to the Annual Fund and \$30,110.00 to Polio Plus.

As we move into a new Rotary year, I encourage clubs and individuals to consider the Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus as a part of their giving. To date, only 9 of our 42 clubs have entered their goals for the Annual Fund and Polio Plus into Rotary Club Central. I encourage club leaders to get these goals entered as soon as possible. If the goals are not entered by the end of August, I will enter the goals on your behalf.

In this newsletter, IPDG Beth Marshall, our District Polio Plus Chair, has included a flyer on how you can support Polio Plus, as well as beautify your homes and communities in the spring with the blooming of tulips. I hope you take advantage of this great opportunity.

If you have any questions related to any facet of The Rotary Foundation, or would like me to present at one of your club meetings, please let me know.

I wish you all the best in this new Rotary year,

PDG Ken Fleeson

District 7280 Foundation Chair 2021 - 2024



**SERVE TO
CHANGE LIVES**

Raise Money for Polio!!

- the bulbs come packed in a colorful box of 25 tulips
- there are 10 boxes in a case (and ordered by the case)
- the cost of box with 25 tulips for clubs is \$14.50
- boxes should be sold for \$25
- profit per box \$10
- With a grant, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will match a higher amount, providing more vaccinations! multiple donor forms)
- Rotarians will receive Paul Harris points for \$10.50
- Cases will be shipped for distribution in time for fall planting
- Contact Beth Marshall
harriettclyde@gmail.com





SAXONBURG AREA ROTARY CLUB (SATELLITE OF BUTLER AM



Saxonburg Area Rotary Club (Satellite of Butler AM Rotary) will be participating in Sprankle's Oktoberfest, which is scheduled for September 10 and 11. The event will be held at the Saxonburg Firemen's grounds and will also include the 35th annual Saxonburg Festival of the Arts. The Rotary will be under the big tent and will be selling various food items including hot sausage & brat sandwiches. This will be a very large event not only for the town, but especially for our Rotary. We will be promoting our club by reaching out to other organizations in Saxonburg as we partner up, as suggested by Rick Tote during his recent visit with the Butler AM Rotary. If you would like to become involved by assisting our club with this event, please contact Karen Antoszyk at Kantoszyk@zoominternet.net. Be sure to watch our social media for additional updates!



The Sharon Rotary Club presents



SEPTEMBERFEST

B E E R . M U S I C . F O O D

SEPT
10
5 - 8 PM

Mercer County Shrine Club
4201 Lamor Road
Hermitage, PA 16148

Advance Tickets: \$35
At the Door: \$40



Scan the QR code for tickets!

Hickory
1998
BAR and GRILLE



ROTARY CLUB OF LEECHBURG TRIBUTE TO DR. ARTHUR DUPPSTADT



The Rotary Club of Leechburg was saddened by the news of the passing of long time member Dr. Arthur Duppstadt, on July 10th, at the age of 97. Dr. Duppstadt joined Leechburg Rotary in 1950. He was a multi-time recipient of the Paul Harris Fellowship. He hosted many Rotary social gatherings at his home over the years.

Doc served in the 355th Fighter Group, 8th Air Force from 1943-45. On August 28th, 1944 Arthur was shot down over German occupied France and made his way through the French Underground to Paris. He served as a fighter pilot instructor until his discharge.

He married the love of his life Nancy in 1947. He came from a family of optometrists. After graduating from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry in 1949 he opened a practice in Vandergrift and Leechburg, serving the community with their optic needs until 2019. He was always thinking of ways to improve optometry and developed several Optometry patents.

Doc took pride in his legacy of community service. He was a recycler before it was in vogue. In the early 70s he was recycling newspapers. Leechburg Rotarians smashed glass and crushed cans manually. Eventually the Leechburg Recycling Center came into being after Doc's effort of applying for many grants. Many past District Governors had a tour of Doc's recycling center during the District Governor's visits over the years. In 1987 Arthur was called to Harrisburg to receive the prestigious Governor's Waste Minimization Award for his work in recycling.

As a community leader Doc was the first president of Lower Kiski Ambulance Service. A member of the Roaring Run Watershed Association and received their first Environmentalist of the year award. He served on the Penn State Advisory Committee, was a life member of the American Legion, VFW Post 566 and the Apollo Elks.

He was the longtime chairperson of the fund-raising Leechburg Rotary Auction where he often bid up an item to get a higher price but more than once ended up buying the item.

In addition to his parents Dr. Duppstadt was preceded in death by his loving wife Nancy in April 2020 and a son Todd.

Dr. Arthur Duppstadt will be missed by all.

A Celebration of Life Tribute to honor the lives of Arthur and Nancy will be held on Saturday July 31, 2021 at 11:00am in Curran-Shaffer Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc, 100 Owens View Ave., Apollo.

THE LEON ALHUM ROTARY SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

ON JULY, 19, THE NEW WILMINGTON ROTARY CLUB HONORED LONG-TIME ROTARIAN DR. LEE ALHUM BY ANNOUNCING THE LEON ALHUM ROTARY SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP.

DR. LEE ALHUM SERVED HIS CLUB, OUR DISTRICT, AND ROTARY INTERNATIONAL IN MANY CAPACITIES INCLUDING CLUB PRESIDENT IN 1992-93, DISTRICT GOVERNOR IN 2002-03, RYLA COMMITTEE CHAIR, DISTRICT CO-TREASURER, AND REGIONAL ROTARY FOUNDATION COORDINATOR TO NAME A FEW.

HE HAS RECEIVED THE 2005 ROTARY FOUNDATION CITATION FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE, THE SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD, AND THE 2014 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD.

SHOWN WITH DR. ALHUM IS NEW WILMINGTON CLUB PRESIDENT, ROB KLAMUT





Congratulations to newest Rotarians in the Rotary Club of Zelienople: Emily Budney and Annie Mersing. Pictured left to right are: DG Rick Tote, District Membership Chair Kathy Corcoran, Emily Budney, Annie Mersing, Zelienople Club President John Avolio and Zelienople Club Secretary Neal Jackson.

AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH

Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta starts his President's Message in the August issue of Rotary magazine by stating: "Greetings, My Dear Changemakers." Have you ever thought of yourself as a "changemaker?" If not, you should! Making the choice to join Rotary means you approach your life and purpose with positivity and you work to make your community and world a better place. We "Serve to Change Lives." What a great theme for 2021-22.

One of my short-term goals as District Membership Chair is to establish communications with Club membership chairs and presidents. Expect an email from me in the next week to set up the first of what I hope to be regular Zoom meetings to exchange ideas, share resources and think outside the box to help achieve President Mehta's goal of increasing Rotary membership worldwide by 1.3 million by July 2022. He describes his call to action as simple: "Each One, Bring One."

When was the last time you invited a guest to a club meeting? Better yet, when was the last time you invited a guest to help with a service project? Rotarians love to serve and we are at our best when we are making a difference. If a prospective member isn't interested or able to attend weekly meetings, that doesn't mean they aren't interested in donating their time for service once or twice a month. Many of us love the fellowship of the Legacy Club model – meeting every week – but more and more, interested prospective members want to focus on just the service aspect of Rotary. And that's okay, too.

Sometimes the changemakers need to be open to change a little, too.

Kindness Matters,
Kathy Corcoran
District 7280 Membership Chair Corcoran7667@gmail.com

PS. The Zelienople Rotary Club had its official visit with District Governor Rick Tote on July 30, and we installed two new members! Welcome: Emily Budney and Annie Mersing. We met Emily and Annie through our District Grant project last fall. There's more to the story. Send me an email if you are interested!



pints for POLIO

Sunday, October 24th is World Polio Day and to celebrate, Talbot's Taproom will donate \$1 to Rotary's polio Plus Fund for every pint of beer sold that day.
(Only the select 3 BEERS)

OCT 24 2021
SUNDAY

EVERY DOLLAR DONATED WILL BE MATCHED 2-1 BY THE BILL AND MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION.

ERADICATE POLIO ONE PINT AT A TIME.

SAVE THE DATE



Mercer

talbot's
taproom & terrace

Rotary
District 7280



DISTRICT GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2024-2025

ALL DISTRICT 7280 CLUBS ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT DISTRICT GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2024-2025 ROTARY YEAR, BY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2021. INFORMATION SUBMITTED SHOULD BE IN THE FORM OF A RESOLUTION, ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CLUB. THE NAMED CANDIDATE HAS TO BE NOMINATED AND APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE CLUB MEMBERS. THE RESOLUTION SHALL BE CERTIFIED BY THE CLUB SECRETARY. A CLUB MAY SUGGEST A CANDIDATE WHO IS A MEMBER OF ANOTHER CLUB, SO LONG AS THE SUGGESTING CLUB FIRST OBTAINS CONCURRENCE OF THE CANDIDATE'S CLUB.

CANDIDATES ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE BEEN A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING FOR AT LEAST SEVEN YEARS AND HAVE SERVED A FULL YEAR AS PRESIDENT. THE CANDIDATE MUST AGREE IN WRITING TO HAVING THEIR NAME SUBMITTED.

THE CLUB RESOLUTION AND CANDIDATE ACCEPTANCE LETTER NEED TO BE SUBMITTED TOGETHER AND MAILED VIA US MAIL TO DISTRICT GOVERNOR RICHARD TOTE, 153 E PINECREST LN, BROOKVILLE, PA 15825.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DISTRICT AND ROTARY INTERNATIONAL BY-LAWS, ONLY CLUB SUGGESTED CANDIDATES ARE ELIGIBLE TO CHALLENGE THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S DECISION.

ROTARY DISTRICT 7280 CALENDAR

AUGUST 2021 - MEMBERSHIP AND NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH

AUGUST 31, 2021 - LAST DAY TO SUBMIT DISTRICT GRANT APPLICATIONS

SEPTEMBER 2021 - BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 - DISTRICT GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS DUE

SEPTEMBER 11, 2021 - DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE, 10:00 AM RAMADA INN, CLARION

SEPTEMBER 28-OCTOBER 2, 2021 - ROTARY ZONE SUMMIT, NAPLES, FLORIDA

OCTOBER 2021 - COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MONTH

OCTOBER 16, 2021 - DISTRICT FALL WORKSHOP, CLARION, PA

OCTOBER 24, 2021 - WORLD POLIO DAY

NOVEMBER 2021 - ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

NOVEMBER 1-7, 2021 - WORLD INTERACT WEEK

NOVEMBER 7, 2021 - DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD TBD

DECEMBER 2021 - DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH

DECEMBER 15, 2021 - EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT DEADLINE FOR THE 2022 ROTARY CONVENTION

JANUARY 2022 - VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

JANUARY 16-20, 2022 - INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY, ORLANDO, FLORIDA

FEBRUARY 2022 - PEACEBUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION MONTH

FEBRUARY 23, 2022 - ROTARY'S 117TH ANNIVERSARY

MARCH 2022 - WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE MONTH

MARCH 4-6, 2022 - TRIDISTRICT PETS (PRESIDENT ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR), STATE COLLEGE, PA

MARCH 14-18, 2022 - WORLD ROTARACT WEEK

MARCH 31, 2022 - PREREGISTRATION DISCOUNT ENDS FOR THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

APRIL 2022 - MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

MAY 2022 - YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

MAY 13-15, 2022 - DISTRICT 7280 CONFERENCE, CLARION, PA

JUNE 2022 - ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH

JUNE 4-8, 2022 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, HOUSTON TEXAS, USA

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JANUARY 8-12, 2023 - ROTARY INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MAY 27-31, 2023 - ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION