

# ROTARY DISTRICT 7280 NEWSLETTER

July 1, 2020

Hello everyone!

I am very happy to be representing District 7280 this year! We have a fantastic group of members, and I look forward to seeing what each club accomplishes this year! We had a challenging end to the year, but I believe with Zoom and Go To meetings ... we “Connected”!

Our International President, Holger Knaack, is the first German ever to hold the position. He and his wife Suzanne have been very active in Rotary, the most notable is their hosting of 40+ exchange students! His theme, “Rotary Opens Opportunities” has sure been exemplified to all those students who have had a once in a lifetime experience!

It was just announced June 26<sup>th</sup> that Rotary International Trustees and Board of Directors has approved adding **Supporting the Environment** as our **seventh area of focus**. The six others are: peacebuilding and conflict resolution; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation and hygiene; basic education and literacy, and community economic development.

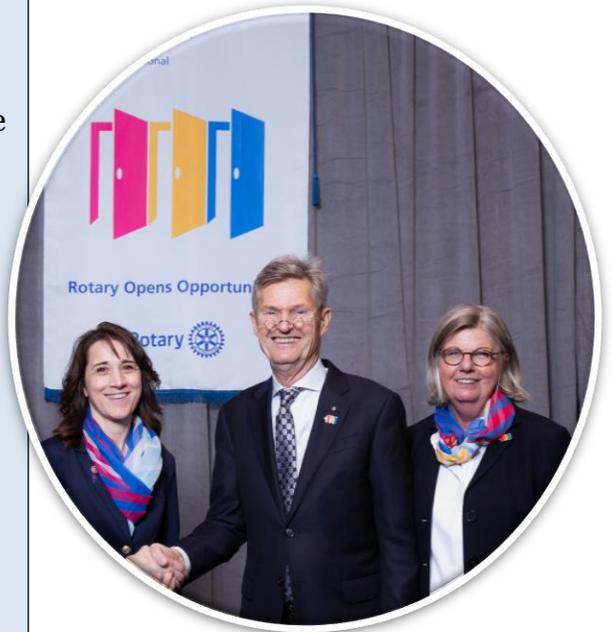
Next month is Rotary Membership Month. In thinking about our clubs and how to “grow Rotary” I would like each club to establish a Membership Chair. Membership Chairs can then share information they receive from the District with their clubs to help strengthen clubs, so they can retain members. International Rotary President Holger suggests “interviewing” potential candidates to make sure they are a “good fit” for your club. If not, there are many other types of Rotary clubs that may suit their needs to serve.

As you turn your attention to your clubs this new Rotary year, please be mindful of the opportunities that await you, both personally, professionally and in service to your community. Please know that the District team is happy to help you navigate Rotary Club Central as well as DACdb, our new database. Change is difficult, but usually essential to our growth.

I look forward to meeting all our members, whether on a service project, social or webinar!

Be well, Beth

## MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR BETH MARSHALL



Left-right: Beth Marshall, Holger Knaack & Suzanne Knaack

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TAKE ACTION: [www.rotarydistrict7280.org](http://www.rotarydistrict7280.org)

## PEACE PIPELINE: Peacebuilder Club Update and Peace Committee News



### *Peacebuilder Clubs Update: Welcome Keystone eClub!*

Welcome to the Keystone e-Club! They are our latest District #7280 Peacebuilder Club! RI does not let me know if you have become a Peacebuilder, so please let me know when you do and send me the name and contact information for your Peace Committee Chair so I can be sure to include them in our upcoming planning.

Keystone is already building peace with its entirely virtual club, even predating COVID-19. They have members here in PA and around the world, including Canada, Kenya, and Kosovo. They are doing projects with their international team, including providing wheelchairs for Kenyans who need them. Contact Michelle Baily ([michellebailey110@gmail.com](mailto:michellebailey110@gmail.com)) to learn more about this innovative Club and to support their projects.

Join these clubs to make our District the first in the world to have all of its clubs become Peacebuilders – RI couldn't make it easier. **Step 1.** Your Club's Board submits your one-page [application, which is normally](#) processed within a single working day. That's it – **ONE STEP!** Then your Club will join these Peacebuilders and those that follow on the global [Peacebuilder Map](#) for all the world to see your Club's commitment to peace.

### *District Peacebuilder Committee Held Its First Meeting Virtually on June 17*

The District Peacebuilder Committee met for the first time on June 17 via Zoom. There were 8 attendees out of our now 20 PB Clubs. We are almost halfway there!

The purpose of the District Peacebuilder Committee is to share information about individual club projects and initiatives that might serve as inspiration for others. To this end, she showed a Google Sheets spreadsheet where she had listed the PB clubs. It is hoped that by sharing what our PB clubs are doing toward peace as they relate to Rotary's six areas of focus will encourage other clubs to recognize that they too are already working toward peace and should become officially designated as peace builders.

Each club was requested to add lines and provide information on current and upcoming projects to share with the group before the next meeting. The information will be shared with the District in a future newsletter. The Committee also discussed working together on a District project or initiative in addition to what is already being done in the individual clubs. This is not mandatory, but something to consider as the committee moves along.

Meeting monthly on the third Wednesday at 5:30pm was amenable to those in attendance, but since there was low attendance, future meeting dates and times will be determined.

## ROTARY CLUB OF SLIPPERY ROCK PEACE POLE

On June 15th, the Rotary Club of Slippery Rock held a dedication for the installation of a Peace Pole on the grounds of the Slippery Rock Public Library. About 35 people were in attendance. Everyone wore masks and social distanced.



Left-right: Diane Chido, Paul Rizza, Karen Pierce, G. Warren Smith, Judith Hughes, Ken Fleeson.



Starting July 1st we are beginning a new Rotary year. With that being, said it is also time to implement your plan for membership. In your plan, I am sure we all know that each and every one of us should have a part in that plan.

The vitality of each club is important for your Communities. Remember we are a service organization and we need people that can help us serve. In your plan I am sure you built in ways to keep your members engaged and help each one of them achieve their goals of why they joined Rotary.

I want to wish all new Presidents a great year and many successes. I am always available to help any club gain new members and keep the ones you have.

Let's all enjoy this new beginning of a new year and Have Fun.

Sincerely,  
Jack M. Cohen  
District 7280  
Membership Chair

### Rotary steps up to help the helpers – New Castle News

Mr. Rogers once said, “Look for the helpers.” For 100 years, Rotarians have been helping others locally and across the globe. This year, our Rotary has given scholarships for students near and far, funds to aid in the fight against several diseases, and funding wheelchairs for the people of Tanzania. This spring has left us all wondering how we could help others during this pandemic.

Our new Wilmington Rotary decided to reach out to “helpers” who remained open in order to make our lives easier. We have delivered pizza to the first responders of Jameson, and cookies to two police departments. We delivered Apple Castle packages of “Thanks” to our local auto repair shops, pharmacy, post office and hardware store. These efforts were to show our appreciation to the people in the service industry who have served us with a smile during the pandemic. We have purchased 40 meals from Ryders Restaurant, and pizza from Pizza Joe’s of New Wilmington to support our local businesses. In addition, we wrote Easter cards to the residents of The Grove and Shenango on the Green when they were in “lockdown.” Finally, we purchased 100 masks and placed them at local businesses to pass out for free. You may be asking, what can I do during this time of crisis to help my community? How can I help my community in the future? Become a Rotarian. Become a helper and form lifelong friendships. It's a winning combination.

Todd Cole - New Wilmington Rotarian





All District 7280 clubs are invited to submit District Governor nominations for the 2023 – 2024 Rotary Year by Sunday, September 1, 2020. Information submitted shall 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 the 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 club president. The candidates 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 Beth Marshall  
324 Scott Ridge Rd., Harmony, PA 16037**

In accordance with the District and Rotary International By-Laws, ONLY club-suggested candidates are eligible to challenge the Nominating Committee’s Decision.

## DISTRICT FOUNDATION UPDATE

### District 7280 giving as of June 2020 YTD\* compared to June 2019 Year End.

\*All the information related to 2019-2020 are interim numbers as of 6/25/2019. Final numbers will not be available until late July or mid-August.

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Clubs who have given:	40 of 43 (93.0%)	39 of 43 (90.7%)
Number of Members: <b>July 1 values</b>	1301	1330
Annual Program Fund Giving Year to Date	\$159,249.46	\$158,418.63
Annual Fund per Capita Giving Year to Date	\$122.41	\$119.11

### The following clubs have achieved or exceeded the \$100 per capita mark:

1	Cranberry Township	\$493.43
2	Sharon	\$301.33
3	Slippery Rock	\$221.42
4	Zelienople	\$210.78
5	Port Allegany	\$204.09
6	Greenville	\$201.92
7	Evans City	\$201.88
8	Rich-Mar	\$200.69
9	Kane	\$175.98
10	Butler	\$153.60
11	Presque Isle	\$142.35
12	DuBois	\$128.95
13	Leechburg	\$126.55
14	New Wilmington	\$123.86
15	Clarion	\$120.69
16	Oil City	\$108.42
17	Smethport	\$106.25
18	Kittanning	\$105.00
19	Edinboro	\$103.13
20	Butler AM	\$102.59
21	Ellwood City	\$102.17
T22	Bessemer-Mohawk	\$100.00
T22	Keystone	\$100.00

The following clubs have 100% of their members that have donated to the Foundation: Bradford, Butler AM, Butler, Cranberry Township, DuBois, Ellwood City, Evans City, Greenville, Kane, Kittanning, Meadville AM, New Wilmington, Portersville-Prospect, Punxsutawney Rich-Mar, Sharon and Smethport.

The following clubs have 100% of their members that have donated to the Foundation and have exceeded the \$100.00 per capita: Butler AM, Butler, Cranberry Township, DuBois, Edinboro, Ellwood City, Evans City, Greenville, Keystone, Kittanning, New Wilmington, Rich-Mar, Sharon and Smethport and Zelienople.

# ROTARIANS IN ACTION



**Cranberry  
Sunrise  
Rotary  
Club**

**Club  
Rotary  
Sunrise  
Cranberry**



**Highway  
Cleanup**



**Rotary Club of  
Presque Isle**

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Rotary Club of**



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