

JULY 2021

ROTARY DISTRICT 7280 NEWSLETTER



DG'S MESSAGE

First, I wish to thank Beth, our outgoing District Governor, as well as all of our club Presidents that have served this past year. It was a uniquely difficult year, yet they persevered and made the best of difficult situations. I really thought all did a marvelous job. I also wish to thank all our District team for providing the education, guidance, and support for all, especially myself to get me to this point.

A new Rotary year begins with Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta. Let us embrace his theme of **SERVICE TO CHANGE LIVES** and be inspired to make a lasting change in our Club, in our community, and in our world. Our Presidents initiatives include increasing membership by - "Each One, Bring One", each Rotarian to ask one new person to come see what the passion is about.

Another strong message is that Shekhar committed that any club looking for an international partner for a Global Grant opportunity to contact him and he will be sure to match you.

Starting this month you can apply for grants to protect the environment, the newest of Rotary's Area of Focus

Next month (August) is Rotary Membership and New Club Development month and is fitting to welcome and thank Kathy Corcoran, our new District membership chair. Also let us thank Jack Cohen for your past service in this position and congratulations on your District Governor Elect promotion as you move up the chain.

A big shout out and congratulations to the Franklin and Punxsutawney Rotary Clubs who celebrated their club's 100th anniversary last month. It was an honor to be included and be inspired by their club's long lasting service.

I am also honored to be your District Governor and will strive to Serve you. I very much look forward to my club visits and meeting you for the first time. The face to face personal contact will certainly help us get better acquainted and allow me to truly feel the pulse of your clubs.

Best,
Rick Tote

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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 candidates 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.

CALL FOR DISTRICT TEAM MEMBERS

Attention all members of District 7280. Please consider being a member of one of our District Teams. Pick your passion and share your experience and talents to help strengthen our clubs and our District.

Our teams include:

Community Service
Membership
Scholarships

Foundation
Peace Fellows
Strategic Planning

Interact
Public Image
Youth Exchange

If you have any interest in serving our District in a higher capacity, please contact Rick Tote by email at rtote@windstream.net or by phone at 814-229-2018. Thank You!

WE'RE STRONGER WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER

by Kathy Corcoran, District Membership Chair



Greetings! It's a new Rotary Year and there are some new faces on the District Leadership Team, including mine. Actually, I'm returning to the District Leadership Team after a one-year hiatus. I served as Public Image Chair from 2017 – 2020. This past year I served as President of the Zelienople Club.

I know all of the Club Presidents from this past year will agree it was a most difficult year to stay connected. Our Club – approximately 40 members – switched to Zoom in March 2020 when everything shut down. Big shoutout to the Keystone International E-Club for their assistance and the loan of their Zoom account. We met outdoors last summer with plenty of masks, social distancing and hand sanitizer. When we were able to move back indoors, we implemented a hybrid meeting model so those who didn't feel comfortable meeting in person could still join us via Zoom. We worked hard to make the "Zoomer's" experience more satisfactory. It was back to all Zoom in late November when Covid cases spiked again. And then back to hybrid this past March. I'm pleased to share that our attendance levels week to week remained consistent with levels pre-Covid. Send me an email if you'd like to talk about meeting strategy or have questions.

It is very difficult to focus on member acquisition when member retention becomes a major challenge. The Zelienople Club was fortunate to welcome three new members in December. Our installation ceremony was held on Zoom. However, we also lost two of our most active members, Tom and Marie Grant, when they both passed away in December. Marie had been our Membership Chair for a long time. As President, I needed to act quickly to recruit a new Membership Chair. We ended up with two Co-Chairs who are "learning on the job." I am grateful for their enthusiasm and willingness to serve.

This month I plan to reach out to each Club President/Membership Chair to personally introduce myself and learn how I can best serve your club. We absolutely are stronger when we work together.

**Kindness matters,
Kathy Corcoran
District 7280 Membership Chair
corcoran7667@gmail.com
724-513-3856 (preference is texts)**

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



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District 7280

DISTRICT FOUNDATION

by Ken Fleeson

District 7280 giving as of June 2021 YTD compared to June 2020 YTD

	2021	2020
Clubs who have given:	37 of 43 (86.0%)	41 of 43 (95.3%)
Number of Members:	1309	1301
<i>July 1 values</i>		
Annual Program Fund Giving Year to Date:	\$149,194.20	\$166,968.46
Annual Fund per Capita Giving Year to Date:	\$113.98	\$128.34

Congratulations and thank you to the following clubs that have achieved or exceeded the \$100 per capita mark:

1.	Cranberry Twp.	\$436.32
2.	Sharon	\$393.19
3.	New Wilmington	\$272.11
4.	Keystone	\$266.18
5.	Port Allegany	\$234.28
6.	Zelienople	\$233.37
7.	Butler	\$197.65
8.	Rich-Mar	\$183.29
9.	Cranberry Twp., Sunrise	\$166.14
10.	Greenville	\$165.63
11.	Slippery Rock	\$162.50
12.	Ellwood City	\$140.91
13.	Smethport	\$130.88
14.	Kane	\$129.32
15.	Clarion	\$120.59
16.	Portersville-Prospect	\$118.75
17.	DuBois	\$113.54
18.	Bradford	\$110.25
19.	Punxsutawney	\$108.36
20.	Hermitage	\$106.94

ANNIVERSARIES



Franklin Rotary Club celebrated their 100 year anniversary.
Pictured above: Franklin Rotary Club at the Peace Pole Dedication.

Punxsutawney Rotary Club celebrated their 100 year anniversary in June.