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DISTRICT GOVERNOR MESSAGE,

AS MY OFFICIAL CLUB VISITS WIND DOWN, I CONTINUE TO BE INSPIRED BY ALL YOUR WORK AND CONTINUED FELLOWSHIP. YOU HAVE ADAPTED WELL IN THE FACE OF THE PANDEMIC, CONTINUE TO ENGAGE YOUR MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY, HAVE IMPACTFUL SERVICE PROJECTS, AND REACH WELL BEYOND YOUR OWN CLUB TO YOUR COMMUNITIES AND BEYOND. I HAVE HAD THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SEE FIRSTHAND, THE PRIORITIES OF THE RI STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTED THROUGH-OUT OUR DISTRICT. WE CLEARLY ARE PEOPLE OF ACTION, AND I APPLAUD ALL OF YOUR EFFORTS.

OUR DISTRICT FALL WORKSHOP FOLLOWING THE ONE ROTARY SUMMIT PROGRAM IS COMING UP FAST NEXT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16TH. YOU WILL LEARN AND DEVELOP INNOVATIVE WAYS TO GROW MEMBERSHIP, INCREASE FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS AND ENHANCE PUBLIC IMAGE IN YOUR COMMUNITIES. IT IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF HOW MEMBERSHIP, PUBLIC IMAGE, THE ROTARY FOUNDATION WORK TOGETHER. THERE WILL ALSO BE BREAKOUT SESSIONS ON A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS SUCH AS YOUTH EXCHANGE, PEACE BUILDERS, ROTARACT, DACDB AND MY ROTARY" SITE TO NAME A FEW. IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND AND HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE REGISTRATION FROM AND AGENDA PLEASE EMAIL ME AT RTOTE@WINDSTREAM.NET.

OCTOBER IS ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH, ANOTHER OF OUR SEVEN AREAS OF FOCUS. YES ONE OF SEVEN, REMEMBER THAT ENVIRONMENT HAS BEEN ADDED AS OUR SEVENTH JUST THIS YEAR. ROTARY AND THE ROTARY FOUNDATION SUPPORTS INVESTMENTS IN PEOPLE TO CREATE MEASURABLE AND ENDURING ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT IN THEIR LIVES AND COMMUNITIES.

OCTOBER 24TH IS WORLD POLIO DAY. PLEASE SEE THE INFORMATION AND PROMOTION LATER IN THIS NEWSLETTER. IN ADDITION OCTOBER'S ROTARY MAGAZINE HAS A VERY INFORMATIVE ARTICLE ON THE ERADICATION OF POLIO EFFORTS AND HOW CLOSE WE REALLY ARE.

PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT OUR DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 31, 2021. THE DETAILED INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN LAST MONTH'S NEWSLETTER. APPLICATIONS ARE ON OUR DISTRICT WEBSITE WWW.ROTARYDISTRICT7280.ORG. INQUIRIES AND APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO RANDY RICHARDSON: RICHARRR@WESTMINSTER.EDU , OR 521 S. NEW CASTLE STREET, NEW WILMINGTON, PA. 16142.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS AND NEWSLETTER MATERIAL, PLEASE KEEP THEM COMING. I LOOK FORWARD TO PARTICIPATING AS MANY OF YOUR SERVICE PROJECTS AND FUNDRAISERS THAT I AM ABLE.

SINCERELY, IN YOUR SERVICE AND SUPPORT
DG RICK



The Rotary Foundation Update

As we move into the second quarter of the Rotary year, members from twenty-three of our forty-two clubs have made contributions to The Rotary Foundation. These contributions total \$18,790.00 toward our combined District Goal of \$144,850.00. We remind everyone that as Rotarians we are asked to support The Rotary Foundation every year. Not only do our contributions help those in need internationally, they also aid us in our support of our local communities through District Grants.

Speaking of District Grants, twenty-three clubs have applied for a District Grant this year for a total of \$37,545.00, which maxes out the total funding available through the District Designated Funds (DDF), based upon our total giving in 2018-2019. Imagine how much more we could do if we all considered increasing our contributions to The Rotary Foundation. If you have any questions on how you can start, or increase your giving, please feel free to contact me.



As a reminder, October 24, 2021 is World Polio Day. The theme for this year is One Day, One Focus, Ending Polio. As we have all lived through the past 18 months of another virus, COVID19, we should all appreciate the importance of trying to rid the world of a disease that affects health and can cause death. We encourage every club/member to get behind this initiative to donate and/or raise funds so that we can one day say, "We have completed the objective and the world is POLIO FREE!"

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 contact me.

On behalf of Rotary and The Rotary Foundation, I thank you for all you do to help those that you may never know and make this world a better place to live.

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Greetings, District 7280!

I know I'm a few months late reaching out through the newsletter, but "better late than never," as they say. If I haven't had the pleasure of meeting you yet, I'm Zach, and I am serving our district as the Peacebuilder Chair this year. I know my club is finally getting back around to ramping up our peace initiatives after the difficult many months we have all been through.

September 21 was International Day of Peace, sponsored by the UN. I would like to offer a couple of my reflections from my club's peace pole dedication and dove release...

"As we begin to approach the victory of RI's End Polio Now Campaign, we begin shifting our service-mindedness to another paramount endeavor...that of building peace in our communities, our governments, our countries, and around the world. "What does it mean to "Make the world a better place?" "How do we achieve it?" As a Peacebuilder Club, we must first believe that PEACE IS POSSIBLE! We should consider what ways we can bring attention to our mission of service, and make OUR world...OUR communities...a better place. It starts at home. We can all come up with a way to be a peaceful presence in the world we live in."

My friends, perhaps it begins with teaching a child about peace. Perhaps it begins with painting a mural, or installing a peace pole. Perhaps it begins with offering a hand through a service project. Perhaps it begins with a quiet visit with someone who just needs an ear. To quote a phrase from my club's recently-installed peace pole: "Peace to ALL. Make it. Live it. Share it. Spread it."

Peace can mean so many things when we make it personal. PEACE IS POSSIBLE!

Rotary International begins to define being a Peacebuilder in 3 little words:

SIMPLIFY UNIFY ENGAGE

I would challenge each of us to leave here today with some idea of how we might be a simple, unifying force with a spirit to engage others in "making the world a better place."

I also serve as our club Peacebuilder Chair, and what a rewarding experience it has been! Are you the chair of your Peacebuilder Club? Does your club have interest in becoming a Peacebuilder Club but has questions? Please reach out to me! I would love to come and speak at one of your meetings, or even to a small group of your board members to provide more information. I would love to hear from you about what your clubs are doing to elevate peace, and perhaps how I or other Peacebuilder Clubs might be able to assist.

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Peace to you, wherever you go!

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Oil City Club President Rebekah Deal welcomed District Membership Chair Kathy Corcoran as the speaker at their September 30th meeting. Kathy presented a program on The State of Membership in Rotary, including detail on the Oil City Club and District 7280. Kathy would enjoy visiting other clubs to discuss Rotary membership status and strategies. Reach out to her at corcoran7667@gmail.com to schedule a program

"SHINE FOR SHELTER BOX"



A group of Rotarians, led by DGN John Marshall and Zelenople Past President Kathy Corcoran, are pulling together to get the "Shine for ShelterBox" gourmet meal fundraiser revived. As you know, we lost Tom and Marie Grant, the District's ShelterBox Ambassadors, last December. In 2018, they initiated a gourmet meal fundraiser to benefit ShelterBox called "Shine for ShelterBox." It was repeated in 2019, however the event was postponed due to Covid in 2020.

The event is back and is scheduled for Friday, November 19, at the Stables at Connoquenessing in Renfrew. John Marshall is catering (you know the food will be great!) and newly appointed ShelterBox Ambassadors Dave and Melanie Sturrock are helping to lead the effort. A website for the event and making reservations or providing a sponsorship will go live later this week.

Part of the fundraising efforts includes a gift basket raffle at the event. The committee is requesting a gift card/gift basket donation from every club. The minimum value requested is \$25. If your club is able to participate, please send an email to Kathy Corcoran at corcoran7667@gmail.com. Arrangements can be made for basket pick up.

The deadline for providing a gift basket is Friday, November 12. Your club will be recognized at the event. In 2019, we had 15 clubs participate. Can we raise that number to 20 this year? Thank you for your consideration. Please direct any questions to Kathy at her email. Hope to see you there!

PYMATUNING FALL SPOOKTACKULAR

10/1-10/2 AND 10/8-10/9, 2021

Both weekends have the same schedule and all events are at the Linesville Beach unless otherwise stated. Concessions available all weekend. **Some events require a nominal fee to participate**

FRIDAY

- 4:00pm – 6:30 pm: Apple Launcher**
- 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm: Pumpkin Derby Registration (Pumpkins & wheel kits available for purchase)**
- 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm: No-Scare Hayrides
- 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm: Sunset Paddle (Same day registration begins at 3:00 at Information Booth)
- 7:30 pm – 8:00 pm: Lighted Bike Parade – All ages welcome, parents too!! Mopeds are welcome to follow behind. (Line up at beach area at 7:20pm)
- 8:00 pm: DJ and Bonfire (Concessions Available)



SATURDAY

- 8:00 am: Donuts **
- 10:00 am – noon: Pumpkin Derby Registration (Pumpkins & wheel kits available for purchase) **
- 10:00 am – noon: Kids Crafts **
- 10:00 am – 2:00 pm: Archery Demos
- 10:00 am – 5:00 pm: Apple Launcher **
- 10:00 am – 1:00 pm: Face Painting – *by Rachel Hopek*
- 11:45 am: Pumpkin Drop **
- 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm: Pontoon Boat Rides – Rides leave on the hour (Same day registration begins at 1:00 pm at Information Booth)
- 2:30 pm: Costume Contest (Kids under 5, Kids 5 - 10, Kids over 10, Pets, Adults, Group)
- 3:15 pm: Pumpkin Drop **
- 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm: Trick or Treat (entire campground) (no driving during this time)
- 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm: No-Scare Hayrides
- 6:00 pm: Pumpkin Derby (have your racers in the pumpkin pit area at 5:45 PM SHARP) **
- 7:00 pm: Camp Site Decoration Contest Judging (PRE-REGISTER AT CHECK IN) **
All sites must be decorated and "turned on" if needed by 7:00 pm
- 8:00 pm: Bonfire and Band or DJ (Concessions available)
- 9:00 pm: Camp Site Decoration Contest Awards



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Polio

Poliomyelitis, or polio, is a paralyzing and potentially fatal disease that still threatens children in some parts of the world. Poliovirus invades the nervous system and can cause total paralysis in hours. It can strike people of any age but mainly affects children under five. Polio can be prevented by vaccines, but it is not curable. Unlike most diseases, polio can be eradicated.



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BE THE SECOND HUMAN DISEASE
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PolioPlus

For more than 30 years, Rotary and our partners have driven the effort to eradicate polio worldwide. Our [PolioPlus](#) program was the first initiative to tackle global polio eradication by vaccinating children on a massive scale. As a core partner in the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#), Rotary focuses on advocacy, fundraising, volunteer recruitment, and awareness-building.

Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.2 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort.

Polio Today

When Rotary and its partners formed the GPEI in 1988, there were 350,000 cases of polio in 125 countries every year. Today, we have reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent, and just two countries continue to report cases of wild poliovirus: Afghanistan and Pakistan. Because of the efforts of Rotary and its partners, nearly 19.4 million people who would otherwise have been paralyzed are walking, and more than 1.5 million people are alive who would otherwise have died. The infrastructure we helped build to end polio is also being used to treat and prevent other diseases (including COVID-19) and create lasting impact in other areas of public health.

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Challenges

Rotary and our partners have made tremendous progress against polio, but eliminating all cases is going to take even more progress and perseverance. Afghanistan and Pakistan face unique challenges, including political insecurity, highly mobile populations, difficult terrain, and, in some instances, vaccine refusal and misinformation. With sufficient resources, the commitment of national governments, and innovations that improve access to remote areas, we are optimistic that we can eliminate polio.

Ensuring Success

Rotary has committed to raising \$50 million per year for polio eradication. The [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#) has pledged to match that 2-to-1, for a total commitment of \$150 million each year. These funds provide much-needed operational support, medical workers, laboratory equipment, and educational materials. Governments, corporations, and private donors all play a crucial role in funding.

Rotary in Action

More than 1 million Rotary members have donated their time and money to eradicate polio, and every year, hundreds of members work with health workers to vaccinate children in countries affected by polio. Rotary members work with [UNICEF](#) and other partners to prepare and distribute informational materials for people in areas that are isolated by conflict, geography, or poverty. They also mobilize to recruit fellow volunteers, assist in transporting the vaccine, and provide other logistical support.



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Celebrity Support

Rotary has a growing list of public figures and celebrities who support our fight against polio, including Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; actresses Kristen Bell and Archie Panjabi; actor and wrestling superstar John Cena; supermodel Isabeli Fontana; Nobel Peace Prize laureate Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu; action-movie star Jackie Chan; actor Donald Sutherland; boxing great Manny Pacquiao; pop star Psy; golf legend Jack Nicklaus; conservationist Jane Goodall; premier violinist Itzhak Perlman; Grammy Award winners A.R. Rahman, Angélique Kidjo, and Ziggy Marley; and peace advocate Queen Noor of Jordan. These ambassadors help Rotary educate the public about the disease and the fight to end polio for good.



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