

# Rotary



## District 7305

The Connector - October 2021

SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

### How Do We Grow Economies?

This month we turn our attention to Economic and Community Development. The Rotary Foundation supports programs around the world to tackle the cycle of poverty that grips people everywhere, especially in rural communities. To assist communities and to assist women who have little economic power, Rotarians invest in people by creating sustainable, measurable and long-term economic improvements in their communities and livelihoods by:

1. Building the capacity of entrepreneurs, community leaders, local organizations, and community networks to support economic development in impoverished communities;
2. Developing opportunities for productive work;
3. Reducing poverty in under-served communities;
4. Supporting studies for career-minded professionals related to economic and community development.

**Nearly 800 million people live on less than \$1.90 a day. Rotary members are passionate about providing sustainable solutions to poverty.**

How do we achieve these objectives? Let's look at some stories from Rotarians.

**Microloans:** Entrepreneurs use microloans to become street vendors, rickshaw drivers, weavers, bakers, and tailors.

#### Quote of the Month:

*"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless."*

Sherry Anderson



*Microcredit client Marta Lopez at her home in San Francisco, Honduras, where she makes up to 100 pieces of bread each day. After two cycles of micro loans from the Adelante Foundation, Lopez is now able to build a kitchen. The microcredit program is supported by a Rotary global grant.*

#### Agricultural opportunities:

Entrepreneurs in rural communities can borrow money to buy livestock or plant crops, or get training in sustainable farming.

**Adopt a village:** Rotary members use a multifaceted and coordinated strategy to break the cycle of poverty in extremely impoverished communities.

**The power of light:** Rotary members team up with the Navajo Nation to bring solar lights to remote, off-the-grid homes, allowing people to work and learn at night.

**Human rights:** Rotary helps Tanzanians with albinism overcome stigma and superstition to find safety and a livelihood.

**Training:** Rotary International and Heifer International are teaching farmers to extend their growing season and help residents eat healthier, local food.

**60% of the world's hungry people are women and girls.**

**Breaking the cycle of poverty for women:** Most of the women living in rural Guatemala do not have the

collateral to get loans from regulated financial institutions. The Rotary Club of Guatemala de la Ermita helped 400 local women complete financial literacy courses so they could pool their money and fund their own microlending program.

**Skills development, business training:** In Esmeraldas, Ecuador, Rotary members helped grant more than 250 microloans and train more than 270 community members in sewing, baking, plumbing, microcredit, business management, and leadership.

**795 million people - or 1 in 9 people in the world - do not have enough to eat.**

**Sustainable farming:** In west Cameroon, soil erosion and loss of soil fertility have significantly reduced farmers' harvests. Rotary members gave farmers the skills they needed to improve soil fertility, control soil erosion, and market their produce. The results: increased crop yields and profits.

We Rotarians, through TRF, provided \$9.2 million to help grow community economies in 2020. When we give people the opportunity to improve their life, they also gain both self-reliance and a sense of achievement. We truly are changing peoples' lives!

Excerpts from *Growing Local Economies* by Rotary International  
By DG Vincent Costa



## 100 Ways to Grow Rotary

Clubs are always looking for ways to grow and recruit new members. There are many things clubs and their members can do in order to identify and attract prospective members.

Here is a list of 100 viable approaches that your club could use in your efforts to grow Rotary. While all may not be a fit for your club, the list will hopefully inspire you to try something new...

1. Ask someone
2. Bring a guest to meetings
3. Advertise in newspapers & cable TV
4. Have a clear club goal & a strategic plan
5. Letters or personal contact with local businesses
6. Contact your local Chamber of Commerce
7. Place customized bookmarks in library books
8. Have public meetings at malls, outdoors, airports, etc.
9. Have a booth at malls, fairs, festivals etc.
10. Place pamphlets in doctors' offices, hospitals, cafeterias, libraries, etc.
11. Host an Open House
12. Hold a club assembly only on membership
13. If you have a Rotary Club, ask Rotary Foundation alumni to join
14. Give the membership chair one minute at every club meeting
15. Make the membership chair a club director
16. Put together guest information packets
17. Service projects that serve a need in the community
18. Invite family members to join
19. Send letters to people in the news with an invitation to visit the club
20. Print club business cards with club meeting location and time
21. Distribute extra copies of magazines (i.e.: Rotarian) in waiting rooms, w/club info incl.
22. Hold high-profile meetings
23. Hold wine and cheese receptions for prospective members
24. Ask for help from RIMC/RIMZC
25. Have a special guest day
26. Send club members to district membership seminar
27. Make prospective members feel important
28. Honor outstanding community members with awards
29. Don't take age into consideration
30. Make some meetings social events
31. Build a club web site
32. Use group email to promote your club
33. Put posters in public areas
34. Ask corporations and employers to sponsor or subsidize membership
35. Have a reward program for those who bring in new members
36. Create more fun
37. Give a money back guarantee; if after three months a new member does not want to be a club member, return their fees
38. Invite the media to cover well known speakers
39. Use word of mouth
40. Network with coworkers, friends, and family
41. Follow up with guests
42. Place a colored dot on the watch of every member to remind them to bring a guest
43. Lead by example - how many members have you recruited?
44. Have members give talks at other organizations
45. Provide guests with free meals
46. Update your clubs classification survey
47. Look for members in ethnic groups not represented in your club
48. Provide brochures for new employee packets in members' companies
49. Advertise at sports events
50. Ask the district for help
51. Hold joint meetings with other groups
52. Share your club experience with others
53. Participate in community events
54. Write letters to the newspaper about the campaigns your club is working on
55. If a prospect can't attend your meeting due to time, suggest another club
56. Publicize club successes,

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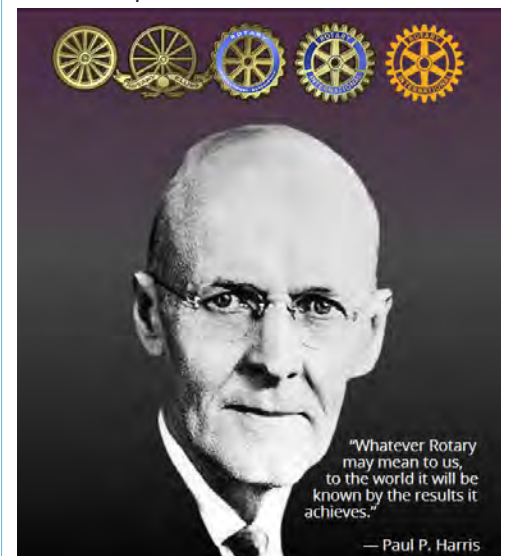
- elections, and events in local newspapers
57. Circulate the club newsletter widely
  58. Design a club brochure
  59. Hold recruiting events with two or more clubs
  60. Form/join a speakers' bureau
  61. Wear your Rotary pin
  62. Mention your club at meetings of other organizations during announcements
  63. Send newsletter to guests
  64. When asked about your leadership skills & career success, tell them about your club
  65. Ask the AG to attend a board meeting to talk about membership
  66. Ask every member to submit three prospects to the membership chair
  67. Make it FUN
  68. Give every member a club decal or bumper stickers for their car
  69. Give testimonials about your club while guests are at the meeting
  70. Repeatedly invite prospective members
  71. Practice selling your club at Club meetings - have a one minute elevator speech ready
  72. Conduct a Membership Satisfaction Survey (RI Publication #417)
  73. The club president asks three club members as a personal favour to each recruit one new member



74. Bring your boss to a club meeting
75. Make direct contact with women's business associations
76. Bring your co-workers to a club meeting
77. Bring your subordinates to a club meeting
78. Have new member kits
79. Use books, brochures, videos and posters from RI
80. Hand out invitation cards for a "Free" lunch (breakfast, dinner)
81. Have members constantly promote and rave about your club
82. Meet at a good location
83. Assign every member to a five person recruitment team - each team brings in a new member every six months
84. Develop a strategic plan membership is a year-round priority and needs to be planned
85. Have incentives for recruitment
86. Have a large poster that lists all the members who have sponsored a new member in the past year
87. Select a missing classification

- and work on filling it
88. Display a thermometer showing progress towards club goals
89. Feature a member's "benefit of the month" in the club newsletter
90. Induct new members with pizzazz & invite spouse/partner
91. Develop a welcome letter from the president for all new members
92. Contact all members who have resigned in the past three years
93. Use billboards at bus stops and road sides
94. Ask club members to put club ads on their commercial trucks
95. Recognize new members in newsletters
96. Regularly check the RI web site for ideas
97. Subscribe to the Rotary Membership Minute on the RI web site
98. Invite spouses to social functions
99. Ask recipients of Rotary service or donations to speak for Rotary
100. Pass out M & M candy to remind members that "Membership Matters" and that we need "More Members"

*This article, written by Chris Offer, originally appeared in November 2004 issue of Membership Matters.*





## Do You Wear Your Rotary Pin?

His Royal Highness Prince Charles wears his. The Prince of Wales is an Honorary Member of the Rotary Club of Banchory-Ternan in eastern Scotland.

Luanne Triolo was several weeks into a challenge to wear her Rotary pin for 60 days straight when she realized she had missed a day.

So the 2009-10 president of the Rotary Club of Carol Stream, Illinois, USA, started all over again to meet the challenge William Ferreira, governor of District 6440, had set before all his club presidents.

"You get used to it. It's something that is really good to do," says Triolo. "Different pins do catch people's eye in different ways."

Many Rotarians are serious about wearing their Rotary pins. Eugene Beil, past governor of District 6950 (Florida, USA) and a member of the Rotary Club of Hudson, tapped into that dedication recently when he started a discussion thread on



RI's official LinkedIn group, asking Rotarians whether they wear their pins every day or just for meetings. The discussion has prompted more than 190 comments.

"I am happy with the feedback," Beil says. "I feel strongly about the value of wearing the pin every day. Whether you are at the grocery

store, at work, or anywhere, you never know when a stranger is going to notice and you have an opportunity to explain Rotary to them."

Claudiu Presecan, a member of the Rotary Club of Cluj-Napoca Cetatuie, Romania, notes that Rotary was forbidden in his country during the 50 years of communist rule. "It's a pin we can wear now in Romania too. I guess only when you are forced to stop wearing it you realize its true significance."

Lisa Hunter, president of the Rotaract Club of Maidenhead, Berkshire, England, says she always wears her Rotaract pin with pride. "Like many others, I keep a variety of different pins in my bag so I always have the right one to suit the occasion," she says.

Do you wear your Rotary pin every day? Have you struck up a conversation with strangers about Rotary as a result? Show your Rotary Pride, wear your Rotary pin daily. *By Arnold Grah, RI News*

## 2021 Interact Awards



Make sure that your Rotary sponsored Interact Club knows about this year's Interact Awards.

Show us how your members are taking action across the globe, in your community, and in yourselves through service-learning. Start your service-learning journey by completing our service-learning course then share your experience in the 2021 Interact Awards. We are accepting videos, photos, and essays as part of the Interact Awards. Nominations will be accepted from 1 September 2021 at 00:00 Chicago Time (UTC-5) until 1 December 2021 at 23:59 Chicago Time.

Each club may submit (1) video, up to (3) photos, and/or (1) essay.

Awards will be given for best video, best photo, and best essay. One (1) club will be awarded in each category and receive a financial award from Rotary International to support the Interact club's service project, as well as an award

plaque and letter from the Rotary International President.

For more information, go to: [shorturl.at/hqwP9](https://shorturl.at/hqwP9)



One of the award winning pictures from last year's Interact Awards.



## Rotary Learning Center

The Learning Center in My Rotary is available to Rotarians who are interested in taking online courses on a variety of topics, including membership, The Rotary Foundation, Club Basics, and much more. By going to [www.rotary.org/learn](http://www.rotary.org/learn) or logging into My Rotary, members can take interactive courses that help them learn by contemplating real life membership scenarios and exploring best practices and strategies to address challenges. The Learning Center features a search function, personalized reports, and virtual badges for completed courses. Don't have your My Rotary account set up yet? Learn how to create a My Rotary account by downloading a pdf at: <https://my.rotary.org/en/document/how-create-my-rotary-account>.

Each club officer role now has a learning plan that includes updated materials and manuals. Club presidents will find a manual for their role in the Learning Center. Manuals for the other seven club positions have been divided into multiple courses, each about one topic, to make it easy to find - and learn - what you need to know. Be sure to promote these new resources to club officers:



*The Rotary Learning Center at [rotary.org/learn](http://rotary.org/learn) is a great source for anyone who wants to learn more about Rotary. Whether you're a new member, or someone with experience and leadership aspirations, you will find an abundance of material to assist you in advancing your Rotary knowledge.*

- Club President Basics
- Club Secretary Basics
- Club Treasurer Basics
- Club Membership Committee Basics
- Club Administration Committee Basics
- Club Public Image Committee Basics
- Club Service Projects Committee Basics
- Club Rotary Foundation Committee Basics

### **Why use the online courses on the Learning Center?**

- On demand learning which can be

accessed as pre-work, post event follow-up, or instead of in-person training

- Find training resources that can be downloaded or repurposed for your needs

### **Navigating to Your Courses**

Feeling unsure about how to use the Learning Center? Getting Started with the Learning Center will help you discover the many features of the Learning Center, how to search for courses, how to take a course, and how to track your progress.

You can also take Rotary's online courses on most mobile devices.

## Shop for Your Rotary Gear

There are several vendors out there selling all things Rotary. One that has popped up lately is 1905 Gear. This vendor sells Rotary apparel and is putting all the profits back into Rotary.

So, if you're interested in getting a new T-shirt or hoodie, while also supporting Rotary, check out what they have to offer at: [1905gear.com](http://1905gear.com)



## Scholarship Opportunity

The Bob Williams Memorial Rotary Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications from current high school seniors and G.E.D. students from high schools located in Allegheny and Beaver Counties and from Burrell Area, Kiski Area and New Kensington/Arnold school districts in Westmoreland County.

Historically, eight scholarships have been awarded at \$5,000 each. Rotarians are encouraged to seek applicants for this scholarship program.

The application materials can be

found on the District 7305 website under the scholarship link: Bob Williams Scholarship. Further information about the scholarships will also be published in The Bulletin Board.

Rotarians in the designated areas listed above are encouraged to get the application materials to their area high school counselors. Please note that this is a need-based scholarship.

The deadline for receipt of the applications is the last day of February. Please contact PDG Bob Arbuckle, Committee Chair, for additional information at:

[rarbuckle66@gmail.com](mailto:rarbuckle66@gmail.com)



Space Center Houston is just one of the many sites and activities that the HOC (Host Organization Committee) is offering to the attendees of the 2022 RI Convention in Houston. Visit the convention website at [houstonri2022.org](http://houstonri2022.org) for more information about the different events.

### Ready For Lift Off? We Are...

On behalf of the Host Organization Committee, we cannot wait to welcome Rotarians and guests to Houston and the great State of Texas for the 2022 Rotary International Convention. The saying goes that everything is “Bigger”, “Better” and “Friendlier” in Texas, and the goal of the Houston Host Organization Committee is to have each of you feel that every moment as our guest while in Houston! From the humble beginnings of this great city, Houston has been led by “People of Action” who have taken this City to great heights including, to the moon and back.

The City has plenty of activities to keep you entertained. Visit Space Center Houston, the home of Johnson Space Center and the Astronauts. Enjoy a night at the theater. Houston features a world class symphony, opera, ballet and permanent theater company. World

class museums are within a short ride from the convention center. Of course, you can watch the 2017 World Series Champions Houston Astros at Minute Maid Park which is walking distance from the Houston Convention Center.

Houston is one of the most diverse cities in the world with a vast range of cultures. Houston’s diversity has resulted in some of the world’s best cuisine. Houston’s vast array of restaurants include Creole, Chinese, Thai, Vietnamese, Italian, African, Caribbean, Argentinian and of course our very own Tex-Mex and world famous BBQ, to name a few.

Stay tuned to the Houston Convention website for some exciting things to look forward to during your trip to Houston!

We look forward to welcoming each of you personally to Houston in June of 2022!!

*PDG Rhonda Kennedy*  
Host Organization Committee Chair



### Enjoying the Convention

At the International Convention you have the opportunity to participate in many different activities outside of the programs, events, and general sessions offered in the convention hall.

Each year there is at least one event focusing on Rotary’s main goal of eliminating Polio in the world. Before the official opening of the 2014 Convention in Sydney, the Host Organization Committee had arranged for an early morning 3K walk. It was great to see the many fellow Rotarians walking and wearing the same End Polio Now T-shirt.

Many Polio survivors also participated in the walk. At the finish line, pictures were taken of the participants as they completed the walk.

The 2022 Rotary International Convention will be held June 4-8 in Houston. Be sure to register by December 15 to get the early bird registration savings. For those who are under 31 the registration fee is \$125. Go to [rotary.org](http://rotary.org) and register today! While on the convention website, you can also register for a hotel room.



### *Future RI Conventions*

*2023: Melbourne,*

*2024: Singapore*

*2025: Calgary*

*2026: Malta & San Marino (??)*



## Brownsville Rotary 100 Years

On March 1, 2021, the Rotary Club of Brownsville, PA received its charter. The gala night held on September 25, celebrating the club's century of service, included a visit from Paul Harris and his slightly reluctant nurse Goodbody (AKA PDGs Tom Fallon and Mary Berge).

In addition to state representatives, the City Mayor, the Chamber of Commerce, club members and family, there were also twelve past, current, and future District Governors in attendance.

The club received numerous citations in recognition of their 100 years of service:

Citation for Rotary International honoring 100 years of membership; Citation from Representative Pam Snyder from the PA House of Representatives presented by Bud Cook; Citation from Senator Pat Stefano and the PA Senate; Mayoral Proclamation from the Borough of Brownsville presented by Mayor Ross Swords Jr.; Certificate of appreciation from Brownsville Area



Revitalization Corporation presented by former Brownsville Mayor Norma Ryan; and a Recognition plaque from the Brownsville Area Chamber of Commerce presented by the Chamber President Carl DellaPenna.

This club, started 100 years ago, is still going strong. It may not be the largest club in our district, but the

actions it takes, and the projects they take on, certainly make a difference in their community.

The Rotary Club of Brownsville is a perfect example of how a small club can make a great and long lasting impact in their community.

Here's to their first 100 years and to many more!



RC of Brownsville's first Club President was David Kirk Orr, nicknamed DK. After chairing the organization committee, he served two terms as President, two years as treasurer and completed his service to the club as their long term secretary.



Clockwise from top right: A very special centennial cake was offered for dessert; PDGs Tom Fallon and Mary Berge delivered a much enjoyed skit as 153 year old Paul Harris and his nurse Goodbody; The members of the Rotary Club of Brownsville ended the evening with a toast to their first 100 years and the beginning of a new century of service. Present (left to right) were: Nettie DellaPenna, Maria Fetock, Jane Bock, Desiree Christner, Eileen McCay, Denise Thompson, Dave Polvinale, Eadi Zetty, Lew Hostler, Patty Columbia, Kristy Duke, and Scott Campbell (Eileen and Kristy were inducted as the club's newest members). Unable to attend were club members Scott Bowman, Bill Johns, Lester Ward, Brian Moon, and Dave DeCarlo; PDG Al DeLucia and DG Vince Costa, on behalf of Rotary International, presenting Club President/PDG Maria Fetock with a certificate recognizing the club's century of service.



## LUNCH Has Been Delivered

60 homemade stuffed peppers today - with real mashed potatoes, corn, fresh fruit salad, and Mancini's rolls - (on top of being crazy busy at the diner - didn't anyone get the weather alerts to stay home during the bad weather during the first day of September ??)

Food and smiles delivered to some happy and grateful senior citizens! It was a LONG day, and we are so thankful to have good friends who helped us! Thanks to Jesse Bowman, Sally Bellante, and Danny Brown - We couldn't have done it without your help!

Thanks to the Carnegie-Collier Rotary Carnegie-Collier Rotary Club for having this amazing LUNCH program that supplies a hot meal to so many. They were so excited, and that makes the hard work worth it!




The Carnegie-Collier LUNCH program - Let's Unite Now for Community Hunger - is still going strong. On September 1 they made, packed, and delivered 60 meals to seniors in their area.  
Text & pictures by Carrie Kuhns



## Labor Day Car Cruise

The Murrysville-Export Labor Day Car Cruise was a great success. Beautiful weather and lots of cars. The club also took the opportunity to promote their Octoberfest event that is coming up later this month (see *The Bulletin Board* for details).



Rotary Club of Murrysville-Export 

Labor Day Car Cruise





# FALL FESTIVAL

Several clubs from around our Rotary district have participated in different festivals during the month of September.

North Boroughs Rotary Club promoted Rotary and the club's durable medical equipment program at the Avonworth Fall Festival.

The Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant enticed attendees at the Mt. Pleasant Glass Festival with their very special pumpkin chili.

Turtle Creek Rotary Satellite Club put up their pink lemonade booth at the PT Fall Festival, at the Penn Township Municipal Park (see page 12).



James Tallman, Maureen Newcamp, and Maureen Westland manned the Rotary Club of North Boroughs' booth at the Avonworth Fall Festival. The wigs - borrowed from a neighboring booth that sold them - were just worn for the photo opportunity. Also manning the booth was Joanne Osborn.



## Westinghouse Lodge Cleanup

With fall having come upon us, the grounds at Forest Hills Westinghouse Lodge were covered with lots of weeds.

On September 24, Rotary Club of Forest Hills members Ed Hyde, Gail and Ken Potter spent a few hours sprucing up the grounds. It was a beautiful day for an outside service project.



The Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant was serving up pumpkin chili and corn bread at the Mt. Pleasant Glass Festival. Fall was in the air and chili was the perfect meal for the day!

Working the Rotary booth were Club President Kevin Laskey (below and left) and Dale Flaherty. The happy customer is Rotarian Richard Snyder.



## Regatta on the Yough

The Belle Vernon Rotary Club held its first-ever Regatta on the Yough on Sunday, August 29, 2021.

Floaters in both the Race and "Best Decorated" category began at 11:00 am at Smithton Beach and continued to the finish line at Cedar Creek Park. The winning group entry was a "Girls Night Out" themed canoe, manned by Cathy Monahan and Marie Giordano.

A Lucky Duck Derby was held as hundreds of rubber ducks raced for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> cash prizes for the owners of pre-sold tickets that matched the numbers on the winning ducks. The 1<sup>st</sup> prize of \$500 was won by Augie France who donated his winnings back to the Rotary. Lisa Buday, of the California Rotary Club, also donated her winnings from the 50/50 duck draw held on the shore.

Food and music were also a part of the day's festivities.

The Club is already making plans for next year's Regatta, which will be a bigger and better version of the 2021 event, and hopes to make it a signature fundraiser for years to come.

Partners for the event included Westmoreland County Parks and Recreation, Rotary District 7305, and Float Smithton.

Rotarians from neighboring clubs also attended the Regatta. The Rotary clubs of Monessen/Rostraver, Monongahela, California, Charleroi, and Washington were all represented. *By Debbie Keefer*



*The Belle Vernon Rotary Club's first ever Regatta on the Yough was a great success. A total of six Rotary clubs were represented in the event that showcased some truly imaginative floats. The club is already planning for a bigger and better event in 2022.*

*Below: PDG Denny Crawford handing out the cash prizes to the cornhole tournament winners Team Cornhole Kai and runner-up Team Corn Dogs.*

## It's in the Hole!

On August 14<sup>th</sup> the Northern Allegheny and Quaker Valley Rotary clubs hosted their 1<sup>st</sup> Cornhole Tournament in North Park. The event was a great success and brought in about \$3,600!

Congratulations to the CASH winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Team Cornhole Kai
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Team Corn Dogs
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Team Shaler II

Thank you to all of the participating teams and sponsors: SA Rohrich, Lori Altrudo & Patriot Lending Services, Herman Dieckmann & Jonathan Dieckmann of Morgan Stanley, Wizard IT LLC, North Boroughs Rotary, Turtle Creek



Rotary, White Oak Rotary, Halo Branded Solutions, Fred Donetelli Memorials, Stu Benson, Morella & Associates, and RTI Insurance

Services

The clubs are looking forward to hosting another event again next year. Stay tuned!



## Penn Hills Car Cruise

The Rotary Club of Penn Hills held their first Car Cruise and Food Truck roundup at Penn Hills Park on 9/11. The event was a huge success! They had great food trucks, music, raffles, and good company.

The club would like to give special thanks to all the folks who came out to support them, all the enthusiasts who brought out their classic cars, and to the following for their help and support: Penn Hills 224, Penn Hills Police Department, Penn Hills EMS, Penn Hills Library, Penn Hills Shade Tree Commission, Penn Hills Community Development Corporation, Municipality of Penn Hills, Acclamation Brewing, Totopo Food Truck, M&M Royal Touch, Pittsburgh Cookie Table, Sweet Streets Ice Cream, Cafe 222, and Penn Hills Parks and Recreation.

By Tyler Tomasino

## Young Rotarians of D7305

On September 11, The Young Rotarians of District 7305 partnered with The McKeesport Agape Center to provide boxes of fresh produce and nonperishable foods to residents in McKeesport and the surrounding areas.

Their next project is scheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup> when they will board the Allegheny CleanWays' boat to clean up trash from the Mon River

The Young Rotarians of District 7305 is a networking organization within Rotary that connects Young Rotarians through service and fellowship. They organize monthly events throughout Central & Western PA to engage Rotarians from clubs across the district.

If you are interested in finding out more about this group of dedicated Rotarians, you can visit their facebook page at: [facebook.com/YoungRotarians](https://facebook.com/YoungRotarians) or you can send them an email at: [youngrotarians7305@gmail.com](mailto:youngrotarians7305@gmail.com)





## Single Meeting Projects

Members of the Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant meet every Wednesday at Leo's Pub and Grille. They have recently started to focus on small projects that they can complete as a group during a single meeting.

Not long ago one of those projects included the wrapping of small teddy bear gifts for distribution to children at the Blackburn Center. Sometimes a small and seemingly insignificant project can have a big impact.

The club members look forward to these small projects and coming up with new ways to help the community during a single meeting.



At a recent meeting, members of the Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant packed teddy bears for children at the Blackburn Center. Among the packers were (left to right): Dale Walker, PDG George Wood, Steve Simon, PDG Colleen Wood, and DGN John Hartman.

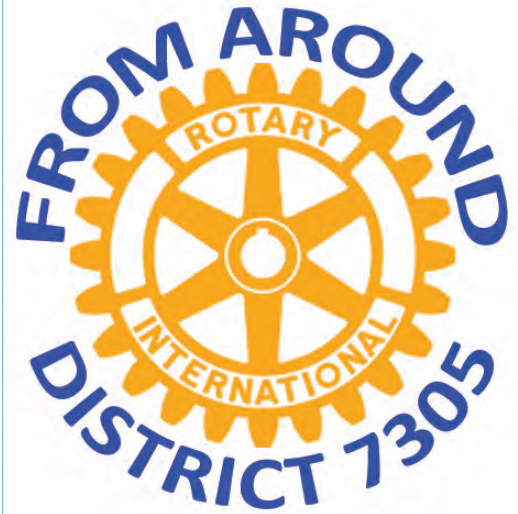


## Pink Lemonade Days

Every member of the Turtle Creek Rotary Satellite Club is working to BE THE END of breast cancer. The club has been the #1 fundraising team for the Pink Lemonade Stand Challenge since they started in 2018. And they have no plans to stop until no one faces breast cancer ever again.

Recently, the club participated in

two different events. On September 11, they had their own Pink Lemonade Stand at Bic's Pub and Grill in Trafford. Then, on September 17-19, they also set their stand up at the PT Fall Festival, held at the Penn Township Municipal Park.





## Bethel Park Interact Club

At the Bethel Park Community Day, Bethel Park Interact members took part in the parade and had a booth where they sold cookbooks with their members' favorite recipes, Smiles From Sean T-shirts, and raffle tickets to win gift baskets. The club raised over \$1,000 that will be used to do a lot of different things.

Smiles from Sean is a charity that was started by an Interact Club member who is a 2x brain cancer survivor who sends smiley bags to sick children all over the country. The club created shirts in his honor and sell them, with a portion of the proceeds going to him.

Some of the money will be used for: making horse treats for local charity Horses with Hope; making teacher appreciation gifts for all middle school and high school teachers

(our club has middle school and high school students); creating posters for the breast cancer fundraiser for St Clair Hospital in the month of October.

The club's Christmas project is collecting non perishable food items for a "free market" and selling chocolate covered pretzels. With the money raised they will be purchasing gifts for needy children/families in the area. Club members will wrap the gifts and donate them to Adopt A Family South Hills.



Below and left: The Greater Johnstown High School Interact Club was well represented at the Suicide Prevention Walk held downtown Johnstown on Saturday September 18.



The Churchill-Wilkins RC had a great time at the Wilkins Township Bicentennial Parade! The community came together to enjoy the festivities and each other's company. We are able to wave and say "hi" to residents and enjoy the company of our friends from the Blackridge and Churchill Garden Clubs! Can't wait till next year! Text & pictures by Charles Bostaph





## Ebensburg Potato Fest

Every year the Ebensburg Rotary Club prepares their famous potato soup for sale at Ebensburg's "Potato Fest." It is one of the club's largest fundraisers. This year the weather was perfect and they had a tremendous crowd.

The club always sell out of soup, and this year was no different. It's apparent that they do cook a mean potato soup...

The club wants to thank all of their members and customers for making this year's Potato Fest as very successful event. They very much appreciate the community support and are already looking forward to the fall of 2022 and are also looking forward to seeing you then.



The Rotary Club of Forest Hills won the Golden Sneaker Award for their participation in the Pittsburgh East Crop Walk for Hunger. They raised awareness of hunger issues while also raising \$540 for their efforts. Great job!



Working the Ebensburg Rotary Club's Potato Soup stand were - by the menu board - Erin May, Jan Kuncelman, and Becky DeYulis. Fred Creany was manning the pots in the booth.



Walt Sickles manned the Rotary grill at the Sewickley Harvest Festival on 9/11.

## Rotary Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival is an autumn tradition presented by the Rotary Club of Quaker Valley and Kiwanis of Sewickley.

Rotary president Scott Zahner was very pleased with the big turnout for this, the 30<sup>th</sup> year of the event.

The festival originated in the 1940s to help local farmers. Back then, it took place in a field near the Sewickley YMCA before being moved to the main streets.

"It's a community event, especially

this year," Zahner said. "People want to get out and get some sort of normalcy back. It gives small vendors a chance to sell their product (and) we have a great relationship with the Kiwanis Club."

Some 140 vendors from all over Western PA had booths and tents located on Broad and Thorn Streets in Sewickley.

The event started with 9/11 memorial service at the opening.

The organizers estimate that about 5,000 people attended the all

day event that helps raise money for all of the club's community services, such as: Scholarships to QV students, food banks, veterans programs, international projects, Student of the Month programs, tree planting in the club's service area, and many more.

The Quaker Valley club collaborated with Ambridge Rotary and Sewickley Kiwanis.

In all, the event raised close to \$10,000. Not bad for a club of about 10 members!

Needless to say, it took a tremendous effort and a lot of hours.

Text by Trib Live and Sam Maccarone 14



## Dare To Try

The Rotary Club of Åre, Sweden, is launching a new stipend for youth aimed at getting more young individuals to “dare to try” an idea, project, or activity and simultaneously get useful experience of practicing leadership.

The #daretotry (#vågatesta) program will offer financial support of up to about \$600 (5,000 SEK) and competency in the form of a mentor and access to a professional network. Applicants are also encouraged to prepare by participating in the local RYLA program.

Examples of possible projects could be a horse-riding camp, a music festival, an art exhibit, exciting competitions, or anything else that you might imagine. The possibilities are endless, and are only limited by the creativity and imagination of the applicants.

The approved projects will be run from start to finish by the applicant. As a result they will acquire contacts and skills that will last a lifetime.

By launching #daretotry, the Rotary Club of Åre believes that they will provide positive development for young individuals and their community by giving more people access to stimulating activities, while also giving young people the chance to grow and practice their leadership skills.

Some of the criteria for the applications are:

- All projects and/or activities have to be local
  - Eligible applicants should be 16 to 25 years old
  - Each approved project will be assigned a local Rotarian as their mentor
  - The project and/or activity should be available to the public at no cost
- Maybe this is something that Rotary clubs in our district would be interested in trying. With our region of Pennsylvania seeing youth leave for other parts of the country, perhaps - by engaging them in their own community - this could be a catalyst for positive change.

If you are interested in finding out more about this project, please contact newsletter editor Ivar Berge at [editor@rotarydistrict7305.org](mailto:editor@rotarydistrict7305.org)



### A Rotary Joke...

A Doctor, a Lawyer, and a Rotarian all have died and arrive at the Pearly Gates at the same time. St. Peter tells them they may each have one thing to take with them into Heaven.

The doctor is first, and asks for \$1 million. This is given and the doctor proceeds to enter Heaven. The lawyer, not to be outdone, asks for \$2 million. “Very well,” says St. Peter and opens the gate to Heaven for the lawyer.

Finally it is time for the Rotarian, who had just finished a massive fundraising project for The Rotary Foundation before passing (stress related). St. Peter asks him what he would like to take to Heaven.

The Rotarian fundraiser moves up very close to St. Peter, and, in a soft voice asks, “If it’s not too much trouble, could I just have the names of those two people who were ahead of me in line?” *Source unknown*

### ***ShelterBox Donations***

***Donation checks for \$1000 (for ShelterBox tent and supporting materials), or any amount, should be made out to ShelterBox USA.***

***All checks from Rotary District 7305 Clubs and members can be mailed to the District ShelterBox Ambassador at the address below for immediate forwarding to ShelterBox USA.***

***Credit card donations can be made directly to ShelterBox USA on their website: [shelterboxusa.org](http://shelterboxusa.org)***

***Mike Sears***

***ShelterBox USA Ambassador  
172 Ellsworth Street  
California, PA 15419***

The  
**Rotary**  
Foundation



**World Polio Day - October 24**

We celebrate World Polio Day in October. World Polio Day was established by Rotary International over a decade ago to commemorate the birth of Jonas Salk, who led the first team to develop the vaccine against the disease at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Poliomyelitis, or polio, is a paralyzing and potentially fatal disease.

Polio can be prevented by vaccines and will be the second disease to be eradicated. Over 30 years, Rotary and our partners have been the driving effort to eradicate polio worldwide. Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries. Rotary’s advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort. 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. *continued...*



Owen’s Odyssey, an attempt by Owen P. Standley of the Rotary Club of Johnstown Sunset to through-walk the Appalachian Trail, has - so far - raised \$54,000 towards the eradication of Polio.



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**POLIO IN NUMBERS**  
*Wild virus confirmed cases in 2021*  
**Global Total: 2 (116)**  
*Wild virus from other sources in 2021*  
**Global Total: 63 (377)**  
*As of 21 September 2021. Numbers in brackets represent data as of this time 2020.*

**Rotary's Four Way Test**  
 Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the **truth**?
2. Is it **fair** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **goodwill** and **better friendships**?
4. Will it be **beneficial** to all concerned?

Each year, Rotarians work on new ways to raise funds for Polio. Past Club President Owen Standley from Rotary Club of Johnstown Sunset has a goal of walking thru the Appalachia Trail's roughly 2,200 miles. Last year, Owen was able to raise over \$54,000 before he placed

the walk on hold. He managed to complete 428 miles of his odyssey and has plans to resume his quest to conquer the trail.  
 PolioPlus is a restricted fund and the funds raised are only used for PolioPlus projects.



Above: Jonas Salk administering a dose of the life saving Polio vaccine.  
 Below: The so-called Polio Pioneers; children who received the vaccine that, at that time, was still considered an experimental cure against Polio. As we know, the rest is history...

**Polio Pioneers of 1954**  
 In 1954, polio was a terrifying reality. The vaccine began as a large clinical trial of 1.3 million kids around the country. They called themselves Polio Pioneers, the first to try a new vaccine in the hopes of ending a grave threat.  
 Nine months after the trial ended, the vaccine was declared safe and effective. In 1955, mass inoculation against polio began. 25 years later, domestic polio transmission had all but vanished.  
 Polio is now a mandated vaccination in all 50 states. The children you see pictured below made this a reality for us all.

**District 7305 Polio Plus Society**

In an effort to increase sustainable giving, the PolioPlus Society (PPS) was formed to encourage Rotarians to commit a minimum of \$100 per year to the PolioPlus Fund until polio is eradicated from the face of the earth. Society members receive a special PPS pin and Paul Harris credit. As an extra bonus, for a minimum \$100 donation, District 7305 Rotarians will receive matching points from our district towards their next Paul Harris Fellow!

**Eradication of polio is Rotary's #1 priority.**

- Polio remains a crippling and potentially fatal disease, most often striking children under the age of 5.
- There is no cure for polio; immunization is the only prevention.

**We're "This Close", but Rotary's work must continue.**

- After the last case of paralysis, 450,000,000 children annually, worldwide, under the age of five years, must be immunized for an additional three years, to assure total eradication of the polio virus.

If you want to be a part of the Society, please fill out the attached application (see page 18) and send it to Pat Shaffer, D7305 Polio Plus Chair. Any questions? Please feel free to call Pat at 724-327-5601  
 Join D7305's Polio Plus Society, today!





# SAVE THE DATE

ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CANCELATION OR RESCHEDULE  
DUE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC



**SAVE THE DATE – OCTOBER 14, 2021**

**INTERACT CONFERENCE – GREENSBURG COUNTRY CLUB**



**SAVE THE DATE – NOVEMBER 27, 2021**

**WPXI HOLIDAY PARADE  
DISTRICT 7305 FLOAT IN PARADE**



**SAVE THE DATE – JANUARY 30, 2022**

**MID-YEAR REVIEW  
DENUNZIO'S RESTAURANT – ARNOLD PALMER AIRPORT**

MID-YEAR REVIEW

**SAVE THE DATE – MARCH 4-6, 2022**

**PETS PRESIDENT ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR  
PENN STATER**



**SAVE THE DATE – TBD**

**THE ROTARY FOUNDATION LUNCHEON**



**SAVE THE DATE – TBD**

**DISTRICT ASSEMBLY**



**SAVE THE DATE – JUNE 23-26**

**2022 DISTRICT CONFERENCE  
SEVEN SPRINGS MOUNTAIN RESORT**



**SAVE THE DATE – JUNE 4-8, 2022**

**2022 RI CONVENTION  
HOUSTON**







# Rotary District 7305's PolioPlus Society Membership Form



As a Rotarian and supporter of Polio Eradication, Rotary's #1 priority, I wish to participate in this humanitarian endeavor as a member of District 7305's Polio Plus Society.

Therefore, I hereby commit to making an annual contribution to the PolioPlus program of The Rotary Foundation as follows: (select one)

- \$100 per year (minimum about to become a Society Member)
- A contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per year to PolioPlus (more than \$100)



Society Members will receive a PolioPlus Society membership pin and Paul Harris credit. A second bonus, for a minimum \$100 donation, all District 7305 Rotarians will receive a match in points from our District for a Paul Harris Fellow! All funds received will be sent for Polio and credited to Owen's Odyssey.

Please send a check payable to: THE ROTARY FOUNDATION with this form to Pat Shaffer; 4744 Nob Hill Drive; Murrysville, PA 15668. QUESTIONS, contact Pat Shaffer, District Polio Plus Chair at 724-327-5601.

**POLIOPLUS SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP**

I pledge to contribute at least \$100 each year until the World Health Organization certifies that Polio has been fully eradicated and the world is polio-free. I do this because...

**UNTIL THE LAST CHILD IS IMMUNIZED AND THE WORLD IS CERTIFIED POLIO-FREE, EVERY CHILD IS AT RISK.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PolioPlus Society membership material will be mailed to you for presentation at a Club meeting. We want you to be properly recognized for your commitment to polio eradication.

