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## District Governor Message

December has also been called the International Family Month with a focus on disease prevention and treatment. The health and vitality of a person, a family and a community can be seriously impaired by what in many cases is a preventable disease. Disease prevention is really a key to progress in other areas as well because of the interplay with other areas of focus like Water and Sanitation and Maternal & Child Health.

The eradication of polio has of course been Rotary International's s major worldwide, corporate effort since the early 1980's. And remarkable progress has been made. The job is not finished however and you can rest assured that we will not, cannot, set this torch down until that job is finished. More information on the status of the Polio eradication effort can be found later in this newsletter..

On another note, I would like to ask of any interest for members to serve on a district committee next year. We have opportunities for those who would like to help shape our district for it's future. For more information please reach out to me or DGE Jack Cohen, jcohen@zoominternet.net.

A reminder that there is still time to complete the 2021 Rotary All-Member Survey. This is your opportunity to tell us what you like about being a Rotary member and how we can improve your membership experience. You should have received an email from Nora Zei , Chief Participant Experience Officer, Rotary International ,with the survey invitation. Regardless, to access the survey, copy and paste the following address. The survey will take 15 to 20 minutes to complete and will be open until 10 December 2021. If you any have questions, contact surveys@rotary.org.

[https://rotary.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_5C3Nsmp9vID6ijQ?Q\\_DL=5Xpf4FzM0VFdPGZ\\_5C3Nsmp9vID6ijQ\\_CGC\\_cPgM1FbvRliFtSp&Q\\_CHL=email](https://rotary.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5C3Nsmp9vID6ijQ?Q_DL=5Xpf4FzM0VFdPGZ_5C3Nsmp9vID6ijQ_CGC_cPgM1FbvRliFtSp&Q_CHL=email)

I also wish to remind current and incoming club officers to update your club membership and officer information by 1 January 2022. The information will be used to generate your club invoice. It is important that your club's member information is up-to-date, because Rotary cannot change the club invoice after it has been generated or accept membership updates with your payment.

I wish to thank Kathy Corcoran and the entire Shelter Box committee on a fabulous fundraiser event held at the Stables at Connoquenessing. I big thank you to all the clubs that contributed baskets, and sponsorships. We all had a lot of fun and the cake auction greatly added to the huge success.

I sincerely wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy Productive New Year!  
Rick, District Governor



CONGRATULATIONS TO CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP ROTARY CLUB ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY. THE MILESTONE WAS CELEBRATED AT TREESDALE COUNTRY CLUB ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH WHICH I HAD THE PLEASURE OF JOINING. SHOWN IN THE PICTURE ABOVE IS PRESIDENT CARRIE CONSTANZA, PAST PRESIDENT AND DISTRICT GOVERNOR NOMINEE JOHN MARSHALL, AND MEMBER CURT WHIPPLE PRESENTING A 50 YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO STANLEY BUDNEY AS WELL AS A PAUL HARRIS FELLOW PLUS 2 AWARD. ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT I EXTEND OUR APPRECIATION AND OFFER OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO STAN FOR HIS LIFE OF SERVICE TO ROTARY.



# EDUCATION

Can you imagine a school  
with no desks?

# LITERACY

Can you picture a library  
with no books?



# HEALTH

What if your healthcare  
provider was only available to  
meet once a week under a tree  
in your community?

## THE GHANA PROJECT

Please join our fundraising efforts to Make A Difference  
for the Children and People of Ghana, Africa

**KeystoneRotaryClub.org**



## THE GHANA PROJECT



Meet Simon Aseno

Simon was selected to be a **Rotary Peace Fellow** at the Duke/UNC Peace Center. He has a bachelors degree in Biomedical Technology /Humanitarian Health and he currently studies at UNC for a Global Health MPH Degree. He founded (PeFHED) The Peoples Foundation for Health & Education Development who will oversee the project. Simon is a **Rotarian** with the Keystone Rotary International E-Club of District 7280.

### Project Priorities:

- Completion of the **Kuboko Clinic** caring for people in the Kuboko Village = \$4,000
- **Desks** for 460 Children & Teachers at Kukuruzua Primary School = \$8,500
- **Books/bookshelves** for the Bawku West District Library to serve over 120 communities = \$8,500



### Connecting with our project:

- **Invite us** to present the full details of the Ghana Project to your club or organization
- **Join** our project team / committee
- **Donate** to the project via venmo, paypal/credit card or check - details available on our website
- **Share** this information with others to help change lives in Ghana, Africa

**Every dollar makes a difference! Completion of this clinic will save lives!**

Another example: \$100 will provide desks for 6 students, which will in turn provide jobs for local craftsmen during these difficult times.

### For additional information, contact:

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KeystoneRotaryEClub@gmail.com

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## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO DATE IN 2021-22!**

Greetings! I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving. And, Happy Hanukkah as well. We are close to halfway through our Rotary year. Sounds like a good time to look at the status of Membership in District 7280.

Congratulations to the 32 Clubs and Satellite Clubs who welcomed a total of 114 new members since July 1, 2021. As promised, here are the new members welcomed to clubs these past five months. This list does include transfers within the District. If you spy any discrepancies with your club's records, please reach out to me so we can update the system. Thank you.

To our new members: *Glad you are here!* Make sure you stay in close contact with your sponsor or club mentor to get to know your club. The best way to get to know your club is to get involved. December is a special month for most clubs as they take on additional service projects to help make the holidays extra-special for their communities. I'll be enjoying seeing all the Facebook posts of community trees being decorated, food banks being stocked and toys galore being donated to local charities.

I wish everyone the best that the season has to offer. 2022, here we come!

Kindness Matters,  
Kathy Corcoran  
District 7280 Membership Chair  
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**NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED TO DISTRICT 7280  
SINCE JULY 1, 2021!**



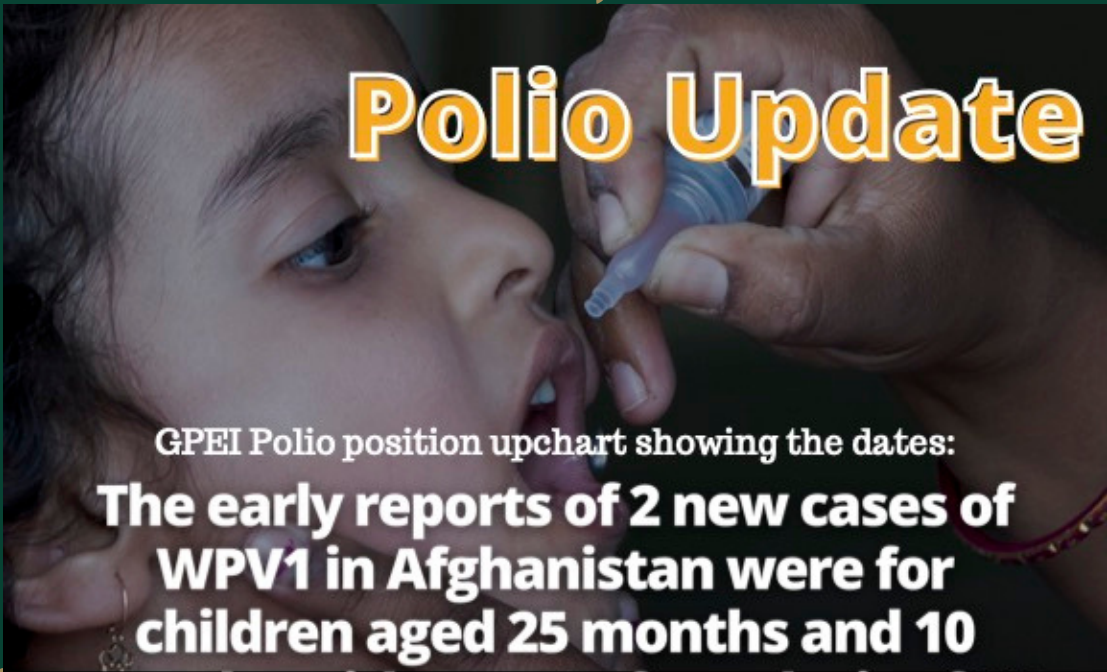
BRADFORD Heidi Scrivo Passmore
BUTLER Ellen S Romett Al Vavro
BUTLER A.M. Kyle B Conley Jeff Simmons
BUTLER AM SATELLITE - SAXONBURG AREA Andrew Curtis Adams N.Rowdy Durci Patricia Durci Beth Kelley Mike Kelley Helga I. Leonard Terri Lee Leslie Ashley J McDivitt John W Sell Jody B Vettori Judith Wadding Phillip H Wain
CHICORA-EAST BRADY Michael Harvey Lori McCully Kayla Smith
CLARION Yasir Bhatti Jaclyn Dolby Jarred Heuer Lisa Steiner
CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP Justin Ball Brian C Blackwell Deanna L Budziszewski Jessica Burr Thomas A Norton Andrew J Wilson
DUBOIS Paula Felton-Werner Lauren Johson Gionna Pitrone
ELLWOOD CITY Alena Kucan
ERIE James McEldowney Robert A. Nelson Tom New Tammy L. Roche Rebecca E. Walker Cassandra Whitmer
EVANS CITY Cody Lee Beahm Julie Breitenbach Dana Cuckler Roberta Domhoff Pam Greenawalt Heather Hubert
FRANKLIN Holly Gibbons Timothy Heffernan Diane Kemick Jeanette Kooser Heidi Krug-Whistle Michelle Marie Reck

GREENVILLE Linda Cooper Judy Leary Roberta Leonard Sue Nicklin
GROVE CITY John Garzarelli Sydney Henriquez Bernard S. Hoyt Wayde Killmeyer David C. Knopp Joshua Weaver
HERMITAGE Stephanie Childs Delaney Lantz
KEYSTONE Kimberly S. Armstrong Simon Batamya Aseno
KITTANNING Laura Brice Lisa Kaplon Jonathan Major Michelle Reefer
MEADVILLE Georgette Kennedy
MERCER Carrie Miller
NEW WILMINGTON Thomas William Graney Sr.
OIL CITY Nicole Berdine
PORT ALLEGANY Mary M Mensch
PORTERSVILLE-PROSPECT John Charles Blum Jr
PUNXSUTAWNEY Paul A Hetrick David E London
RICH-MAR Becky Auld Bill Battin David Hein Beverly Jordan Helianna Orr
RICH-MAR SATELLITE Harry George Austin III Robert F. Eidschink Paul S. Hasette Patricia A. Lord
SHARON Melinda Bowen-Houck
SLIPPERY ROCK Andrea Grady James D. Pierce Abbey Zink
SMETHPORT Gregory M Elderkin
TITUSVILLE Robert Cole Stacey Ross
ZELIENOPLE Emily Elisabeth Budney Angela Fishman Annie Mersing






# Polio Update



GPEI Polio position upchart showing the dates:

**The early reports of 2 new cases of WPV1 in Afghanistan were for children aged 25 months and 10 months with onset of paralysis of 20 and 29 October 2021. However, these 2 cases are only reported as advanced notifications so are not included in the total summary yet. The 2 isolates are related. Similar isolates were last seen a year ago in positive ES samples. The programme in Afghanistan is now working with the Ministry of Public Health on a detailed investigation and to implement measures to strengthen surveillance.**





## DECEMBER IS DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH

For nearly 2 years, Coronavirus has shown us the devastation that a disease can have on people, our families, our economies and our way of life. While we live in a country that provides us with health care to help treat and defend against disease, worldwide 400 million people cannot afford or do not have access to basic health care, which should be the right of everyone. Unless we, as Rotarians, help to support the right to basic health care to those countries that cannot provide it, our efforts toward the seven areas of focus will not have the effect of helping to pull people out of the struggles they fight each day.

The Rotary Foundation's motto of "Doing Good in the World" can only be achieved through our financial support. We also need to be telling our story of what the Foundation means to us and how our support is helping those in need. As we are in the midst of the "Holiday Season", this is a time for us to reflect on and give thanks for all the gifts we have received. It is also the time of year where we give gifts to our families and friends. As you are in the spirit of giving, I ask that you also consider giving to The Rotary Foundation. To those that have donated to the Foundation this year, we thank you and ask you to consider giving more if you can. To those that have not given, now is a good time to give the gift of helping those who do not have the basic needs in life.

On behalf of Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation and Rotary District 7280. I wish you and your family a very joyous, happy and healthy Holiday Season.

## DISTRICT 7280 FOUNDATION UPDATE

	2021	2020
Annual Program Fund Giving Year to Date:	\$48,730.00	\$40,630.00
Annual Fund per Capita Giving Year to Date:	\$39.65	\$31.04
Top 3 Clubs YTD Per Capita Giving:		
1. Cranberry Township	\$280.89 per capita	
2. Clarion	\$153.85 per capita	
3. Port Allegany	\$145.86 per capita	