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### District Governor Message,

During February, Rotary Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month, we're celebrating our commitment to build peace and train adults and young leaders to prevent and mediate conflict, and aid refugees who have fled dangerous areas. Without Peace, we cannot promote basic education and literacy, support community economic development, prevent disease, provide maternal and child health care - promote peacebuilding and conflict prevention, improve water, sanitation, and hygiene conditions, and support the Environment - Rotary's Areas of Focus. There is more about the importance of this theme on the Foundation page of this newsletter.

Also, please see this month's Rotary magazine, on page 40 to learn about our seven centers of Peace, including those in North Carolina. Also for any clubs that have not yet become a Peacebuilder Club, please visit [rotaryactiongroupforpeace.org](http://rotaryactiongroupforpeace.org) to learn more and for an application or contact our District Peace Chair Zach Covington at [[executivedirector@barrowtheatre.com](mailto:executivedirector@barrowtheatre.com)].

Congratulations to the Titusville Rotary Club on their 100 year anniversary. Thank you for your long tradition of charitable work and community service.

We received exciting news this week that the 2022 Rotary International Convention will be an in-person event 4-8 June in Houston, Texas, USA. There is a special registration rate of US\$495 now through 28 February. There are plenty of reasons why this should be one to attend.

- **PROXIMITY**— The next RI Convention in the United States will be Honolulu in 2027.
- **OPPORTUNITY**—Learn what Rotary is doing around the World at the House of Friendship.
- **ADVANTAGES**—Convenient Rotary Free Shuttle so never have to get into a car.
- **BONUSES**— Daily presentations & a wide variety of Rotary sponsored events outside the convention.
- **INSPIRATIONAL**— The Convention will expand your Rotary knowledge as well as inspire you to return to your club with a renewed enthusiasm and great ideas for fellowship and projects.

Please see the promotion page in this newsletter.

Lastly, I wish to remind everyone that our District Conference is scheduled for May 13-15, 2022, in Clarion. More information will be forthcoming, but please note and save the dates for our first in person conference in three years due to the pandemic. I hope you are as excited as I to again gather together.

Thank you for your service and commitment to Rotary,

DG Rick

**Rotary**  
District 7280



# KENTUCKY TORNADO RELIEF

**We Accept :**

- ✓ Gently Used Clothing  
(in boxes please)
- ✓ Paper products
- ✓ Any cleaning items
- ✓ Sanitary items
- ✓ Educational items

**Need items by:  
2/15/22**

**Contact:**

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724-977-4994**

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**John Marshall  
724- 321-9920**

**john@johnmarshallcatering.com**





## **LIMITED TIME ONLY: SAVE ON THE 2022 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

In response to questions and concerns raised by members worldwide, we are pleased to announce that the Rotary International Board of Directors has confirmed that the 2022 Rotary International Convention will be an in-person event 4-8 June in Houston, Texas, USA. We are excited to offer a special registration rate of US\$495 through 28 February.

In addition, the Board has determined that all participants, including Rotary International preconvention participants, must either be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (as defined by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) OR provide a negative result from a COVID-19 test taken no more than 72 hours before their arrival at the convention. Check [convention.rotary.org](https://convention.rotary.org) for updates as we continue to determine what safety protocols are necessary, based on the current CDC recommendations for safe gatherings.

Don't delay, because this special registration offer expires 28 February. You'll have the opportunity to cancel for a full refund, minus a \$50 per person administration fee, until 30 April.

# EACH ONE BRING ONE



## **YOUR CHALLENGE:**

- 1) FIND THE HELPERS IN YOUR COMMUNITY**
- 2) INVITE THEM TO HELP AT YOUR NEXT SERVICE PROJECT**
- 3) SHOW THEM HOW ROTARY MAKES A DIFFERENCE**
- 4) THEN INVITE THEM TO A MEETING**

# ***Celebrating 100!***



The Keystone Rotary International E-Club and its partners are extremely pleased to announce a milestone in our BAC Initiative, **100 Lives Changed Forever!**

## **What has a wheelchair meant to our recipients?**

- A second chance of a life outside four walls.
- Renewed relationships in the community.
- A chance to have economic freedom.
- The ability to be independent from their family.
- Self dignity and a Purpose for Life.

We need your help in building our next 100 wheelchairs! We would love to share our story at your club meeting. Please visit our website **Build-A-Chair.org** to find out more or to donate. Many thanks to all that have generously supported those in need.

## *Meet our newest recipients*



**Bakary** has Spina Bifida. A wheelchair made it possible to get outside with friends and play.



**Editha**, 98, has a spinal cord injury. Her wheelchair now allows her to attend church and feel joy.



**Neema** has a congenital spine disease. Her wheelchair provides her a way to interact with her community.





## FEBRUARY IS PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION MONTH

Today, over 70 million people are displaced as a result of conflict, violence, persecution, and human rights violations. Half of them are children. As a humanitarian organization, peace is a cornerstone of our mission. Rotarians around the world take action to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

Rotary's vision statement "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves", invites us to consider how we can promote the concept of peace through greater cohesion and inclusivity, broaden the scope of what we mean by peace building, and find more ways to get people involved. Our contributions to the Rotary Foundation help to fund the Rotary Peace Centers as well as funding for Global Grant activities geared toward building better understanding and Peace around the world.

## DISTRICT 7280 FOUNDATION UPDATE

	2021	2020
Annual Program Fund Giving Year to Date:	\$83,769.10	\$81,492.20
Total Contributions	\$133,305.14	\$122,802.24
Annual Fund per Capita Giving Year to Date:	\$68.16	\$62.26
Total Clubs with contributions to the Annual Fund	35 of 42 (83.33%)	31 of 43 (72.09%)
Top 3 Clubs YTD Per Capita Giving:		
	1. Cranberry Township	\$386.75 per capita
	2. New Wilmington	\$174.72 per capita
	3. Sharon	\$154.85 per capita

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# Walk 4 Water

*What does your club do to recognize Rotary's focus on Clean Drinking Water?*

*Allow us to help you host an event in your community with ideas, posters, educational material and more OR ....*



**Join our multi-club event on  
Saturday, April 30th  
from 10:00 AM - 11:00AM**

**Adams Twp. Park, 698 Valencia Rd, Mars, PA**

**Contact Gary Weston at  
[glweston65@gmail.com](mailto:glweston65@gmail.com), or visit our  
website for more info**

**[KeystoneRotaryClub.org](http://KeystoneRotaryClub.org)**



**Rotary**



**PEOPLE of ACTION**





# **WELCOME NEW ROTARIANS!**

*January 2022*

## **Butler AM Satellite – Saxonburg Area**

Rowdy Durci	Patricia Durci
Helga Leonard	Ashley McDivitt
John Sell	Judith Wadding

## **Clarion**

Randy Bartley

## **Cranberry Township**

Rakesh Unnithan     Dave Pascarella

## **Erie**

Mary Dahlkemper

## **Leechburg**

Jonathan Potter

## **Port Allegany**

Paivi Uhro-Young

## **Presque Isle**

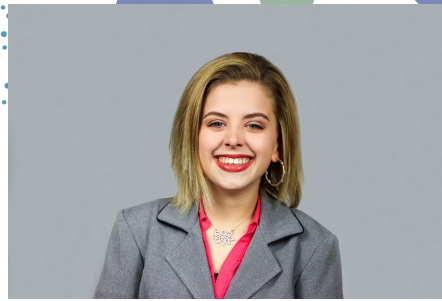
Lisa Graff

## **Titusville**

Bruce Smith



# District Servant Leader Scholarship



The Rotary District 7280 Servant Leader Scholarship is awarded annually to a college sophomore, junior, senior or graduate student who demonstrates exceptional leadership and service experience and aptitude. The scholarship award, which can be up to \$5,000.00, considers a student's leadership experience, community service, academic achievement and financial need. Winners of the award invariably help to define the Rotary Motto of "Service Above Self" for a new generation.

Scholarship eligibility requires a student to be:

- permanent residents of District 7280.
- completing or having already completed the first semester of their sophomore year.
- in good academic standing.
- able to show evidence of being involved in at least three (3) community service activities.
- endorsed by their local Rotary club.
- able to submit a resume which lists involvement and leadership in school and community activities.
- able to include a cover letter explaining how these activities relate to the Rotary Motto of "Service Above Self."
- capable of providing their most recent academic transcript.

The District 7280 Servant Leader Scholarship Selection Committee included four Rotarians whose experience in community work, leadership and education is extensive. In fact, in the realm of education alone the committee has logged nearly a century of experience among them. The committee included Linda Clautti, Jim Evans, Mike Patsy, and committee chair, Randy Richardson representing the Rotary Clubs of Cranberry-Noon, Bradford, Cranberry-AM and New Wilmington, respectively.

This year's outstanding competition featured three impressive scholarship finalists. The elite group of servant leader scholars demonstrated public service, leadership achievements and academic scholarship that resonated in the District, on college campuses and in the world beyond! The group was particularly adept in providing active, life-enhancing service in local communities. Their impressive accomplishments and service record provided a daunting task for the committee of evaluators.

Special recognition and congratulations to our Rotary 7280 Servant Leader Scholar for 2021, Kelly Green, sponsored by the Rotary Club of New Castle-89. Kelly receives a scholarship of \$5,000.00 in support of her study at Mercyhurst University. Kelly is majoring in Accounting with a minor in Management.

Upon receiving the award, Green remarked:

I am very excited and honored to be the recipient of the Servant Leader Scholarship, as I deeply respect and admire the Rotary motto of "service above self". I would like to thank Rotary District 7280 for selecting me for this award and Rotary Club 89 for sponsoring me. I am dedicated to making a difference and helping others through servant leadership, which is why I have made a long- term commitment to high impact service with Erie City Mission. Connecting with urban youth and mentoring them to be leaders has been rewarding for me, but this financial award will help me complete my education and continue to make a difference in my community. After graduation, I plan to continue my career in the nonprofit sector and commit my life to servant leadership.

Thank you to all the students and clubs who made this competition so inspiring. As Rotarians, we can all hope that the future will bring these exceptional citizens into our clubs to continue their legacy of "service over self." Our communities, our country, and our world will be better for it.



1 February 2022

The Rotary Club of Leechburg, in conjunction with Moraine Trails Council 500, Boy Scouts of America, is working to purchase and donate a Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) for the local Scout Summer Camp -- Camp Bucoco, located on Route 8 right outside of Slippery Rock, PA. Many goals of the Rotary mission directly correspond to those of the Boy Scouts -- making leaders of the world. This project will help support the Boy Scouts mission "to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes...."

A UTV will create easy accessibility to trails, easy and safe transportation, light work transporting tools (on and off the trail), valuable use in the event of an emergency on trails, and much more. With the purchase and donation of a UTV to this camp, the camp will gain a much needed and valuable resource at their fingertips. This UTV will provide bigger and better services to this camp (and surrounding areas), whose service totals more than 1,725 hours each year. This UTV will also allow for the betterment of the camp, which in turn will help young people grow in leadership, and in life skills.

The UTV that is sought after is as follows: John Deere 2022 TX 4x2 Utility Vehicle. Cost: \$8,700.00 (discounted price due to 501(c) 3; price as of October 2021).

The goal is to raise enough funds to purchase this for the Scouts BSA camp. If your club would like to support our project, your donations in any amount would be more than appreciated. If you have any questions, please reach out to Andrew Pallus at [agpallus@gmail.com](mailto:agpallus@gmail.com) or 724-596-0890. Thank you for your consideration!

In Service,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Andrew G. Pallus".

Andrew G. Pallus  
Rotarian of the Rotary Club of Leechburg  
Eagle Scout, Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 553

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Janie Borsh Symons".

Janie Borsh Symons  
President of the Rotary Club of Leechburg