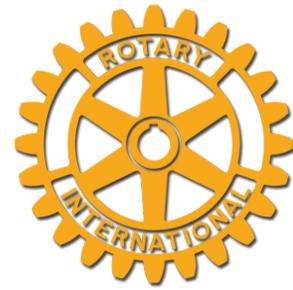


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District 7280 Newsletter July 2022



District Governor's Message



People of Action

We all have an opportunity to change. Each and every one of us can make a difference. A difference in our local clubs. A difference in our community. And, together, we can make a global difference.

On July 1st, I will have the honor of leading our district and working with – and for – all of you. I'm looking forward to meeting all of you and exploring how we can work together to make our difference.

The district has had a year of growth and that will continue as long as we continue to share our story and invite others to have the ability to develop as leaders in every community we serve. As we spread the word of Rotarians' good work, our membership will

continue to expand.

Through our Seven Areas of Focus great achievements are possible. Our hard work creates a positive impact across our region, the nation and world.

Imagine.

Imagine turning your goals into real change around the globe. Imagine helping to eradicate Polio from our planet. Together, those types of issues are a possibility.

Through diversity, equity, and Inclusion we will build a stronger district. Now is the time to begin using your club's strategic plan to begin to accomplish goals that have been set. The strategic plan should be discussed at every meeting.

Area Governors help clubs with their needs and act as a liaison with me. Feel free to reach out to them. Next month, I will share the names of those leading committees. Meanwhile, my schedule to visit each club has been set as I look forward to becoming more involved with our Rotaract clubs. Please feel free to get in touch with me at JCohen@zoominternet.net with questions or ideas that would benefit the district.

Let's have fun and enjoy every moment of our work to make a difference and imagine. It's a new Rotary year. **Imagine what we can do!**

Sincerely,
Jack M. Cohen

The Ghana, Singapore, Malaysia Economic Transitions: Why does God 'hate' Ghana? – Part One

By Dr. Simon Batamya Aseno

In 1960, two countries (Ghana and Malaysia) started off with near-similar

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-July 4th Parade at 11:00 AM, Main Street
-August 12-14 Annual Yard Sale

New Wilmington Club

economic fundamentals (GDP: Malaysia, \$1.9B; Ghana \$1.2B. GDP differential, \$0.7B). Six decades later, their economic stories are completely different. In this article, I compare the evolution of the development (at least from a Gross Domestic Product perspective) of Ghana and Malaysia from the standpoint of oil palm economics. I will provide empirical evidence to support or refute the hypothesis that sometimes blame our economic and development woes on geography, colonialism, and an unfair global trade regime. I do not discount that these factors may pre-condition one nation to prosper than another. No. But, I will show that an alternative investment pathway which focuses on human capital investment exists that can turn a nation's fortunes in a space of three decades. But it is one that would require deliberate collaborations and actions from a few good-hearted people.



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The Trail

By Sarah Robinson [@andtheniwalked](#)



-The Greatest BBQ in History
August 26 at 4-7 PM, New Wilmington Borough Park

District Leaders

Jack M. Cohen
District Governor

Linda Clautti
Secretary

John Marshall
District Governor-Elect

Zack Covington
DG Nominee

Rick Tote
Immediate Past DG

Aaron Sines
Public Image

Kathleen Katocs Corcoran
Membership

Mike Ozdinec
Communications

A transition, "The process or a period of changing from one state or condition to another."

On March 18th, 2021, I made the decision to design my own life. This is the day that I began my thru hike of the Appalachian Trail in its entirety, starting with my ascent of Springer Mountain in Georgia and ending atop Mount Katahdin in Northern Maine. 2193.1 miles over 14 states and 207 days of...transition.

But it was for the transition, the transformation, in my way of thinking that got me to the starting line.

I put down the algorithm that was handed to each of us with our welcome packet to adulthood, and instead, became the author of my own.

Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "What we fear doing most is usually most what we need to do."

Say "Yes."

I said yes to leaving a life of predictability and comfort for a journey into an abyss at the age of 40, resigning from my 15 year career as a Nurse Anesthetist. I want you to say yes to having that difficult conversation that you have been avoiding because it will make you uncomfortable. Say yes to buying the bungalow in Regent Square because it would be safer for you to continue to run. Say yes to leaving the relationship that you are only in because it feels safe.

I succeeded when I left for Amicolola Falls, Georgia and got myself to the starting line. And your success will be in your attempt. Your leap, trusting that the net will appear.

"Replace the fear of failure with the fear of regret for not trying, and everything will change", a wise woman named Meggan Roxanne preaches.

Yes, that.

Many ask, "Why did you *do* that?". And my answer? David "AWOL" Miller said it best, "Hiking the Appalachian Trail is pointless? What life is not pointless? Is it not pointless to work paycheck to paycheck just to conform? Hiking the trail before joining the workforce was an opportunity not taken. Doing it in retirement would be sensible. Doing it at this time in my life is abnormal. And therein lay the appeal. I want to make my life less ordinary.

Yes. YES.

It wasn't for my love of the hike, it was for my enthrallment with facing my fears. For doing the unthinkable. I carried my shelter, my nourishment, my kitchen, my warmth, and my ego in my backpack, self-sustaining through both frost and fever through our nation's backcountry for 6 months and 3 weeks.

The Rotary promotes peace and the protection of our environment, encouraging conversations to foster understanding within and across cultures. This *is* the way of the trail. On a long distance backpacking trip, there is no judgement, no race, no age, no gender, no socioeconomic status...no noise. Only gratitude, triumph, commitment, and simplicity. You can't unsee this beauty. This way of existing. Of *living*.

Retirement

By Jerry Andree

July brings new leadership at all levels of Rotary, including a new District Newsletter Editor. As a member of our Club, he asked me to write an article about my transition into retirement from a pretty visible public position. Of the many issues I have been asked to address, this was a first and one I found personally intriguing.

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Rotary's Rainbow

By Maizee Rose Zaccone

Each moment of transition can excite and energize while simultaneously agitate and apprehend. But for some, transition is not simply an onslaught of emotional disorder, but a milestone where mind, body, and spirit finally align. For some, transition harmonizes the internal with the external, takes back a stolen power, and affirms the dignity of one's life. Last month, transgender people were recognized as one of the LGBTQ+ populations to participate in Pride Month. While this marginalized community has made defiant strides in the long trudge towards equality, Pride Month celebrations were muddled by a heartbreaking year.

For More Information From RI Please Visit: [Rotary's Rainbow](#)

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New Rotary Year Inspires Us to 'Imagine' Our Potential and Develop Our Tool Box for a Smooth Transit

By Kathleen Katocs Corcoran - District 7280 Membership Chair

Rotary Clubs around the world are conducting "Changing of the Guard" ceremonies; celebrating the end of one Rotary year and the beginning of the next. It's a good time to reflect on your club's successes, challenges and set goals for the new year. It's also a good time to think about the tools we need as club leaders to help our clubs and the district succeed.

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Public Image

By Aaron Matthew Sines - District 7280 Public Image Chair

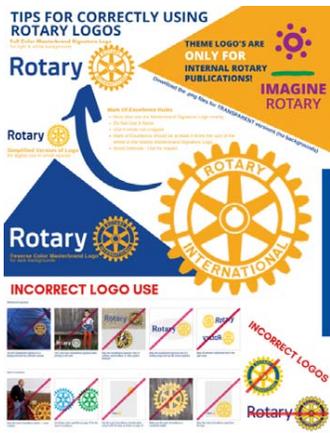
The joke is, there is a group of Rotarians called "the Rotary police" ... Well That's me! If you don't know me, I am Aaron Sines, your district public image chair. My team and I are excited to help you make this next year as successful as we can! Everything starts with public image.

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Foundation Report - District 7280

	2021 - 2022	2020 - 2021
Annual Program Fund Giving Year to Date:	\$164,492.07	\$154,528.43
Total Contributions:	\$182,493.07	\$177,804.83
Annual Fund per Capita Giving Year to Date:	\$133.84	\$118.05
Total Clubs with contributions to the Annual Fund:	36 of 42 (85.71%)	38 of 42 (90.48%)

As we begin a new Rotary Year, if you have any questions on The Foundation, or if you or your club would like me to do a presentation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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New Members Joining Rotary Between 05/01/22 & 06/22/2022

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