At this time of the year, we pause to celebrate December as Family Month. Without family, you are nothing. In the picture is my Mom, June Jacobs. I’m so blessed to have her, and I’m honored to be her son. My sister, Kathy and her husband, Roger Cramer, who live in Gibsonia, have been very helpful during my year as Governor. Our older brother, Chuck, and his wife, Sandy, live in Houston, Texas. Chuck is having a busy year as the District Governor for the Lions International District 2-S2. As a family, we will be attending his District Conference April 30-May 1.

We also celebrate being a member of our Rotary family. When I was 28, I was a Scoutmaster for a local Boy Scout troop, Youth Group Advisor and Sunday School Teacher. So, I was interested in finding some adult conversation and fellowship … when my former Scoutmaster, Don Custer, asked me to join Rotary. By attending weekly meetings, I had the opportunity to discuss a variety of issues and learn from other professionals in a non-threatening arena, building many friendships over time.

On November 10, we lost a valued member of our Rotary family … in scouting terminology, Chuck Simmons has “gone home”. Chuck was my Scoutmaster when I became an Eagle Scout in 1970. He was a Scout Leader when we attended the Boy Scouts National Jamboree in Idaho. Chuck joined the New Brighton Rotary Club in 1977. He served as Club President twice before leaving in October, 1996 to join the Beaver Rotary Club and in 2001-2002, he became District Governor. He joined the Beaver Falls Rotary Club shortly after his term as Governor, serving as Club President twice.

Membership is very important … so far this year, District 7300 has a net gain of 21 new family members. As we celebrate the season, we celebrate our brothers and sisters in Rotary.

“The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands”,

Rick Martin
District Governor

To all of my family at home and in Rotary …

Season’s Greetings and Peace in the New Year
Historic Moments:

When the Berlin Wall fell, Rotary was there ... 
Adapted from an article by Matthias Schütt
Rotary International News – 12 November 2009

Enthusiasm for Rotary’s role in a soon-to-be reunified Germany was scrawled onto the Berlin Wall before it was dismantled in 1990. *Photo courtesy of Rotary Magazin, the regional magazine of Germany and Austria.*

On a November 1989 evening, hundreds of Rotarians participating in an International Institute packed the foyer of the Hilton in West Berlin. They anxiously waited for taxis to take them to a host hospitality event, but none arrived.

Finally, a hotel employee walked to a microphone and made an announcement, as organizer Peter Lorenz, of the Rotary Club of Berlin-Spree, recounts:

“He said, ‘We have to ask for your patience because the taxis we called can’t make it to the hotel. As you will see, thousands of visitors from the eastern part of the city are on the streets, blocking access to the hotel. We have been waiting for these guests for 28 years, and we ask you to wait with us. The [Brandenburg] gate and wall are open.’”

The fall of the Berlin Wall 20 years ago this month marked the beginning of monumental political changes in Europe, but also the start of a new era in Rotary. The event is largely seen today as the launching pad for the rebirth of Rotary across Eastern Europe.

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U.S. Rotarians: Earn $50 for your Rotary club by applying online for the Rotary International Platinum Plus MasterCard credit card at the web link below and make qualifying purchases with your new card.

[https://www.a.applyonlinenow.com/USCCapp/Ctl/entry?directMail=true&sc=UAARK9](https://www.a.applyonlinenow.com/USCCapp/Ctl/entry?directMail=true&sc=UAARK9)

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Speakers Corner

Interesting speakers for your meetings ...

DAN CARLINS
CRIBS FOR KIDS

“A national program currently in 44 states throughout the country to help reduce the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and accidental suffocation”

Recommended by PDG Kathy Crawford – McCandless Club

MICHAEL P. DANIHER
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

“Camp Guyasuta … and celebrating 100 years of Scouting … ”

WILLIAM LEUTHOLD
NATIONAL VETERANS WHEELCHAIR GAMES

“Exciting plans for the 2011 Veterans Wheelchair Games to be held in Pittsburgh”

WYNNE FEDELE
PITTSBURGH CIVIC LIGHT OPERA

“For an additional list of interesting speakers, sign in to [www.rotarydistrict7300.org](http://www.rotarydistrict7300.org), click on the SPEAKERS tab to the left of the home page under SITE PAGES.”
Happy Holidays to everyone!!

November was a very busy month for our Inbound Ambassadorial Scholars. I hope you got to meet them all at the Foundation Dinner on November 6th. Barbara Bonamassa (Italy), Saeh Oh (Korea), and Stanley Lin (Taiwan) all attended the dinner and were introduced to everyone. They have been visiting Rotary clubs around the District and enjoying your fellowship.

Barbara and Saeh are here for a year, as they are on a full year Academic Scholarship. Stanley’s time in Pittsburgh, though, is rapidly coming to an end. Stanley was on a three month Cultural Scholarship, where the intent is to immerse the scholar in the culture of the host country, combined with intensive language training. Rotary International has put a hold on these types of scholarships for the time being, due to funding; so we were fortunate to have Stanley come to our District. Stanley’s time was further shortened because of his employment; but in six weeks, he’s visited and spoken to the Pittsburgh, Three Rivers, Crafton-Ingram, and Fox Chapel clubs, in addition to the Rotaract club at CMU. (Stanley is a Rotaract member).

With the holidays approaching, feel free to invite our scholars to your club holiday parties. Let them see how Pittsburgh Rotarians celebrate.

SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 26 THROUGH JULY 1, 2010

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA)
HELD ON THE CAMPUS OF
LA ROCHE COLLEGE

FOR CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS
WEEKLONG LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT,
TEAM BUILDING, TRYING NEW THINGS,
MEETING NEW FRIENDS

Pittsburgh’s South Side Rotary on Radio!!

You may have heard Sean McDowell’s interview on WDVE 102.5 on Sunday, November 22, with PDG Bob Arbuckle of the New Kensington Club, Sandra Rebholz of the Green Tree Rotary Club and David Trumbore, President of the soon-to-be-chartered South Side Rotary Club. If you missed it, go to YouTube.com and enter South Side Rotary.

South Side Rotary welcomes visiting Rotarians to their meetings every Tuesday at 5:30PM at Claddagh’s Irish Pub in South Side Works.
Cottage Information for Hospitality or Club Rooms

We have reserved seven cottages that have two to eight bedrooms; they are all in cottage area C, and are the closest to the Lodge. They will only be held until January 1, 2010.

Reservations for the cottages should be made through PDG Kathy Crawford 724-772-3439 or ceckathy@zoominternet.net.

If you would like more info, please see the Oglebay site: www.oglebay-resort.com

Hess & May Cottages have 8 bedrooms with 15 double beds, 6 ½ bathrooms …
Thursday $990
Weekend Rate (Friday & Saturday nights) $2640

Holly Cottage has 6 bedrooms with 12 double beds, 3 bathrooms, handicap accessible …
Thursday $550
Weekend rate $1210

Lilac, Rhododendron & Ginkgo Cottages have 4 bedrooms with 8 double beds, 2 bathrooms; Lilac is handicap accessible…
Thursday $424
Weekend rate $925

Daffodil Cottage has 2 bedrooms with 4 double beds, 1 bathroom …
Thursday $265
Weekend rate $660

Please note that there are other cottages available that I have not reserved, and that are further away from the Lodge. If you’re interested, please give me a call.

Reservations and availability must be made for the cottages through PDG Kathy at 724-772-3439. Room rates are still being discussed and you will receive that info as soon as we do.

Rotarians Seeking Employment … Rotarians Seeking Employees

With the current economy as it is, many Rotarians are being displaced from their jobs. In an effort to help our fellow Rotarians, District 7300 will post their resumes on the District 7300 website. This will allow networking opportunities for Rotarians seeking employment as well as for Rotarians seeking to hire qualified staff.

Send your resumes to Webmaster Marc Myers: webmaster@rotarydistrict7300.org for posting.

Churchill-Wilkins Rotary Club Salutes Veterans

Member Veterans were honored at the November 11 meeting of Churchill-Wilkins Rotary Club.

Jim Kunkleman, Jack Tyke, Norm Johnson, Joe Rubino and Art Halderman

World Affairs Institute
Charles Skinner

On Monday, November 23, Fox Chapel Area High School teacher Jen Klein brought the five students, Julie Shuff, Theresa Schaffner, Steven Ho, Ryan Shymanski, and Hope Schaitkin, who participated in this year's World Affairs Institute on November 18 to report on their experience.

This year's World Affairs Institute -- the 39th! -- focused on "Europe at the Crossroads." Over 300 students from western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio participated, including the five from the Fox Chapel Area High School, who were sponsored by our club. All five stressed how much they appreciated the opportunity to spend the day at the Convention Center downtown, hearing experts and participating in break-out session discussions. Each gave a detailed report on part of the program, giving members a good sense of how much they had learned.

Coverage of the World Affairs Institute can be found at: http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/pittsburgh/s_653881.html
Every Rotarian Every Year
Anita Rieder
Annual Giving Officer, Zone 28/29 The Rotary Foundation

We are happy to inform you that the Every Rotarian, Every Year newsletter is now available on-line. The newsletter is your source for news about the monumental EREY effort uniting our international membership. It provides updates on the Annual Programs Fund, features on what Rotarians are doing to meet their club goals and stories illustrating how APF contributions enhance people's lives.

Click here to read the EREY Newsletter in all of Rotary’s official languages: http://www.rotary.org/en/Contribute/Funds/EREYnewsl etter/Pages/ridefault.aspx

Directors & Officers Employment Practices Liability Insurance

The RI Board of Directors has approved the addition of Directors & Officers/Employment Practices Liability (D&O/EPL) Insurance to the U.S. Rotary Club and District Liability Insurance Program (Program) effective 1 January 2010. See www.rotarydistrict7300.org for details, and sign up for one of the webinars scheduled for Monday, December 14.

Highlighting: Penn Hills Rotary Club
Ray Marano

Penn Hills Rotary members attended the Braddock Rotary’s meeting as guests on November 12, at the Grandview Golf Club in North Braddock. Denny Crawford, Rotary Foundation Chairman, presented an informative program, explaining the extensive and cost-effective work accomplished by Rotarians worldwide, with the support of the Rotary Foundation.

The Penn Hills Rotary Club is in the process of clearing final details for a new sign on Rodi Road, the main gateway into the community. The sign, pending approval, will be larger than the current one and will include solar lighting and display club information both sides.

The club has presented a number of programs in recent months related to literacy and education. George Vurgich, former principal of Gateway High School, explained the concept of alternative education. Crystal Brian spoke about the activities of the Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council, and Jen Phillip gave a talk on “Beginning with Books.”

Other recent lunch programs have included Evan Frazier, President and CEO of the Hill House Association, with a discussion of diversity, and Alexandra Murphy, a PhD candidate from Princeton University, who is doing an urban poverty study in Penn Hills.

New Brighton … New Member

DG Rick Martin, Brian D Daniels, Sponsor and Doug Weidner, new member from the New Brighton Club

New Member for Beaver Rotary

Brian Giffin, President of Beaver Club and new member Lt. Anne Marie DeVanney, who is with the Salvation Army.
You’re Invited
Cindy Sakala, District Governor-Elect

The holiday season is upon us, and it’s time for sharing, gift-giving, delicious feasts and celebrating our faith traditions with family and friends. It’s also the time of year when we extend and receive lots of invitations. It is in the spirit of “Service Above Self” that I extend to all Rotary Clubs in District 7300 the invitation below:

What: An International Service Project.

Please join me and the Burrell Area Rotary Club as we partner to refurbish a water distribution system for a community of 10,000 people.

Where: Deslandes, Haiti.

It is a rural subsistence-farming community.

Why: Haiti is “the poorest nation in the western hemisphere” and the most water-poor country in the world.

When: Project funding is needed immediately. The project must be completed before May of next year which begins the rainy season.

How: Through the coordination of technical experts, community leaders, Rotary partners and international development organizations, a well-planned project has been developed.

Cost: $15,000 - $18,000 USD. Rotary clubs may participate with a minimum $500 contribution, though more is welcome.

Meeting with the planning committee from Deslandes community at the water source – a mountain spring

November 16, 2009

A seven-year-old girl carries water from the spring daily ...

She does not attend school

Leaking pipes limit the flow of water and can introduce contaminants. Once-buried pipes are exposed due to severe soil erosion

Please contact me to participate.

Cindy Sakala,
District Governor-Elect
724-339-2224 district.governor2010-2011@rotarydistrict7300.org

Additional photos:
http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=8408&id=1730803157&saved#
Crafton-Ingram Rotary is a very active club. Some of their projects include:

- Sponsor CIT Little League Baseball Team
- Conduct Social Programs for Senior Citizens (Halloween party, Monte Carlo nights, karaoke nights)
- Developed and administer US Savings Bond Presentations for Most Improved Students per grading period at both Crafton and Ingram Elementary Schools
- Sponsor students from Montour, Carlynton and Canevin High Schools to attend: Youth Leadership Conference, Ethics Symposium, World Affairs Institute
- Donate to the Crafton-Ingram Ministerial Food Bank
- Donate to Crafton Meals-on-Wheels
- Provide student career guidance training
- Sponsor local high school students in the Rotary International Student Exchange Program
- Donate to the Crafton Library
- Donate to the Crafton Performing Arts
- Donate to the Crafton and Ingram Volunteer Fire Departments
- Conduct Presents for Patients Program annually with the Allegheny Valley School
- Conduct Toys for Kids Christmas Program
- Recently established a $1,000.00 scholarship for Crafton or Ingram resident who attends the Ohio Valley General Hospital School of Nursing
- Established the Ingram Rotary Shelter
- Conduct an annual Blood Drive
- Donated to the Crafton Borough Automated External Defibrillator Fund
- Sponsor the Interact Club at Montour High School
- Donated to the Chartiers Nature Conservancy’s Chartiers Creek Fishing Derby

… and the best Chicken n’ Ribs Fest every year!

Tuesday, December 15 is the Discount Deadline for RI Convention in Montreal.

2010 Rotary Convention in Montreal by Bus

Rick Martin

We have put together a package for the bus trip to the International Convention in Montreal. It is time to let us know if you are interested in riding the bus. See details on page 14. Contact Walt Sickles at 724-266-9060 or e-mail HARWAL706@yahoo.com as soon as possible.

Ambridge Rotary Club Presents Dictionaries to Third-Graders

The Ambridge Rotary Club presented dictionaries on November 18 to 245 third-grade students in the Ambridge Area School District. Club President Jim Hahn and Vice-President / President-Elect Otis McAliley accompanied by Superintendent Erv Weischedel, who is also a Rotarian, visited elementary schools from Highland Avenue to State Street to Economy.

The paperback dictionaries included presidential biographies and sections of the Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution. Paging through the dictionaries, children also found weights and measures, maps and information on earth’s continents, the planets and stars.


Club Elections

DG Rick Martin

Remember to have your club officers elections by December 31st, and send your elected officer names to Rotary International, DG Rick Martin and DGE Cindy Sakala.
Rotary Foundation
Denny Crawford

“Oh, What a Night!”

If you missed the District 7300 Foundation Dinner, held on Friday, November 6, at the Double Tree Hotel in Moon Township, you missed a terrific night. Over 150 Rotarians and their guest attended. Preliminary numbers look like we raised over $7,000 for The Foundation.

The band, Casanova, was super and the dance floor was pretty much filled after the presentations.

And speaking of presentations, another moving and enlightening Rotary Foundation speech was given by none other than Lou Piconi, Trustee, The Rotary Foundation. I think the highlight of the evening was Lou Piconi presenting to Joe and Judy Weiss, their crystal award for becoming major donors to the Rotary Foundation. Thank you, Joe and Judy.

One thing that always catches my eye at our annual Foundation Dinner is the number of Paul Harris and Paul Harris multiple pins you see. By wearing your Paul Harris pin you are simply saying, “I believe in and I support The Rotary Foundation.”

During this Rotary year I hope to get to every club to put on a presentation on The Rotary Foundation. I’ve already spoken at 13 clubs and I have two more scheduled. Although my schedule is extremely busy through January, after that I intend to speak at the clubs I haven’t been to yet. My presentation talks about giving, both to the Annual Fund and to the Permanent Fund as well, and how those monies are used, both locally and internationally.

In addition, with Lou Piconi’s help I have a Legacies presentation that I would be happy to make to any Rotarian interested in becoming a Major Donor or making an endowment to The Rotary Foundation. Please contact me via phone 412-257-3000 (B), or 724 772-3439 or e-mail me at: crawfordd@all-pak.com.

McKees Rocks Rotary Holds Blood Drive for Fellow Rotarian

Denise Vergenes, President of Greater McKees Rocks Rotary, arranged a blood drive for a fellow Rotarian, Brian Schill of the Upper St. Clair-Bethel Park Rotary Club, on November 4 at the Kennedy Township Fire Hall.

Several Rotarians from the District showed up at the fire hall to donate, including DG Rick Martin.

New Member Inducted into Green Tree Rotary Club

David Jones was inducted into the Green Tree Rotary Club on November 5. Dave is the owner of Allegra Print and Imaging, a full service commercial printing firm on West Steuben Street in Crafton.

Dave resides in Rosslyn Farms, with his wife, Joy, and children, Gregory, Colin and Caroline.

Social networks help you find thousands of Rotarians online
Join Rotary International on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Flickr, and YouTube.
Great News About Speakers for Montreal
Cathy Smith – Montreal Rotary International Convention

Greetings to my fellow Rotarians!

We have heard some great news about our speaker line-up in Montreal. RI has confirmed Greg Mortenson, author of Three Cups of Tea, a book from my own personal recommended reading list. Greg will tell us about his work building schools in Pakistan (and likely share with us some thoughts from his newest book, due out December 1). Also on the docket, singing star Dolly Parton will share her thoughts on her partnership with Rotary which addresses one of her passions … literacy. What a great treat! And a treat for many Rotarians who participate with this organization, Jo Luck, President and CEO of Heifer International will join us to share her thoughts. Just some of the great inspiration that will be shared with us June.

We are coming up on our first Early Registration deadline. If you register now, the convention price is $295 US, but on December 16 that price goes to $345 US. So, why wait? Register today and encourage others to join you at this great Rotary event!

See www.rotarydistrict7300.org for further information, but let me just share my thoughts … Montreal is going to be an incredibly enjoyable city for this convention! Because of its diversity and old world charm, this is an opportunity to feel like you are visiting Europe without ever leaving the continent. AND, as long as the US dollar remains strong, you can expect some great bargains heading into Canada.

To register for the convention and RI-ticketed events: www.rotary.org/convention
To purchase tickets to Host Events: www.rotary2010.com

The Rotarian’s 2010 Photo Contest
From Rotary International Website

Give us your best shot
Think you have a good photo of a Rotary club fundraiser or international project? Find out how you can enter The Rotarian’s 2010 photo contest for a chance to win a digital camera, and read the terms and conditions.

For details, see: http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/071119_news_photocontestpromo.aspx

Group Study Exchange 2010 Argentina

LAST CALL … for a FREE trip to Argentina!

When: March 8 to April 12, 2010

The outgoing GSE trip to Argentina is planned for March 8 to April 12, 2010. The team from Argentina will be in our district from April 12 to May 17, 2010.

Applications are now being taken for:

- One Rotarian Leader
- Four Professional non-Rotarians

Understanding of the Spanish language is helpful.

We also need volunteers to host team members from Argentina in their homes for a week’s time during their stay here in the North, South, East and West areas. During their stay, we will need clubs to help schedule and facilitate programs in the different areas.

Thanks to the District 7300 Rotarians who have responded so far.

Please contact Ed Grimes at: grimesady@comcast.net or by telephone to 412 921-1325 for applications and to forward the names of prospective GSE team members.

District Attendance Report

-- As of November 1, 2009

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The Perfect Gift …

It's Christmas time. The time when we think of our favorite things; which usually means family and friends. We also usually think of the perfect gift to share with these dear people.

When we find the perfect gift, we take special care in its presentation. We don’t throw it into a blue Giant Eagle bag and toss it under the Christmas tree.

We wrap it in colorful tissue paper, put it into an attractive box, wrap it in fancy holiday paper and top it off with colorful ribbons and a bright bow. This perfect gift is special and we package it with the respect it deserves.

I have another perfect gift – Rotary membership. If we think to ask a dear friend to join Rotary, do we treat the process like our gift-wrap? Do we take special care to make the invitation as attractive as possible? Do we package his or her attendance at your Rotary meeting with special care? Do we wrap the process up with fancy ribbon and a big bow? We should.

Rotary membership is something special and should be treated as such. Rotary membership is a wonderful gift to present to someone who is special in your life. This quality person will benefit from Rotary membership. Your club will benefit by having such a person as an active member.

Think Rotary membership at Christmas and all year round. Think of Rotary membership as something special … a perfect gift. Make sure to package the membership process as you would the perfect Christmas gift to your best friend. The future of Rotary is in your hands.

Karl Ohrman is a past president of Pittsburgh Rotary. He has served as Assistant District Governor under a number of past DGs and is currently serving as District Membership Chair. He is open to speaking to all Rotary clubs in the district about the excitement of Rotary.

Focus on Literacy
Gladys Maharam

The focus of my column this month is on students, grades K-12, whose primary language is not English.

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Education there are over 42,000 students in Pennsylvania who are designated as Limited English Proficiency (LEP) and speak all together 175 different languages. Many schools in Pennsylvania are experiencing a substantial increase in the enrollment of students who cannot speak, read or write English well enough to participate meaningfully in educational programs. Without basic instruction in English, and appropriate support services, these students are at risk of losing the educational opportunities provided to students generally.

The education of students whose dominant language is not English and/or are English language learners, is a legal responsibility of every school district/charter school in the Commonwealth. To comply with this requirement, each school district must provide the student with a planned program of English as a second language instruction (ESL) to facilitate the acquisition of English language skills and provide an instructional program appropriate to the student's developmental and instructional level.

For more information see the Department of Education website, http://www.pde.state.pa.us/esl/site/default.asp.

Gladys Maharam
District Literacy Chair
maharamg@carnegielibrary.org

Correction to November “Focus On Literacy”
The article on Dolly Parton in last month’s “Focus On Literacy” column was credited to Gladys Maharam in error. The article was taken directly from the www.rotary.org website:
http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/091027_news_dolly.aspx

Interact: Future Rotarians

“The future of Rotary is in your hands” … what a challenge to us in the service to our youth! Truly, we must pass the baton to the next generation. There is a wonderful vehicle in place to do this … not only in our district but throughout the world. It is Interact -- the high school based service club within the high school sponsored by the local Rotary club.

-- Betty Dunn, District Interact Chairman
Member, Forest Hills Rotary Club
10 of the Best Charities Everyone's Heard Of

These 10 charities work throughout the country and the world. They are large, complex organizations with budgets exceeding $100 million, and at least $65 million in net assets. They became household names in part because of their exceptional financial management, no easy feat considering the scope and size of their operations. Charitable givers should feel confident that these national institutions put their donations to good use.

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www.charitynavigator.org

THE FOUR WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do …

Is it the truth?
Is it fair to all concerned?
Will it build good will and better friendships?
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

If you keep barking at it, it eventually goes away
Oktoberfest Pie Toss a “Hit” at Rotary Booth

The main attraction at the Green Tree Rotary booth at the Green Tree Oktoberfest this year was the Pie Toss. Young and old alike lined up to throw pies at their friends. Rotarian Steve Burkett built the pie toss display and ensured all necessary supplies were on hand.

Bingo strip tickets were also sold, as well as tickets for Chinese Auction of five beautifully prepared baskets of highly coveted merchandise. In addition, through the efforts of Brian Rohleder, Don Mosites of Trek Bike Shop of Steubenville Pike in Robinson, donated a 21-speed Trek bicycle for raffle.

For most of the week end, the weather was clear, bright and sunny, which attracted a good crowd for the event.

The Oktoberfest was not only profitable, but great fun for Rotarians and their guests who worked the booth this year.

ESSEX [EASTERN STATES STUDENT EXCHANGE]
TOLL FREE NUMBER FOR STUDENTS

The Department of State has established a toll free number to enable secondary school students to contact the Department directly regarding issues related to their exchange visitor program and their stay in the United States. Effective August 1st, 2009 this telephone number will be in operation 24 hours a day 7 days a week:

866-283-9090

This number has been activated as an added measure to ensure the health and safety of these exchange participants. Students have a right to be treated fairly and to report abuse without retaliation or the threat of program cancellation.

Governor’s Newsletter
Editor: Sandra Rebholz

December … only six more issues of “On My Honor” to go in the 2009-2010 Rotary year … but still no articles from your club!

I’m serious, now … (yep, that’s me) other clubs in the District are submitting articles, and our readers would love to have news from your club. So, unless you send in your photos and articles for the next issue, it’s my baby pictures comin’ up!

Note: The deadline is December 15 [for events between the 15th and the end of the month, send the articles and photos as soon as possible after the event]. Please remember to include the “who, what, when, where and why” in your articles, as well as names of people in your photos, left to right. Send to: editor@rotarydistrict7300.org

District 7300 Rotary Youth Exchange Dinner
Craig Cawley

On Sunday December 6th, the annual District 7300 Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) dinner was held in the scenic University of Pittsburgh Student Union lower lounge. To call this simply a dinner is a colossal understatement. The dozen district RYE Students from all over the globe, and their host families, were first invited to enjoy the Nationality rooms in the University of Pittsburgh Cathedral of Learning. On this day, in the first floor of the Cathedral was a special exhibit of cooking and other demonstrations from regional nationality clubs that brought extra excitement to the day. The three month old University of Pittsburgh Rotaract club joined forces with the Oakland Rotary to help host a truly memorable evening. After an engaging college style game to help all guests become better acquainted with one another, a catered dinner buffet was opened which concluded with an imaginative assortment of holiday desserts prepared by the RYE Students -- some of whom confessed to receiving a helping hand in the kitchen from their host family. Each dessert was selected by the student and representative of the delights enjoyed in their home country. The students shared their thoughts about the dish with all in attendance after the meal concluded. The night was completed with Governor Rick Martin and Inbound Chair Robin Zoufalik -- in their best blazing bright red sweaters handing out memorable gifts to each student. A good time was had by all … the students gathered at one large table were a beacon of laughter, the host parents and Rotarians, including former District Governor Jim Kunkleman remarked on the fine attention to detail for this exciting event.

Want something new to complete your five course meal? Try the Thai sticky rice with Mango.
Oakmont Rotary Float in Macy’s Holiday Parade

Rotarians, exchange students and Interact members gathered at Mellon Arena on Saturday, November 28, at 7:30AM, to board the Rotary float in the Macy’s “Celebrate the Season” Holiday Parade.

The group, led by Robin Zoufalik of the Pittsburgh Rotary Club and Bob Polczynski of the Burrell Area Rotary Club donned Santa hats and perched around the sides of the float. District Governor, Rick Martin, Sandra Rebholz of the Green Tree Rotary Club, Robin and Bob stood in the center of the float, leading the group singing “We Are The World” as the parade moved down Fifth Avenue to Point State Park.

PDG Bill Harvanek of the Oakmont-Verona Rotary Club arranges the participation of the Rotary float in the parade year after year. Derek Lettrich, who works at Bill’s company, set up the PA system and Christmas tree on the float, riding along to ensure the music continued to play throughout the parade route.

A basket of homing pigeons were on the float; they were to be released as “doves of peace” when the float passed the review stand. But the driver was waved on at the last minute, and the “doves” were never released. All in all, the parade was great and the Rotary float, with all of our students singing in Santa hats made a good show.

Youth Exchange Celebration District 7300 Eastern Clubs

A Rotary Youth Exchange Celebration Dinner was held at the Churchill Valley Country Club on Wednesday, November 18.

The event was well-attended by Rotarians from the eastern clubs, Turtle Creek, Braddock, Swissvale, Forest Hills, Churchill, Monroeville, Monroeville Sunrise, Plum, Wilkinsburg, Penn Hills, and Elizabeth Rotary clubs.

Some club members were accompanied by their Interact students as well.

Marge Yurecko of the Elizabeth Rotary Club with Interact students from Elizabeth-Forward School, Alina Ellis, Interact Vice President and Angela Ignasky, President
Larry Lehman

- We were able to earn gross revenue of over $37,000 from our annual Chicken Bar-B-Q.
- Our YTD attendance is 67.3%
- We’ve had a few service events this year with many more to follow including
  1. Bethel Park Community Day Community Day Parade with Booths.
  2. Giglotti participation in Kon-O-Palooza to support Kon-O-Kwee special needs.
  3. The Annual Chicken Bar-B-Q.
  5. Salvation Army Collection – Upcoming in December
  6. Early Learning Institute Christmas Giving-Upcoming in December
  7. Sweet Sunday Fundraiser for the Washington City Mission- Upcoming in February
  8. Early Learning Institute Easter Party- Upcoming in April
  9. Rebuild Together Pittsburgh- Upcoming in April
  10. Camp AIM fundraising – Upcoming in May
  11. USC Community Day and Booth- Upcoming in May
  12. Relay for Life- Upcoming in June

- Social Events upcoming include the Christmas/ELI wrapping party, Club Bowling Event, and the Club Family Picnic.
- We’ve added three net members since the beginning of our fiscal year.
- In September, Roy Werner, our most seasoned Rotarian, turned 90.

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**But …**

Our most important highlight is a single Rotary member. Brian Schill has continued to do the work of ten Rotarians, while being determined to win his one year battle against cancer.

He has been more active than any of us, on-line and on the phone, while he’s been in the hospital for the past three weeks going through his stem cell transplant.

Brian is truly an inspiration to us all ... and an incredible Rotarian.
Progress in Rotary’s $200 Million Challenge

From “End Polio Now” quarterly Newsletter – November 2009


Challenge nears the halfway mark!

As of 24 October, World Polio Day, US$99 million has been raised for Rotary’s US$200 Million Challenge.

“In the face of difficult economic times, Rotarians are heartily commended for their steadfast commitment and resourcefulness in reaching this milestone of support for global polio eradication,” says Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Glenn E. Estess Sr.

“Rotary’s challenge ends 30 June 2012. Let’s push confidently ahead to reach our goal and help ensure that all the children of the world will be forever safe from this devastating disease.”

Polio Facts & Figures

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(Data as of 13 September: World Health Organization)

For the latest on the number of polio cases, progress reports on polio-endemic countries, and other information, go to www.polioradication.org.

Tools & Resources

Clubs and districts can order the following tools and resources online at http://shop.rotary.org or from Publications Order Services (e-mail: shoprotary@rotary.org; tel: 847-866-4600; fax: 847-866-3276); or the international office serving their area.

- Rotary’s US$200 Million Challenge DVD (985) provides an overview of Rotary’s continuing efforts to eradicate polio and the fundraising initiative to match the Gates Foundation grants. (US$15)
- Rotary’s US$200 Million Challenge brochure (986) describes Rotary’s commitment to finish polio and encourages support for the challenge. (Free)
- Amazing Stories of Polio! (976) is a 16-page illustrated history of the disease and the eradication effort. ($0.75)
- PolioPlus Headliner Kit (Web only) contains a sample news feature, a press release, an opinion piece, and a letter to the editor, all easily adaptable in local communities to promote global polio eradication.
- Rotary’s US$200 Million Challenge poster (987) encourages participation in the challenge. Suitable for display at Rotary meetings, fundraisers, and other events. (Free, limit two per order)
- End Polio Now Pins (988) help raise awareness of the eradication effort. (Available in lots of 100 for $50)

To donate directly to Rotary’s challenge, go to www.rotary.org/endpolio. Donors in the United States, Canada, and Australia can automatically transfer funds electronically from their checking, savings, or credit card accounts by enrolling in TRIB-DIRECT. Once enrolled, donors can contribute to PolioPlus (to support Rotary’s US$200 Million Challenge).

Watch polio eradication videos and public service announcements on the Rotary International channel of www.youtube.com, and include the link on Rotary club and district Web sites.

For fundraising tips and ideas, go to www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/PolioHelpEradicatePolio/Pages/FundraisingIdeas.aspx.

Join The Rotary Foundation’s End Polio Now cause page on www.facebook.com. Make a donation to support polio eradication, invite others to be a part of the cause, and keep track of how many people you’ve recruited.

Photos from RI Website
December – Family Month  
January – Rotary Awareness Month

Rotary International 2010 Convention, 20-23 June – Montreal, Canada

See Rotary District 7300 website for details on events:  rotarydistrict7300.org

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW TO ATTEND THE  
MONTREAL  R. I. CONVENTION - JUNE 20-23, 2010

As previously mentioned, we have put together a trip package for this great Rotary event which includes motor coach transportation from the Pittsburgh area to Montreal, Canada, and hotel accommodations while there.

The motor coach will make the first pickup early Saturday morning, June 19, 2010 in Monroeville (exact location to be determined) and will travel up the Pennsylvania Turnpike to Cranberry Township, where it will make another pickup (exact location to be determined). The coach will then travel north on I-79 with a third pickup in the Erie area for Rotarians in that District. Next, the coach will go up I-90 to Buffalo, where it will make its last pickup. Then, on to Montreal, arriving late that evening.

Hotel accommodations will be at a Marriott Hotel for five nights – Saturday evening, June 19 to Thursday morning, June 24. The coach will leave for the return trip early Thursday morning arriving back in Pittsburgh late that evening after making the same stops it made on the way to Montreal.

The total trip package cost for all of this – motor coach transportation and five nights accommodations including all taxes and baggage handling will be $599 per person. This package price is based on a full coach of 56 passengers, which we hope will be very feasible with Rotarians from three districts participating.

Several very important things to remember:

You must have a current passport or a Limited Passport Card (allows US Citizens re-entry into the US from Canada by land or sea only) to travel to Canada.

The early registration deadline for the RI Convention (where you save $50 per person) is December 15, 2009. Registration may be made online at www.rotary.org

While on the RI website you may also find the Convention Preliminary Program and the Host Event Registration and Payment Form.

Please contact Walt or Harriet Sickles to make your trip package reservations, or if you have any questions.

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SEE YOU IN MONTREAL!
Club Events

**Green Tree Rotary Club** members will be Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 13, at HCR Manor Care in Green Tree. A pre-caroling covered dish party will be held at the Best Western Parkway Center Inn at 4:30PM. Caroling at HCR Manor Care begins at 6:30PM. Each HCR resident will be presented with a Rotary bear. All Rotarians, friends and family are welcome!

**Bethel St. Clair Rotary Club** is planning a fundraising pancake festival … serving “breakfast” all day Saturday, March 6, from 8:00AM to 7:00PM at Westminster Church. Tickets are $7.00 per person. Further details will follow closer to the date.

**Steel Valley Rotary Club** is preparing for their Big Band Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 27 at the Westwood Golf Club, 825 Commonwealth Avenue in West Mifflin. The evening features the Graham Grubb Orchestra. This is the tenth anniversary of this event, and the last three years have been a “sell-out”, so Steel Valley recommends you get your tickets early. Tickets are $40 per person … Cocktail Hour (cash bar) 5:00-6:00PM, Dinner 6:00PM and Dancing 7:00-10:00PM. Proceeds benefit local Steel Valley Rotary charities. For further information, contact Jack Seckel (412) 655-7500.

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