



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES
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Message from our District Governor



In our Rotary world, we focus on supporting The Rotary Foundation during November. As a District, we raised approximately \$35000 via raffles sales and support of our

District Foundation Dinner/Conference. I am not sure if everyone's account has been updated at this time. I do know that we have sent the checks and paperwork to Rotary International in order to make it happen. Thanks to each of you that supported this fundraising effort. District Governor Nominee, Herb Smith, and his team did an outstanding job with the event. Also, a special thanks goes to Phil Pelletier for once again organizing the raffle and doing the laborious accounting that goes with it.

We are finishing up the tallies for the World's Greatest Meal. I hope that each club found a way to participate this year. We just may see the eradication of Polio in the near future, but we still need your help with support until it is finished. PDG, Jeff Coup, is to be commended for his leadership and dedication to this cause.

Just this week, I received certification that Bloomsburg is now a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club. We celebrate with you at this accomplishment. To my knowledge, they have now joined Ringtown and Muncy as the only three clubs to attain this status.

The Rotary Foundation is the funding arm that makes possible all of the projects that you are a part of when you contribute, whether it be to the eradication of Polio or a project such as the water well project in El Salvador that our District is currently sponsoring. When you look at the pictures and read the stories in our magazine and/or website, you too are responsible for that success when you contribute to The Rotary Foundation.

In closing, it is our membership in Rotary that makes all of this happen. This year, we are at \$51,000 plus going back into our communities as matching grants. Imagine the impact we can have as a District if we do indeed grow our footprint in each community. President Mehta has challenged each of us to bring one. We need to be intentional as we offer others the opportunity to join with us as we **Serve to Change Lives.**

Newly added in red

CLUB CALENDAR

November 16—**Rotary Club of Waynesboro**—100th Anniversary Dinner—Waynesboro Country Club—Doors Open at 5:30 PM

DISTRICT CALENDAR

June 17-20, 2022—Save the date—RYLA

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Foundation Moment From Keystone Rotary International Club

Foundation moment from Keystone Rotary International Club would like to introduce you to a fellow Rotarian Michelle Bailey from District 7280. Michelle is working with a physical therapist, Shedrack Domingo, in Tanzania.. Together they use in-country resources to build wheelchairs for people in Tanzania through their organization, called Build-A-Chair. Michelle and Shedrack have been doing programs for Rotary Clubs introducing them to this wonderful organization. She would like to expand her reach by talking to other Rotary Clubs.

The Build-A-Chair Initiative began in March 2020 as the first major project of the Keystone International E-Club. As an EClub, we have members around the globe. This gave us a unique opportunity to partner with Shedrack Domingo, a physiotherapist and club member who lives in Moshi, Tanzania, to provide support to adults and children with disabilities.

To date, we have sponsored 97 locally made, custom-fit wheelchairs to individuals who otherwise would not have access to one. Each wheelchair provides the user with the mobility to leave their homes, engage with their communities, and in some cases, achieve financial independence through getting a job. Having a fellow Rotarian and trained physiotherapist on the ground means that we have local management of our project and can use locally sourced parts and labor, which helps boost the economy.

WEEK 44

WHAT CAN YOUR \$100 CONTRIBUTION TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION DO?

Your \$100 contribution to The Rotary Foundation can help provide textbooks for one elementary school in Zambia, provide a hearing aid for a deaf child in Pakistan, buy de-worming tablets for 112 children in the Philippines, pay for cataract operations for three blind people in India, or provide 230 blankets for the elderly in the winter months of Korea. Will you commit today to donating \$100 or more per year to The Rotary Foundation and start making a difference in people's lives?

WEEK 45

WHAT CAN YOUR \$500 CONTRIBUTION TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION DO?

Your \$500 contribution to The Rotary Foundation can help provide a watch repair business for six disabled workers in the Philippines, purchase safety equipment for a boat providing public health services to isolated river villages in Peru, provide prosthetic limbs for 12 disabled people in Thailand/Cambodia, or buy five small sewing businesses to give poor mothers in Mexico a better ability to lead self-sufficient lives. Will you commit today to donating \$500 per year to The Rotary Foundation and start making a difference in people's lives?

WEEK 46

WHAT CAN YOUR \$1,000 CONTRIBUTION TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION DO?

Your \$1,000 contribution to The Rotary Foundation can help provide all materials necessary for the construction of a deep bore well in India which supplies clean drinking water to more than 300 people, materials to treat and prevent parasites and anemia in need children in Uruguaiana, R.S., Brazil, or purchase a tree nursery in Jamaica that will annually produce 5,000 tree seedlings and increase family income for 700 farmers, or provide artificial limbs to 25 disabled persons in Calcutta, India, or buy kitchen equipment for an orphanage in Peru, or provide a cow and animal husbandry training to a widow in Uganda where civil war shattered the economy and children die because of a lack of protein and calcium in their diets, or buy polio vaccine for 2,000 babies in Nigeria, or fund enough textbooks to educate 2,000 children in a school in Papua New Guinea, or provide 20 \$50 micro-loans enabling women in Nicaragua to start a craft business to support their families. Will you commit today to donating \$1,000 per year to The Rotary Foundation and start making a difference in people's lives?

WEEK 47

WHAT TYPES OF ROTARY FOUNDATION RECOGNITION EXIST FOR CLUBS?

100 Percent Paul Harris Fellow Club: Rotary Clubs in which 100 percent of all dues paying members are Paul Harris Fellows receive special recognition from the Rotary Foundation. Qualifying Rotary Clubs receive a special club recognition banner and join an elite group of clubs. Once a club reaches 100 percent PHF status, the District Governor or Rotary Foundation chair must request the recognition from The Rotary Foundation. This recognition is a one-time-only award, but the intent is that the club will maintain its membership at the 100% Paul Harris Fellow level.

100 Percent Foundation Giving Club Banner: This banner is awarded to clubs that achieve an average of \$100 in per capita giving and 100 percent participation, with every dues-paying member contributing at least \$25 to any or all of the following during the Rotary year: Annual Fund, PolioPlus Fund, approved global grants, or Endowment Fund.

100 Percent Every Rotarian Every Year Club Banner: Rotary clubs must achieve a minimum Annual Fund contribution of \$100 per capita during the Rotary year, and every dues paying member must personally contribute at least \$25 to the Annual Fund during the year. The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation also present club recognition banners each year to the three Rotary Clubs in each District with the highest per capita in Annual Fund Giving.

100% Paul Harris Society Club Banner: This recognition is awarded to clubs in which every dues-paying member has contributed a minimum of \$1,000 to the Annual Fund, the PolioPlus Fund, or an approved global grant during the Rotary year. Will our club be recognized by The Rotary Foundation this year?

Welcome!

NEW MEMBERS

Bemiller, Tracy S. (TRACY)	Hagerstown
BRACK, MARGARET S (REV MARGARET)	Hancock
Brick, Delmas (DELMAS)	Grantsville
Brick, Kristina (KRISTINA)	Grantsville
Cahill III, Vincent S. III (VINCE)	Clearfield
Haas, Alice (ALICE)	Shepherdstown
Hill, Kenneth F. (KEN)	Shepherdstown
Johnston, Amy (AMY)	Charles Town
Keener, Kelly B (KELLY)	Hagerstown
Kerschensteiner, Deborah (DEBORAH)	Grantsville
Lythgoe, Collin R (COLLIN)	Morrisons Cove (Roaring Spring & Martinsburg)
Moyer, James (JAMES)	Clearfield
Nazaruk, Danielle R. (DANIELLE)	Altoona
Owens, Melissa S (MISSY)	Bedford Sunrise
Penney, Sophie (SOPHIE)	State College Sunrise
Penoyer, Katie (KATIE)	Clearfield
Proud, Charis D (CHARIS)	Clearfield
Purdy, Sheri Anne (SHERI)	Selinsgrove
Santostefano, Janet (JANET)	Bellefonte Sunrise
Shore, Adam (ADAM)	Altoona
Yeatts, Gavin (GAVIN)	Pottsville
Yingling, Christie M. (CHRISTIE)	Morrisons Cove (Roaring Spring & Martinsburg)

DECEASED ROTARIAN

FRANK W. BIRSTER

ROTARY CLUB OF ASHLAND



Frank W. Birster, 89, of Ashland, passed away October 7, 2021, with his family at his side, at his daughter's home in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Born in Locustdale, he was the son of the late Charles and Veronica Schneider Birster. He was a graduate of the former Connyingham High School, Aristes. Following high school, he owned and operated his own ice cream business, with five trucks during the 1960's and early 1970's. He later became the Grocery Manager for the former Anthony's Supermarket, Frackville, later becoming T.J. Barts Market, working there until retirement. Frank was a parishioner of the former Saint Mauritius Roman Catholic Church, Ashland, until its closing. He attended the newly formed Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic Parish, Ashland. Upon moving to Bethlehem, he became a member of Notre Dame Church, Bethlehem. Frank was a member of the Sarto Council of the Knights of Columbus, holding several positions including Grand Knight, American Hose Volunteer Fire Company, serving as vice president, Ashland Fire Police, **Ashland Rotary Club**, and the Area Meals on Wheels, all of Ashland. He actively participated in the Ashland Area Historical Society, and the Born For This Choral group. He was an active donor to the Hillside S.P.C.A., Pottsville, and the Ashland Boys Association parade fund. Preceding him in death was his wife, Suzanne Simon Birster, passing in 1980, and brothers, Charles, George, and Gervase "Moxie" Birster.

Survivors:

Daughter: AnnMarie Birster and wife Marisa McGinley, Bethlehem

Son: Joseph Birster and his wife Kathryn, Philadelphia

Sister: Elizabeth "Dolores Birster" Goodman, Bellevue, Nebraska.

Nieces and Nephews

Best pup: "Shadow"

DECEASED ROTARIAN

ELEANOR KODISH

ROTARY CLUB OF DOWNTOWN LOCK HAVEN



Eleanor Kodish, 95, from Lock Haven, Pa, passed peacefully away in her home, on Oct. 11, 2021.

Eleanor Evangeline Jones Kodish was born in Johnson City, N.Y. on Nov. 5, 1925, to Stephen Douglas Jones and Clara Melissa (Anderson) Jones. She was married for 64 years to her college sweetheart, Raymond A. Kodish, who passed away on March 14, 2012.

Eleanor attended a one-room schoolhouse for eight years in Middletown Center, Pa., graduating from Rush High School in Rush, Pa., in 1943. She graduated from Mansfield State Teachers College, as it was known then, in 1947, with a degree in Elementary Education. She earned a master's degree in Elementary Administration from Penn State in 1973.

She taught one year in Corning, N.Y., before being married, and in 1954 began a teaching career in the Jersey Shore School District, where she worked until retirement in 1981. A total of 27 wonderful years were spent in the beloved Avis Elementary School, as a classroom teacher and later as principal of the school.

Eleanor was a lifetime member of the Avis PTO, AARP and the Ross Library in Lock Haven. She was on the board of directors for The Friends of the Ross Library. She was proud of her many years as a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, an honorary organization for women educators. She belonged to the Immaculate Conception Church in Lock Haven where she was choir member and Eucharistic Minister for many years.

Eleanor was a member of the Belles Springs Golf Club where she and her husband played for more than 30 years.

During her years as an educator, Eleanor was honored by being presented with the Outstanding Educator Award from Mansfield University, where she also served two terms as a member of the Alumni Board. She was also very proud to have delivered a summer commencement address at her beloved Mansfield.

Eleanor has been a volunteer for several organizations in Lock Haven. She especially enjoyed the hours spent with The Covenant Cafe Alzheimer's Support Group, Ross Library, Susque View Nursing Home, the **Downtown Lock Haven Rotary Club** and her daughter-in-law's third grade classrooms.

She is survived by two sons, Ronald (Teresa), Avis, PA., and Richard (Carolyn Munro), Oxford, PA; one daughter, Rita (Mark) Filohoski, Port Trevorton, PA.; and a daughter-in-law, Nancy W. Kodish of Schwenksville, PA.

Also surviving are eight grandchildren, Cory Kodish (Megan), Joshua Steffen (Jeena), Curtis Kodish (Ashley), Anna Steffen (Anthony Ordonez), Stephen Kodish (Sachie Lee), Kathryn Kodish, Scott Kodish (Whitney), Raymond Kodish, and three step-granddaughters, Laurie Simperts (Joey), Katy Yoder (Jon), Leslie Fanning (Matt), six great-grandchildren, Kayla, Hannah, and Carter Kodish, Khani McCray, Julia and Jude Ordonez, seven step great-grandchildren, Elliot and Margot Simperts, Matthew and Hayes Fanning, Uriah, Irelyn and Avalon Yoder, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Besides her husband, Ray, she was predeceased by a son, Raymond S. Kodish, son-in-law, Steven C. Steffen, daughter-in-law, Nancy H. Kodish, three sisters, Marean Robbins, Marjorie Wilkins, Carol Hemenway, and one brother, Elwyn Jones.

Will You Gift Justin Lammerts Another Chance at Life?

In 1997, our Son, Justin, got a second chance at life after being born with a heart defect. Unfortunately, the medicines that protected his transplanted heart have damaged his kidneys and he now needs a kidney transplant.

Before he fell ill again, Justin was able to lead a semi-normal life. Justin worked full-time for the State of New York, earning two promotions. Justin has an intense passion for history and traveled to London, France, and even a solo trip to Italy to see the worlds most beautiful art and architecture. He has a rich imagination and enjoys Lord of the Rings, Star Wars, and attended Comic-Con in NYC several years in a row before falling ill. We laugh everyday we are around Justin, as he has a witty and off-beat sense of humor. I smile thinking about hearing him cackle from the other room while he is watching his favorite TV show, Seinfeld.



As Justin's condition has worsened, he has lost the ability to do the things he loves. He even had to miss both his brother's and best friend's wedding in the last two years. Riding his bike and walking on the beach have become challenging these days. If Justin doesn't get a transplant, he will have to go on dialysis soon, which will mean he will be chained to a machine which filters his blood for him. It breaks my heart to think about all the things he will not be able to do. A transplant would give him the ability to live a longer, more healthy life where he can do the things that he loves.

For many reasons, Justin's close family members are not able to be his donor. Finding a kidney for a transplant is not easy. There are 110,000+ people on the waiting list for a deceased donor kidney. Most people must wait for years and many die while waiting. Will you give Justin the gift of a better life?

1. Facts about being a Living Donor: You only need one kidney to live a long healthy life.
2. Donor surgery is usually done through a tiny incision (laparoscopically).
3. Is covered by insurance/Medicare.
4. You will have your own team of doctors who will evaluate if its right for YOU.
5. Screening can be done anonymously, so you will not feel pressure.
6. If you are not a match, you can still "donate" to Justin through a program called a donor swap.

Please contact Duke Health Transplant Center, Living Donor Program: Call 919-613-7777 or 800-249-5864, if you are interested in learning more about donating a kidney to Justin Lammerts.

www.dukehealth.org/treatments/transplant-program/kidney-donation

Living donation may not be right for everyone — but you can still help! Consider being an organ donor after death, and by sharing Justin's story with everyone you know. You never know who might want to be a living donor. At the very least I want to bring awareness to kidney disease and living donation. I am hopeful our efforts will help Justin receive a kidney sooner, and encourage others to consider helping the many people on the wait list. Your prayers and support are very much appreciated!

Thank you.



ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE NEWS

Have you ever considered a Short-Term Exchange (STEP) for a local Student? If you aren't quite ready to take that leap into sponsoring a Long-Term Exchange student, this might be a great way to get your toes wet with the Youth Exchange process.

This program offers two students (one from here and one from another country) a four to six-week exchange – half of which is spent in the US and the other half in the other country. The students are required to be the same gender and still need a passport and visa for the country to which they are visiting. The students must be at least 15 years of age and no older than 18.5 as of August 1.

The Short-Term process is a painless program for a club. Since it takes place over the summer months, there is no need to get the schools involved as clubs must in the Long Term (LT) process. There are no signatures to obtain from school officials or transcripts to receive from the school. Inbound STEP students live with the family of the Outbound student, so there is no need to find host families for them. And finally, there is little or no cost to the Rotary Club sponsoring them. The Outbound family is responsible for the Essex, passport, and visa fees, as well as insurance, travel costs and general spending money.

The sponsoring club does need to have a counselor for the time the exchange takes place, is asked to involve the student in club activities, and with the new rules on Covid vaccinations, everyone (Outbound and family, Counselor, Inbound) must be fully vaccinated. Think about it! Very low investment with a high profit for your sponsored student.

There IS still time to secure a Long-Term student if you wish. With government offices working at a slower pace and schools still unsure of their status about exchange students, time is slipping away. Visit the Eastern States Rotary Exchange Program at www.exchangestudent.org for information about the two programs or contact me directly at klk1@psu.edu or 814.684-2926.

I encourage your clubs to get involved in some capacity. As always, the District Committee is available for flyers, pamphlets, and meeting presentations. Please give a student a chance to explore another country and support our Youth Exchange Program! I'd love to talk with you!

Submitted by,

Kathy Krinks

District 7360 Youth Exchange Chair



So many clubs that have traditionally supported WGM have not submitted reports this year. I hope you are waiting for your final donations to come in or a picture to be sent to you to include with your report. As you can see only 23 clubs have submitted their reports. I do have one report I am holding so they can send a picture tomorrow. I am sending this to the current presidents whose responsibility it is to submit the reports, and to the secretary and treasurers as many presidents delegate this responsibility to these officers. The beauty of WGM is our unified efforts.

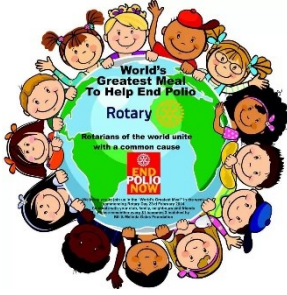
You may be interested that the Taliban have just approved a 4-day nationwide polio vaccination campaign for all Afghan children under the age of 5 and no new cases of wild polio have been found since the two in January 2021. Please pray that we have seen the last of wild polio! But we need to keep vaccinating for 3 more years to keep it from coming back because it is still found in the environmental samples.

The deadline for getting your totals in to me for the WGM for your club has been extended to this Friday, November 12.

Thank you for all you do for Rotary!

Jeff

R. Jeffrey Coup
District PolioPlus Chair



“World’s Greatest Meal to Help End Polio” 2021 District 7360 Event Report Form

Date Event Held: _____

Club Name:

Event Description:

Number of People Participating: _____

Money Raised for PolioPlus: _____

Please send PolioPlus monies raised to The Rotary Foundation using the regular contribution forms that RI provides on www.Rotary.org . Be sure to check off “PolioPlus” on the form or the money will not qualify for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation matching monies and your District will not get credit for PolioPlus contributions.

Send this form by 11/6/21 via email to Jeff Coup, District 7360 PolioPlus Chair, at jeffcoup@verizon.net.

Attach any photos of the event to your email.