



**IMAGINE
ROTARY**

IMAGINE ROTARY IN DISTRICT 7360

March 2023 - District 7360 Newsletter



Vol. 11, Issue 9

March 2023



This is the time when we begin to prepare for the next Rotary year. Our Presidents-Elect are training for the fun and challenges that lie ahead, while District Governor-Elect Herb and his team

are gearing up for the best year ever. At this time, I encourage the current Club Presidents and officers to embrace the opportunity to support the incoming club leaders. Help them to plan for their future year.

As our annual transition progresses, it's comforting to know that the work of Rotary is continuous. Service Above Self doesn't change, nor do the thousands of projects and support our clubs give to the communities we serve. Membership still matters, all the good we do through our contributions to The Rotary Foundation still continues, and it will always be critical for us to be a vibrant part of our communities.

While we get ready to "Create Hope in the World", we can be glad to know that our Rotary leadership does everything possible to move forward seamlessly, but always with excitement.

All the best to all of you as we also continue to

Imagine Rotary

*Vicki
District Governor 2022-2023*

Newly added in red

CLUB CALENDAR

- March 17—**Lewistown Rotary Club**—presents Shamrocks Shenanigans—Reedsville Fire Co. 6:00-9:00 PM
- April 4—**Rotary Club of Huntingdon**—Celebrating 100 years of Service Above Self—Juniata College Ellis Hall Ballroom—RSVP by March 13

DISTRICT CALENDAR

- May 2-3—District Training Assembly—held evenings virtually**
- June 15,16,17—RYLA at Shepherd's Spring Retreat – Sharpsburg, MD**

*Please send dates for your club events to:
PDG Sharon Benner
7360news@gmail.com
Thank you!*

MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

PDG Dana Orsini
District Membership Chair reporting:

It is hard to believe that March is upon us already. With our District a buzz with PETS for next year's leaders, we must remain intentional in growing our membership **this** current Rotary year. We still have four months to achieve the goal of each club growing by at least one new member.

There is no better time than now. To quote PDG Sharon Benner, "we need to get our *ask* in gear" so that we can increase the Rotary **impact** here at the club level and in our District. Simply said, we are a membership organization that provides amazing service. Let's go beyond imagining and make it a reality.

<https://www.rizones33-34.org/membership-action-plan/>

Welcome!

NEW MEMBERS

Leader, Jessica	Bedford
McInroy, Thomas	Bedford
Sabo, Tyler	Bedford
McBurney-Johnson, Bobbi	Clearfield
Welch, Olyvea C.	Downtown Lock Haven
Barnhart, Robert T.	Hagerstown
Willson, Christina	Hagerstown
Blackall, Arlene	Martinsburg/Sunrise
Costigan, Virginia	Martinsburg/Sunrise
Davis, Laura	Martinsburg
Williams, Rose	Milton
Dayananda, Vanitha	State College-Downtown
Hackett, James L. III	St. Marys
Cubit Jasmin	Waynesboro
Schneider, Nate	Williamsport, PA



DECEASED ROTARIAN

JOHN RICHARD BUHRMAN

ROTARY CLUB OF CHAMBERSBURG SATELLITE

John Buhrman died on February 21, 2023 of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, born in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania.

He was predeceased by: his parents, Lawrence Buhrman and Jeannette Buhrman; and his brother Tom. He is survived by: his friends, Cinda, Kym, Renee and Leonard; his daughter Marissa Kyle Shover (Travis); his granddaughter Corinne; his siblings, Nicholas (Sharon), Frederick (Sandra), Phillip, Patrick and Constance Marie Buhrman (Max); his sister-in-law Cheryl; and his pet Gracie. He is also survived by nieces, nephews, cousins.

John joined Rotary in March of 2018 and later joined **Chambersburg Satellite Rotary Club** in June of 2022

One of those Rotary opportunities!!!

Tell your Rotary friends!

Our Rotary district is holding a “district pin” design competition to produce new pins for the upcoming 2023-24 Rotary year.

The pin should be no larger than 2 inches in diameter and will have a push pin back. The pin can have up to four colors and can be of any shape if it is not larger than 2 inches. It may be, but not limited to, the Appalachian Trail or can be something that depicts our three states: Maryland, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. It should have “District 7360” somewhere on the pin.

The deadline for your artwork is Cinco de Mayo, May 5, and should be emailed to DGE Herb Smith by the deadline at hondaman21740@gmail.com. The Presidents-Elect will be voting on the top three designs at the District Training Assembly on May 2 and 3, where the district will be awarding bragging rights and a \$1,000 credit to the Rotary Foundation in the winner’s name.

Good luck and get designing!!!



District 7360

Please join us for RYLA!!

Lots of leadership skills, fun, fellowship, campfires, swimming,
4 Way Test, Youth Exchange Program and good food!!!!

June 15, 16, and 17 2023

Shepherd's Spring Retreat
Sharpsburg, MD

June 15 -check in will be 10:00-11:30am

June 17, will close with a presentation and a sendoff lunch for
students and parents concluding at 1:30

This year we will be lodging in the cabins!
The focus will be on leadership skills and Rotary's 7 Areas of
Focus.

More info will be sent to your clubs.



Now Accepting Applications for the 2024 Rotary Peace Fellowship - [Apply Now!](#)

Promoting peace is one of Rotary's main causes. The fully funded [Rotary Peace Fellowship](#), which covers tuition and living expenses, increases the capacity of existing leaders to prevent and resolve conflict by offering academic training, field experience, and professional networking.

Rotary Peace Fellows are selected every year in a globally competitive process based on personal, academic, and professional achievements. Fellows earn either a master's degree or a post-graduate diploma in peace and development studies at one of the Rotary Peace Centers located at leading universities around the world.

Over 1,600 program alumni are working in more than 140 countries as leaders in national governments, nongovernmental organizations, education and research, law enforcement, business and consulting, human rights law, media and the arts, and international organizations such as the United Nations.

Master's degree

- 15–24-month program, small-group classroom learning, in fields related to peace and development
- Intended for leaders near the start of their careers
- 50 fellows selected annually to study at one of five Rotary Peace Centers at partner universities, which offer interdisciplinary curricula with research-informed teaching
- 2–3-month field study experience to develop practical skills
- Fellows connect with an international cohort of fellows, thought leaders, and a global network of Rotarians

Professional development certificate

- Yearlong program for working professionals that blends online learning, in-person classes, and an independent project. Candidates who are from Africa, have worked in Africa, or work with African communities or initiatives outside the continent can apply for the certificate program at Makerere University in Uganda. (The certificate fellowship program at Chulalongkorn in Thailand is not accepting applications in 2023.)
- Intended for social change leaders with extensive experience working in peace-related fields
- 40 fellows will be selected to earn a post-graduate diploma in peace and development studies at Makerere University
- Interdisciplinary program includes a two-week online preliminary course, 10 weeks of on-site courses with field studies, a nine-month period during which fellows implement a social change initiative (with interactive online sessions), and an on-site capstone seminar

Eligibility: Qualified candidates must:

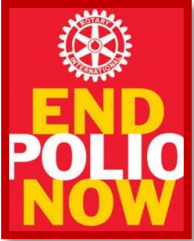
- Have three years of related work experience for the master's program
- Have five years of related work experience for the certificate program at Makerere University and be able to explain how their plan to promote peace aligns with Rotary's mission (Candidates for Makerere University must either be from Africa, have worked in Africa, or work with African communities or initiatives outside the continent.)
- Be proficient in English (Master's candidates whose first language is not English must provide English language standardized test scores.)
- Have a bachelor's degree (Master's candidates must provide a copy of their transcripts.)
- Demonstrate leadership skills
- Have a strong commitment to cross-cultural understanding and peace

Candidates must have at least three years between the completion of their most recent academic degree program (undergraduate or graduate degree) and their intended start date for the fellowship. Candidates currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program are not eligible to apply.

Applications for the 2024-25 academic term need to be submitted by 15 May 2023.

If you know someone who might be a good candidate for this fellowship, please submit a [referral form](#) with their name and email address. We'll contact them with information on how to apply. Thank you for supporting our program.

Kat Snowe, District Peace Fellowship Subcommittee chair, State College/Downtown Rotary Club



Saturday, February 4th was a bitter cold day, but that did not stop our District Governor Elect, Herb Smith and Asst. Governor, Marian Anderson from taking a plunge into the ice-filled waters of the Susquehanna River at Lewisburg, PA in an effort to support PolioPlus! This was a part of the 2023 Heart of Lewisburg Ice Festival.



About 200 festival goers joined in the plunge but it was Herb and Marian “plunging for polio”. The organizers started lining up the plungers in waves of about 15 at a time. Then the wait began for each wave to take their plunge. With the temperature hovering around 27 degrees everyone got very chilled waiting for their turn at the plunge. The safety team in their wetsuits reported the water temperature to be 32 degrees so it was actually warmer than the air... small comfort! Many of the plungers had fortified themselves with a lot of adult beverages. I don't know how Herb and Marian fortified themselves; I didn't ask and they did not tell!



The District fundraising page that was set up to receive the donations reported that the effort raised \$5,415 for PolioPlus! Others may have contributed by mailing donations to the Foundation but we have no way of tracking those gifts separately from other PolioPlus gifts for the year.

All of us in District 7360 give a big thank you to Herb and Marian for their Service Above Self!





Celebrating Women in Rotary

As we embark upon the month of March, our Diversity Calendar directs our attention to the celebration of National Women's History, and we, as Rotarians, know how much the addition of women into our clubs has positively impacted our ranks and our causes. From individual club members to this year's first female Rotary International President, Jennifer Jones, the expansion of women into full Rotary membership has been a truly positive change.

Rotary began as an all-male organization in 1905, yet even those first clubs understood that one of Rotary's strengths comes from attracting diverse populations, and the classification system encouraged seeking out the best and the brightest from each profession. Initially, women donated their time and talents through their husband's memberships, and some were called, as a term of endearment, "Rotary Anns". Women formed Rotary auxiliaries which maintained the same spirit of service. It was not until 1977, after the Rotary Club of Duarte, California admitted three women members, that the hard battle for integration began. The following year, Rotary International revoked the club's charter, but they persisted, continued to meet, calling themselves the "Ex Rotary Club of Duarte", and fought on using the legal system. In 1987, the U.S. Supreme Court settled the matter in favor of allowing women members based on the premise that business establishments may not discriminate based on sex, race, color, religion, or national origin. The Duarte Club was re-admitted, and Silvia Whitlock, who was then club president, became the first woman Rotarian and first female club president.

I am so proud that this year women form the keystone of our leadership, from female club presidents to Vicki Zimmerman as our District Governor, and with Jennifer Jones at the helm. Women are a linchpin in both club and community service. I have personally found women in Rotary who have worked beside me, mentored me, challenged me, and shown friendship. With this sort of people of action, can you even Imagine Rotary, and what we can do next?



Rotary District 7360 4-Way Test Speech Contest 2022-2023

The 4-Way Test Speech Contest has been a key district 7360 event for many years. The purpose of the 4-Way Test Speech Contest is to foster the principles of ethics in everyday life as well as in business. The Contest is designed to introduce high school students to Rotary by creating interest through a competitive speech contest, sponsored by YOUR club.

As the New Year is here already, time is running out to get your students lined up and prepared for your club contest. Send me your club entry form and check for the fee.

Important Dates and Deadlines

February 15, 2023 - Club Entry Forms must be submitted to Chair

March 31, 2023 - All club contests must be completed

April 2, 2023 - Submit club winner's information

April-May 2023 - Regional contests (Dates/Locations TBD)

May 20, 2023 - District Contest, 2:00 PM at the First United Methodist in Muncy, PA.

To promote the contest and get more clubs and students involved, the district has agreed to dramatically increase the prize money for the regional and district contests.

Regional Contest Prizes.

Winner - \$300

1st Runner Up - \$200

2nd and 3rd Runners up - \$100

District Event Prizes.

Winner - \$2,000

1st Runner Up - \$1,000

2nd and 3rd Runners Up - \$500

I look forward to receiving your entry form and getting ready for this years contest.

Art Leach

District chair, 4-way test speech contest

814-880-1575

Artleach77@gmail.com



ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE NEWS

It's been a busy few weeks for everyone involved with Youth Exchange! We have added new outbounds since the last newsletter to bring our total up to 10 students traveling abroad next year. There were some last minute applications being submitted, interviews to be scheduled and country assignments to be made. Elaine Bartoldson (Martinsburg), Mary Jane Smith (Huntingdon), Carl Hill (State College-Downtown), Isaac Fisher (Shamokin), Barb Morgan (Muncy), Mitch Morgan (Muncy), and Helene Koontz (Bedford Sunrise) all had a special part of making this all happen. Their actions show the true spirit of "Service above Self" as we scrambled to get everything accomplished.

On February 18, the Shepherdstown Rotary Club hosted our annual Winter Picnic where the majority of our 2023-24 Outbound Exchange students found out the countries to which they will be traveling in the fall. Parents and family members of the Outbounds, our Inbound Students, club members of the Shepherdstown and Charles Town Clubs, District Committee members, special guests and of course the stars of the day, our new Outbounds, were all in attendance to experience this special event. Special thanks go out to Cara Keys (Shepherdstown) who chaired this event and to those volunteers from the Shepherdstown and Charles Town clubs who worked hard to make it successful!

And finally, coming up on March 10-12, the Outbound Orientation will take place in State College PA. This is the District Committee's time to spend a weekend with our new Outbounds giving them and their parents important instructions and information about what to expect on their year abroad. Watch for our article next month that will share details about that special event!

Our committee would be remiss if we didn't mention Carl Askew, a member of the Sunbury Club and the Outbound Coordinator for Essex, our US regional division of Youth Exchange. As the Outbound Coordinator for Essex, it is his responsibility to assign *every* Rotary Outbound student being sponsored by Essex to their preferred countries. There are Rotary rules he must follow, paperwork he must review, and country student restrictions to know. Miraculously, he was able to place every student from within our district to their first or second choice of countries - even those last two students who just got accepted! Many, many thanks go out to him for his hard work and dedication to Youth Exchange!

The upcoming schedule for the district will also be exciting. We will be receiving the names of the students who will be coming into our district as Inbounds this fall. If there are any clubs in the district beyond those we have already spoken to, who want to be involved with Youth Exchange by sponsoring an Inbound, please get in touch! We can usually receive as many Inbounds in our district as we request.

So stayed tuned! We will share more about the Outbound Orientation coming up next week and introduce you to our new Outbounds!



Rotary District 7360, which includes 63 Rotary Clubs in West Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania, held its annual Rotary Youth Exchange Program Winter Picnic in Shepherdstown last Saturday, February 18. The event was held at the Shepherdstown Community Club's War Memorial Building and co-hosted by the Shepherdstown and Charles Town Rotary clubs.

Attendees included seven students from the district who have been accepted to go overseas next year under the auspices of Rotary's Youth Exchange Program, six foreign students studying at schools in the district this year through the program, and members of the Shepherdstown and Charles Town Rotary clubs.

The highlight of the event was the announcement of the countries that will be hosting the outbound students. These students are shown in the photo below. They and their homes and destinations are as follows from left to right: Alma Cedillo, from Charles Town, who will be going to Belgium; Anja Sholtis, Center County, PA, Italy; Katie Groner, Columbia County, PA, Poland; Ava Bevilacqua, Centre County, PA, Argentina; Fin Martin, Union County, PA, Spain; Tristan Leonard, Mifflin County, PA, Germany; Keaton Kingshipp, Centre County, PA, Ecuador.



Not shown are two other outbound students who were not able to attend the event: Kay Robinson, of Martinsburg, and Ella Hummel, from Montour County, PA. Their destination countries haven't yet been announced.

The foreign students in attendance who are currently studying in the district included Tyra Bake, from Sweden, who is attending Jefferson High School, and Pepi Pospisilova, from the Czech Republic, who is attending Martinsburg High School. The others are all attending Pennsylvania schools.

The Rotary Youth Exchange Program is one of the oldest and largest in the world. Started in 1927, it currently involves about 9,000 students from 80 countries each year.

The program is open to high school students from 15 to 19 years of age. To apply, students can directly contact their local Rotary club or go through the Exchange Program's website at www.studyabroadscholarships.org. Families who are interested in hosting an exchange student can follow the same procedure.

As is typical of Rotary events, the February 18 event also included a public service project: everyone pitched in to pack bags filled with toys and activities for children under the care of the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) program at West Virginia University's Berkeley and Jefferson medical centers. This program provides specialized services for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence.

The cost of the bags and their contents was covered by the Shepherdstown and Charles Town Rotary Clubs. The two clubs also donated a new iPad and other supplies for use by the SANE program's nurses. Carrie Smith, a SANE program administrator, was on hand to receive these donations.

Shepherdstown's Sugar Whipped desert shop and Roy Rogers Restaurants donated food for the event. Community Club president Jennifer Wabnitz, who is also a Rotarian, played a major role in planning the event.

WE WON!!!

In early February, DGE: Herb Smith 7360, DGE John Marshall 7280, and DGE John Hartman 7305 challenged each other and their Districts to raise money for Shelter Box.



The results were announced Saturday evening at PETS. In one month:

District 7360	\$23,379
District 7281	\$21,175
District 7305	\$ 3,300
*Lunch Saturday	<u>\$ 2,206</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$50,060

*At lunch on Saturday PETS, PE Fred Teichman from the Lewisburg-Sunset Club ask all attendees to open their wallets and place cash donations for ShelterBox on the center of their tables and \$2,206 was collected. Thanks to all of you for your generous donations! The need for ShelterBox aid is greater than ever.

Besides the earthquakes in Syria and Turkey and the conflict in Ukraine, Shelter Box is currently working in nine other countries.

Your continued support makes huge differences for the families whose lives were changed forever by conflict or natural disaster.

You can help them to recover and rebuild their lives.

Kelly Wike, ShelterBox Representative