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IMAGINE ROTARY IN DISTRICT 7360

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Message from our District Governor



September 2022

The month of September tends to bring back memories of new books, tablets of lined paper, and the start of the next school year. For many of us in the United States, the phrase “back to school” is synonymous with September, so it seems appropriate that this month’s theme is Basic Education and Literacy.

I have seen this theme in action throughout our District as clubs fill backpacks for children in need, maintain little free libraries, and raise funds for scholarships. I’ve also seen clubs who thoughtfully provide for other human necessities—the essentials needed to make education more attainable. Examples are backpacks of weekend snacks for food-deprived children, or projects to pipe clean water into towns of developing countries—giving children both the health and the ability to attend school. A few clubs have even given our teachers care packages to make their days a little easier.

I’m also proud to observe several district-wide efforts: the 4-Way Test Speech Contest, Student Exchange, and Youth and Peace in Action, which are all glowing examples of projects in education.

Whether our projects are simple or wide-scale, the children in our communities and in communities around the world are on their way to better lives thanks to your efforts. This month, think about all that we’ve done, and will continue to do, for education and literacy as we

Imagine Rotary

Warm wishes,
Vicki
District Governor, 2022-2023

Newly added in red

CLUB CALENDAR

September 12—[Selinsgrove Rotary Club](#)
29th Annual Golf Classic—
Susquehanna Country, Route 11
& 15, Selinsgrove

September 17—Save the date for the
[North Schuylkill County
Rotary Club](#) 100th Anniversary
at Elks Lodge Hall in Mahanoy
City, PA

September 30 — [Rotary Club of
Shepherdstown](#) —Golf
Tournament—Cross Creek
Country Club, Shepherdstown
WV

DISTRICT CALENDAR



November 18—Foundation Dinner,
Penn Stater Hotel & Conference
Center, State College

November 19 & 20—District
Conference—Penn Stater Hotel
& Conference Center, State
College

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

MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

Submitted by PDG Dana Orisini

Charles Dickens' novel, **A Tale of Two Cities**, opens with, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times". This pretty much describes our District in terms of membership for the past year. We had 20 clubs embrace the mantra of grow more to do more. These clubs grew by a total of 89 new members. West Snyder-Beaver Springs led the way with 8, followed by Keyser with 7, Oakland with 6, Martinsburg and Milton with 5 each.

On the flip side, as a District, we lost a total of 55 members and 2 clubs. So, why the difference? Growing our clubs takes both desire and determination. Clubs may have to adjust their culture and develop an intentional strategy to combat the normal attrition that all clubs face. I can assure you that wishing and hoping is not going to work as a strategy.

As we *Imagine* a brighter future in terms of membership, think in terms of how much greater an impact your club could make in your community if each of you commit to growing Rotary!

DISTRICT 7360 WANTS YOU....



**Wanna learn more about the DG
position and what it entails???**

**DG INFO MEETING – SEPT 15 6P – ZOOM – TO GET YOUR
MEETING LINK, RESPOND BY SEPTEMBER 12TH TO**

DAN.BENNETT.JO8E@STATEFARM.COM

Welcome!

NEW MEMBERS

Dennis Colton Kensinger	Altoona
Liesl Kapfhammer	Altoona Sunrise
Stephanie Curtin	Charles Town
Judith Miller	Charles Town
Michael Kerns	Cumberland
Randy Olson	Cumberland
Michele Glover	Emporium
Sarah Hall	Hagerstown
Nicholas Malin	Hagerstown
Kathryn Livinghouse	Huntingdon
Toni Levandoski	Hughesville
Mike Rodgers	Hughesville
Margaret Shaffer	Lock Haven
Xavier Hersom	Martinsburg
Matthew Kradel	Martinsburg
Michael Tumbarello	Oakland
Amanda Woodring	Oakland
Vicky Marie Barrett	Shepherdstown
James Grenfell	Shepherdstown
Gwen Hoebeke	Shepherdstown
Stacy McFarland	Shepherdstown
Stephen Spencer	Shepherdstown
Adam Thomas	Shepherdstown



DECEASED ROTARIAN

John H. Holbert

ROTARY CLUB OF BEDFORD

John H. Holbert, 98, of Bedford, died on Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022, at Bedford Colonial Courtyard.

He was born on Sept. 17, 1923, in Bingham, a son of the late Clinton S. and Mabel (Bartoo) Holbert. On Sept. 20, 1947, in Bellefonte, he married Jean (Longwell) Holbert, who preceded him in death on April 2, 2018.

He is survived by a son, John E. Holbert, and wife, Robin, of Bedford; a grandson, Rick Border, and wife, Lori, of Coraopolis; and a great-granddaughter, Brooke Border, also of Coraopolis. He was preceded in death by a brother, Milford Holbert, and a sister, Louise Howe.

John was raised on a dairy farm in Potter County. He was active in the 4-H and was a graduate of Ulysses High School and Penn State University. He served in the U.S. Army 103rd Infantry Division Communication Platoon as a telephone lineman in WWII as part of the 7th Army in Southern France, Germany, and Austria. He worked as a County Extension Agent for Penn State University for 39 years retiring as Bedford County Extension Director in 1986. He was a member of the Bedford Presbyterian Church, a member of the **Bedford Rotary Club**, and served on the local board at UPMC Bedford Memorial Hospital for 34 years. John loved the Bedford County Fair and was a fixture at the fairgrounds since 1953. He served as president of the fair board from 1989 thru 2014. He also served on the PA State Association of County Fair Board as director for many years and was selected as the PA State Association Fair person of the year in 2006. In 2008 he was selected as Bedford Rotarian of the Year. In 2015 he received a lifetime Achievement Award from the Bedford County Chamber of Commerce.



SAVE THE DATE

NOVEMBER

18 Foundation Dinner

19 & 20 District Conference

Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center

"When the Rotary Stars Shine"

We will be announcing more information by Pmail including; Registration prices, Agenda, Speakers, Sponsorship opportunities, The Project @ Conference Room Rates w/ procedures and special features. SO DON'T MISS THIS AWESOME EVENT!

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION (DEI) MOMENTS

PUBLISHED MONTHLY

District DEI Committee Welcomes RI President Jennifer Jones

This month our DEI spotlight honors our newest Rotary International President, Jennifer Jones, of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario. She is the first woman to hold this office in our organization's 117-year history. Jones has been a Rotarian since 1997, and has held important positions in the international club structure, including Foundation Trustee, RI Vice President, and District Governor. She has also been awarded both the Service Above Self Award, and the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. She and her husband, Nick Krayacich, are members of the Arch Klumph Society, and she is a member of the Paul Harris Society and Bequest Society. Professionally, Jones is the president of Media Street Productions.

Jones is passionate about elevating the image of Rotary throughout the world, and our commitment to developing an organization that fully embraces Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Jones believes we already have diversity in Rotary, that it is our "secret sauce," and it allows us to uniquely solve problems. When broaching the subject of diversity down to the club level, some will answer there is no problem, where others will see room for improvement. She believes it is because Rotary is nonpolitical and nonreligious that we are able to explore areas for improvement in a safe space where members respect each other and their opinions.

Jennifer is passionate about the "care and comfort of all Rotarians" within our clubs. Let's welcome Jennifer as an inspirational Rotary International President and celebrate Rotary International's rich tradition of diversity.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT

Greetings my fellow Rotarians', I would like to start off by saying I hope all had a good summer and hopefully you were able to stay cool for the most part. We are going to have a busy next couple of months. So lets gets started.....

The District Governor Area Visits have started and I will be traveling to some of the visits with our DG.

The Zoom meetings will be starting this month "So you think you want to be District Governor" so be watching for an email announcement link. Anyone who thinks they might like to be District Governor is invited to attend. This Zoom meeting is intended to answer any and all your questions about the job.

In addition, the Area Governors are going to be asking some of our Past Presidents if they would like to sit on the DG nominating committee to interview the candidates for District Governor 2024-25. This is will take one or two meetings depending on how many candidates we have for District Governor. If you are an immediate Past President and would like to volunteer please reach out to either your Area Governor or Dan Benett so they can present me with your names and I can then select the top five choices. When you throw your hat into the ring to take part in the nominating committee please provide the most important question that you want to ask the potential DGND. This is how I am going to make my selection because I believe you all did a fantastic job last year.

One of the most important jobs I have in the next 3 months is to find a District Treasurer to replace Ken Martin. He has done such an outstanding job for us but per the District By-Laws he can only serve for three years.

The goal would be to find our new Treasurer in the next 3 months and then for the following 6 to 8 months work alongside Ken to train and get prepared for the new Rotary year.

The candidate should have the following 1 to 2 years experience;

- **Previous Bookkeeping**
- **Banking Both Online and Statement reconciliation**
- **Fluent with Excel and/or other Accounting software**

If you feel that you would like to raise your hand for this very important job please contact me or Ken Martin.

We will also be looking for help to plan the District Conference which will be in November and individuals to help plan and work the Tri-PETS training which will be held in March.

Yours in Rotary Service
District Governor Elect
Herb Smith



ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE NEWS

It is time to gear up for the 2023-2024 Youth Exchange Year! This current year we were able to make 11 dreams come true for five Outbound Students and six Inbound Students. We are considering this a “Soft Opening”, with the Grand Opening to occur this coming year. Our goal is to get those numbers back into the twenties! And we can only do that with your help.

The applications should be online by mid-September and ready to go for Outbound students interested in participating. Now we just have to find as many clubs as possible to sponsor these students so that they can fulfill their dream of living in another country for a year.

On September 1, we had a Zoom Meeting to “Re-Discover Youth Exchange”. If you were unable to make this meeting, please check out the Youth Exchange portion of our district website. We are working on getting all of our PowerPoint presentations and important information posted. We are planning articles and presentations about recruiting host families and properly completing the applications for the Students, Volunteers and Host Families, our timeline and anything else people may want to learn more about. Just let me know!

If in-person presentations are more your style, please get in touch with me and we will see about getting a committee member to do a presentation for your club. We also suggest you reach out to past Host Parents, Rotex and YE Officers within your club. You can also visit the Essex Youth Exchange Website at www.exchangestudent.org. There is a lot of information there as well and it is provided in a very easy format.

For those of you who already have an interested student - good for you!! Please be sure to interview them at club level and then send his or her name and email contact information to me. I will send them a “Welcome Aboard” email with some specific instructions about completing the application.

PLEASE consider sponsoring and hosting a student in Fall of 2023. We lost two years to Covid, and this year should get us back up to speed. Remember, ***Youth Exchange promotes peace around the world, one student at a time!*** Make it your goal to provide a student in your community this opportunity. No one will be disappointed, especially not the student!

Kathy Krinks
Youth Exchange District Chair



District 7360 YPA Initiative 2022-23

Greetings Rotarians,

In 2021 Zone 33&34 under the direction of Mr. Peter Kyle created a Peace & Justice project called Youth & Peace in Action (YPA). Through YPA, participating high schools and youth clubs had access to an innovative online platform with content focused on fundamentals of peacebuilding (*My Peacebuilder Foundations*) as well as training and support for peace projects (*Leading Peace Project Teams*).

Based on the success of that initial pilot, the sponsoring agencies, New Gen Peacebuilders and Youth and Peace in Action, have updated those programs and aligned them with Rotary International Area of Focus, Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention. These two programs are now available to Rotary Districts and clubs as a powerful program for Youth Development. See the new platform website: <https://www.youthpeaceaction.org/>



Please check out the YPA platform and consider sponsoring one or both programs for youth in your community. For more information and/or help with designing a local project, contact Jack Richford, District YPA Chair @ jrchfrd@ptd.net Information Sessions will be available at the District Conference in November.....



ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE NEWS

The Main Line RLI (Rotary Leadership Institute), including Rotary Districts 7360, 7305, and 7280, is back presenting learning opportunities for any Rotary member in our districts. RLI is a grassroots leadership development program for anyone who is interested in learning more about Rotary and how to enhance their leadership skills. The chairperson for Main Line RLI is Mitch Morgan of the Muncy Rotary Club.

One purpose of RLI is to strengthen your club by providing individuals with various skills and knowledge so that they can progress to leadership positions in the club. The program is divided into three parts followed by a graduate course which completes the learning modules. Currently each part is presented via Zoom during three nights for two hours per night. Part I, II, and III build upon each other extending information and knowledge of Rotary. Part I began in July, 2022 and will be followed by Part II in August and Part III in September. If there is enough interest, Part I may be repeated on August 7, 9 and 14.

Please consider enrolling in Main Line RLI and learning more about Rotary. Check the website for more information: rlimainline.org.

Tri-PETS

FOUNDATION BENEFACTOR

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YOUTH PEACE IN ACTION

District Assembly

shelter BOX

7280 7360 7305

Rotary District 7360

The Rotary Foundation

The Learning Center

rotary youth exchange

Four Way Speech Contest

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District grants

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WE ARE ALL WELCOME

District Conference

Be sure to visit RLIMainLine.org and register today!

Arch Klumph Society

RYLA
rotary youth leadership awards

END POLIO NOW

Rotary Zones 33-34

YOU are the missing piece

Global grants

Interact

Council on Legislation

THE ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
Main Line Division

CHANGING THE WORLD
FORWARD

Polio in the United States! What Happened?

Recent case in New York State provides a rude awakening close to home.

By PDG Chuck Davidson, Zone 33N EPNC

(A version of this article by the same author was previously published in the August 2022 D7610 Foundation Newsletter.)

If you're tired of hearing about polio, here is what happens and may continue to happen until we eradicate polio completely everywhere.

On 21 July 2022, a case of polio involving acute flaccid paralysis was confirmed in Rockland County of New York State, right here in the United States. The unfortunate young adult was not vaccinated against this disease. Genetic sequencing of the virus has indicated that it was the type polio virus that is "vaccine-derived". This means that it came from water contaminated with sewage in a country where vaccinations are carried out with the oral Sabin vaccine that uses a weakened form of the live virus to create immunity. After passing through the digestive tracts of a number of children who drank the water, the virus from the vaccine mutated (a rare occurrence) into a more virulent form capable of actually causing the disease instead of simply immunizing against it.

Since then, the polio virus has been detected in wastewater in nearby Orange County and in New York City (see map).



Keep in mind that the oral polio vaccine is NOT USED in the United States; only the injectable Salk vaccine comprised of the inactivated polio virus is used. U.S. children are still routinely vaccinated against polio with the inactivated virus vaccine, unless the parents opt out. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's most recent childhood vaccination data, about 93% of 2-year-olds had received at least three doses of polio vaccine. However, Rockland County, in New York City's northern suburbs, has been a center of vaccine resistance in recent years. A 2018-19 measles outbreak there infected 312 people.

So we know that this vaccine-derived case must have originated in another country and was carried to this country by an infected person who perhaps did not even know he was a carrier of the disease. Recall that only 1 in every approximately 200 polio infections results in acute paralysis.

It has been nearly a decade since the last vaccine-derived polio case like this entered our country from abroad. And the last case of polio that originated from the "wild" polio virus (not traceable to a mutated virus that is vaccine-derived) in the United States was seen in 1979, so we have been certified by the World Health Organization as free of the polio virus occurring in the wild since then. So what happened?

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This is what happened. The World Health Organization decided right from the first detection of these cases that Mozambique and Malawi and the continent of Africa would still be certified as free of the wild polio virus. Furthermore, WHO decided that the United States and the continent of



Delivering on a Promise

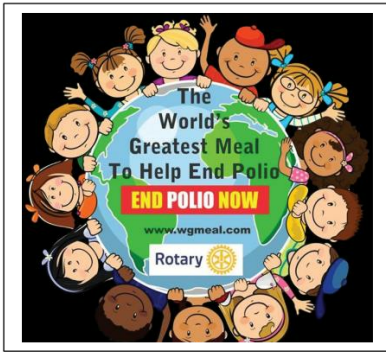
North America would still be certified as free of the wild polio virus. Why? Because the virus was carried to these countries by someone exposed to and infected by the virus in another country, whether exhibiting symptoms or not. Furthermore, in the United States case, the virus was vaccine-derived and not out of the wild.

This is tragic. Tragic for the individuals who caught the virus and displayed the life-threatening or life-changing paralysis. And tragic for others who may also suffer the same fate from this. It's a sad reminder of what we've always said:

"Polio is only one international plane ride away." And it again makes the case that polio anywhere is a threat to children and adults everywhere.

Tired of hearing about polio? We all are. And the only way we will be able to stop hearing about it is by first eradicating it from the face of the earth. We need to deliver on our promise. We need the help of every Rotarian to do this. Every one of us has a part to play. Please do your part by giving to The Rotary Foundation's PolioPlus Fund. Thank you.

“Be sure your club is participating in our District-wide Worlds Greatest Meal to End Polio” between October 16-29.



World's Greatest Meal

World Polio Day, October 24, 2022

Below are important steps to follow for Club Presidents:

1. Presidents must establish a date for your club's WGM event (between October 16-29, 2022) before the end of July 2022 and report the date by email to your Area Governor.
2. Send a press release to local newspapers and radio stations at least two weeks before the Club's WGM event. (sample attached)
3. Your Club holds the event/meal and takes a digital picture.
4. The Club President completes the report form in PETS manual or DacDB and emails it with the optional digital picture of event and send to Jeff Coup (jeffcoup@verizon.net) by **11/23/22**.
5. As soon as possible after the meal the Club sends the **money** raised from the event **to the Rotary Foundation**, 14280 Collections Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60693, along with a transmittal form, making sure to check off PolioPlus on the form (the attached transmittal form already has PolioPlus indicated).
6. Optional—Your club sends a digital picture and report of your event to the local newspaper.

Note: Do not register your Clubs' event with the Worlds Greatest Meal! We are doing this as a District Event. Your club will receive individual recognition if you follow these guidelines. See your results by liking on Facebook: Rotary Worlds Greatest Meal to Help End Polio. Like the "Group" and not the "page". Don't like the group that has USA in the title or you will not see your results.



“World’s Greatest Meal to Help End Polio” 2022 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 11/23/22 via email to Jeff Coup, District 7360 PolioPlus Chair, at jeffcoup@verizon.net.

Attach any photos of the event to your email.



NEWS RELEASE

World's Greatest Meal to Help End Polio

Join the Rotary Club of Anytown in the Fight to End Polio Now

(City/Town) (Date) — The Rotary Club of Anytown is joining in a worldwide recognition of World Polio Day, October 24, 2022. Billed as the “World’s Greatest Meal to Help End Polio” attendees of the (date) meeting of Anytown Rotary will be asked to forego their meal and instead donate the cost of that meal to the PolioPlus efforts of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. Members will “brown bag” their own lunch this one time. This small sacrifice on the part of each Rotarian will serve to bring awareness and dollars to the global effort of polio eradication.

Anytown Rotarians invite everyone to pack a lunch and donate the cost of a meal to this important effort. Bring your lunch and join them to learn more about PolioPlus and polio eradication.

Rotary Club of Anytown

Date and time

Location Name

Location Address

Started in 1985, Rotary’s PolioPlus program set out to eradicate polio from the planet at a time when annual cases of the disease numbered in the hundreds of thousands. Today, thanks to the efforts of Rotary and its global partners, we are on the verge of certifying the world polio free! Completion of this mission will mark only the second time in human history that a disease has been eradicated. Previously, only smallpox has been eliminated. Once complete, the annual worldwide savings in medical care is estimated at \$1.5B US.

About Rotary

Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world’s most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members of more than 34,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work impacts lives at both the local and international levels, from helping families in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world. For more information, visit Rotary.org or EndPolio.org

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Contacts: zxzxx zxzxxzx (phone/email)



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTION FORM

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Contributions can also be made at rotary.org/donate.

1. DONOR OF CONTRIBUTION

Type of Donor (Check one): Individual Rotary club Rotaract club District Business
 Charitable organization/Foundation Other: _____

Name: _____ Donor ID: _____
Club Name: _____ Club No.: _____ District No.: 7360
Billing Address: _____ City: _____ State/Province: _____
Country: USA Postal Code: _____
Daytime Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

2. DESIGNATION/PURPOSE (Check one):

Annual Fund — SHAPE Eradicating polio Promoting peace Endowment - _____
 Fighting disease Providing clean water Saving mothers and children Global Grant # _____
 Supporting education Growing local economies Responding to disasters Other _____

3. CONTRIBUTION DETAILS

Amount of contribution _____ Currency _____

Type of Payment (Check one): For security purposes, please do not send credit card contributions via email.

Credit card: Visa MasterCard Diners Club JCB American Express

Make this a recurring contribution: Monthly Quarterly Annually (Select month) _____

Card Number

Expiration Date: _____ CVN*: _____

Name as it appears on credit card: _____ Signature: _____

Check — Payable to "The Rotary Foundation." Check number _____

Wire transfer Date initiated _____ (Please send completed contribution form as soon as possible after initiating a wire transfer.)

*The card verification number, or CVN, is a three-digit number that appears on the back of your credit or debit card; for AmEx, it is a four-digit number on the front of the card. It typically appears following the digits of your credit card number.

4. SHIPPING INFORMATION — Recognition materials only

If recognition materials from this contribution are requested for individual(s) other than donor, please complete the Paul Harris Fellow Recognition Transfer Request Form.

Presentation Date: _____ Please do not send recognition Please keep my gift anonymous

Send recognition to (Check one; if left blank, recognition will be sent to club president):

Club President Club Secretary Club Treasurer Club Foundation Chair Other, record information below

Name: _____ Address: _____

City, State/Prov: _____ Country, Postal Code: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

5. INDIVIDUAL COMPLETING THIS FORM (if other than donor)

Name: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Date: _____

Please send your completed form with contribution only once.

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