

District Governor's Note

Zachary Covington, District Governor 2024-25 August 2024

Dear Rotary District 7280 Family,

As we move into our second month of the Rotary year, I invite you to join me in CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP!

August is Membership and New Club Development month, and $I\hat{a}\in M$ hopeful you will join me in planning ways to fellowship and empower each of the members of your club. I remain grateful for each of you, and continue to be inspired by your unwavering commitment to our communities and our shared mission of $\hat{a}\in \mathbb{C}$ Service Above Self. $\hat{a}\in \mathbb{C}$

Have you seen your invitation to our District Membership Celebration on August 4? If you are able to join us, please make your reservation soon. Itâ€[™]s sure to be a fun afternoon of fellowship & celebrating membership!

I encourage you all to stay connected, share your stories, and celebrate the milestones we achieve together. Please include me in your club news and correspondence, and extend the invitations for me to join your projects, fundraisers, and social events. Iâ \in^{TM} m thoroughly enjoying meeting our members and attending club events! Your dedication and passion are the heart of our District 7280, and I am honored to serve alongside such an incredible group of individuals.

Letâ€[™]s continue to inspire, lead, and make lasting change. Hereâ€[™]s to a fantastic year ahead!

In Rotary Service, Zachary Covington District Governor Rotary District 7280

DATES TO REMEMBER - AUG & SEPT 2024

August - Membership & New Club Development Month

8/4 District Membership Celebration (more detail below)

September - Basic Education & Literacy Month

9/2 Labor Day 9/21 International Day of Peace **District Governor Award #36 - Complete at least one Peacebuilding Project during the month of September 2024



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Keystone E-Club - New Monthly Meeting



Keystone E-Club is looking at expanding the times the club meets to a once-a-month evening club. What a great idea!

Also, the Keystone International E Club is now in fundraising mode for our Annual Duck Derby and are seeking participation from sponsors or someone to purchase a few ducks. More details below.

The Keystone E Club will also be embarking on a Friendship Exchange October 5-15th to Kosovo, So far, we have 17 members attending. How exciting!

Is your club looking for a worthy international project?



Partner with the Keystone Rotary Club and become a sponsor!

It's a whole new year for ShelterBox!





With your help ShelterBoxUSA helped more families than ever in 2023. The need is ever increasing $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{C}$ expected to be over 200 million people by 2050.

Iâ€[™]m ecstatic that our district performed well even while overall giving is slightly down. Even though we are a smaller district, in FY23-24 we tied for first place in the number of clubs who donated at the hero level. Almost half the clubs in District 7280 donated \$1000 or more!

Do you want to inspire your club or community? Starting in September we are anxious to present to your club or display at a local event. We have lots of things to share about what $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{M}$ s new in ShelterBox. Just let us know.

You may remember our Shine for ShelterBox event last November where we raised almost \$30,000. We are now planning a new type of event called Evening to Experience ShelterBox on Thursday November 14th. It will be quite different than last year, and we hope to get more people involved, raise even more money, and have even more fun! Please save the date!

September/October will be a great time to achieve or renew your FY24-25 ShelterBox Hero award with a total pledge by your club and members of \$1000 or more.



ShelterBox Deploys Response Team to the Caribbean

ShelterBox Ambassadors Dave & Melanie Sturrock, 724-991-4750, dtsturrock@gmail.com

Clarion Gets Cleaned Up!

Nice job Clarion - cleaning 2.5 miles of 322 on the east side of town.



Zelie Rotary Introduces Cruella â€[~]Deerâ€[™] Vil

The Zelienople Rotary transitioned into its 101st Year with the introduction of their new president, Cruella $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{C}$ Deer $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{M}$ Vil, a/k/a Charlie Deer. Inspired by the treasured Disney Classic, $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{C}$ 101 Dalmations, $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{C}$ President Charlie Deer took the entire club by surprise when she entered the room dressed as the famous character. Overall, it was a great evening of fellowship and fun. The club also honored outgoing President Rich Gigliotti, the July 4th Parade Grand Marshall Mike Schoeffel, the recipient of the annual Doc Viola Non-Rotarian Service Above Self, Marietta Reeb and the Rotarian of the Year, Robin Fleming.



FORE THE CHILDREN GOLF CLASSIC



2024 Cranberry Noon Rotary Scholarship Winners

This year we awarded ten \$1500.00 scholarships to students within theSeneca Valley School District.2024 Winners.jpg

Back row: Isabella Kling, Atticus Hillebrand, Taryn Wilson, Allison Sevin, Katie Mack, Kara Pasquale and Ronny Royhab. Front row: Ayla Ward, Scholarship Committee Members Carrie Costanza and Jim Sandherr, Kacy Christensen. Not shown Cenzo DiTullio.

A wonderful group of students! Our winners are chosen by submitting a standard application by the school district along with an essay based on "*How volunteering in the community has prepared you for the future*". Points are given for school activities, athletics, community activities and volunteering in the community.

Jim Sandherr Cranberry Noon Rotary Scholarship Committee

Rotarians Support the Harvest Street Mission

Harvest Street Mission has for many years served a full-scale lunch to over 100 people every Sunday on Pittsburgh's North Side. They also have a wealth of clothing donations available to people who are served. The organizers are wonderful people who truly care and minister to those in need. Each week a volunteer organization (many of which come from north of the city teams with the organizers to feed many hungry and grateful people. Our Rich-Mar Rotary Satellite Club has been one of those regular partners. Pictures from their most recent visit on June 30 are shown below. 'Service above self' for sure.







Pine-Richland Walk4Water Raises \$5000 for Well in Ghana



Dear World Changers!

The generosity surrounding the Pine-Richland High School Walk for Water event held on May 20, 2024 is amazing! Students of Pine-Richland, teachers and administrators at Pine-Richland, Rich-Mar Rotary Club, and Kiwanis Club came together and raised \$5,000! That generosity will make it possible for the village of Wugladza in Ghana to have clean water.

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Zebilla Education Project Update



Here is the first round of photos and notes from the Basic Science and Maths Quiz competition that the RichMar Rotary Club generously funded in the Bawku West District of the Upper East region of Ghana, On behalf of the Keystone Rotaract International E-Club, thank you for your generosity in sponsoring this important event! This competition will help prepare students for upcoming testing required to move to the next level of education.

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Cranberry Sunset Rotary Group Disc Golf Fundraiser



Cranberry Sunset Rotary Group will be hosting their third annual event. The primary beneficiary this year is going to be the Cranberry Twp EMS! In years past, we have raised over \$15,000 for various charities, including Sleep In Heavenly Peace and The Butler County Humane Society. <u>Read More</u>

Honoring Community Leaders!

At the Rotary Club of Bradford's Annual Meeting, held on July 10th at the Pennhills Club, two outstanding community leaders were celebrated.

Ron Orris, Executive Director of the Blaisdell Foundation, and Steve Morgan, President and CEO of Futures Rehabilitation Center, were honored as Paul Harris Fellows, Rotary International's highest honor.



Dr. K. James Evans, Rotary Foundation Chair, praised Orris for his dedication to Bradford and his support for local non-profits, and Morgan for his volunteerism and service to people with disabilities. <u>Read More</u>

Cranberry Township Sunrise Rotary Announces Rotarian of the Year and Incoming and Outgoing President



Congratulations to Denise Etter, 2024 Cranberry Township Sunrise Rotary Club Rotarian of the Year. Congratulations to new Club President, Shawn Firster! And a special thank you to outgoing President, Michael Ozdinec.

(Pictured Left to Right: Outgoing President, Mike Ozdinec, Rotarian of the Year, Denise Etter, Incoming President Shawn Firster.)