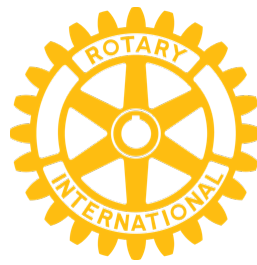


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District 7280



District Governor Note

Dear Rotary District 7280 Family,

As we move into the season of gratitude, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for the dedication, creativity, and compassion you've shown throughout these past months. November is Rotary Foundation Month, and it gives us a special opportunity to reflect on how Rotary's mission makes a difference both locally and globally—and how you are at the heart of it all!

The Rotary Foundation's work truly embodies the spirit of Service Above Self. Thanks to your generous contributions, we are funding projects that provide clean water, education, healthcare, and peace initiatives in communities that need it most. If you haven't already, I encourage your clubs to plan a fundraiser or awareness campaign this month. Let's aim to surpass our giving goals and create a lasting impact. Every gift—big or small—counts toward building a better world in our communities and across the globe.

November is also a time to connect and celebrate with each other. From service projects to holiday preparations, this is a chance to share fellowship and gratitude. I have witnessed the power of Rotary's friendships during my visits across our District, and I am inspired by the passion that flows through our clubs. These connections make Rotary unique, and remind me why I'm proud to be a member of your Rotary family.

As we begin to wrap up the calendar year and plan for the next, I encourage each of you to reflect on how Rotary has impacted your own life. Where can we grow? What new partnerships can we explore? I challenge all of us to be bold as we prepare for the future, always keeping Rotary's core values of integrity, fellowship, and service in mind.

In the spirit of this season, I want to express my deepest appreciation to our Rotary family—club presidents, committee chairs, and every member who has gone the extra mile. You are changing lives, and your work matters! Let's finish the year strong and continue lighting the way for those around us.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment. Together, we are celebrating the "Magic of Rotary."

In Rotary Service,
Zachary Covington
District Governor

Dates to Remember - Nov & Dec

DG Zach is asking that all clubs have their PEs in DACdb as soon as possible. The deadline is December 1, 2024. District 7305 PDG Marie Fallon will be reaching out to all PEs in the coming weeks to begin the PETS (now PELS) registration, so it is important this information is available. Thank you.

November - Rotary Foundation Month

11/3-4 ROVA
11/4-10 World Interact Week
11/5 Election Day
11/9 *Innovate & Inspire Rotary* Fall District Learning Session (see registration info below)
11/11 Veterans Day
11/14 ShelterBox Gala
11/28 Happy Thanksgiving!!

December - Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

12/25 Merry Christmas and Happy Hannukah



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Nov 9 - District Fall Workshop

Hello District 7280 Family!

Just another reminder to mark your calendar for the 2024 Fall Workshop and Membership Summit to be held on November 9, 2024 at Wanango Country Club in Reno, PA.

This is a reminder that **District 7280 Fall Workshop and Membership Summit** will begin on:
Sat Nov 09, 2024 09:00 AM

[Register NOW](#) for **District 7280 Fall Workshop and Membership Summit**

It is so important that we use this time wisely to get together, talk about club and district happenings, and focus on building our clubs!

I am looking forward to seeing you all there along with District Governor Zach Covington!

Please let me know if there are any questions that I can assist you with in advance! See you there!
Jessica Zacherl, District Trainer



ShelterBox Major Fundraiser of the Year is Nov 14th



ShelterBox

Rotary



ShelterBox USA is supporting Rotary International Zones 33 and 34 (Southeast USA) to help meet the immediate needs of communities devastated by Hurricanes Helene and Milton. These recent disasters should make everyone aware of how devastating it can be for families to lose their housing. ShelterBox has helped over 3 million people worldwide to date and, with your continued support, we can do much more.

Our fall fundraising is an important part of what makes ShelterBox aid possible. On Thursday evening, November 14th, we will be holding a multidistrict Shine for ShelterBox Gala event at Stables at Connoquenessing. At least seven clubs have already become Heroes by donating at least \$1000 toward our \$30,000 goal. How about your club? You can call with a pledge. The event is now only days away. Will you join us at the event?

Please review the attached brochure. More information and tickets are available here:
<https://shelterboxshine.square.site/>

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Rotary students can get a discounted \$25 admission here: <https://square.link/u/YxxwAbwL>
See you there!

ShelterBox Ambassadors Dave & Melanie Sturrock,
724-991-4750, dsturrock@gmail.com
<https://www.shelterboxusa.org/>

Zone 33/34 Summit and the Pittsburgh Cookie Table



Did you know RI President Stephanie Urchick's favorite cookie is the Apricot Kolache? We made sure she received a dozen of these cookies at the Zone 33/34 Summit on October 26th. District 7280 took the lead in creating a Pittsburgh Cookie Table for the Summit. More than

320 dozen cookies were donated from Districts 7280 and 7305 and from members of the Wedding Cookie Table Community. This Facebook group, which got its start in Monongahela, now has more than 300,000 Facebook members worldwide! The 450 Rotarians at the Summit were wowed by the Cookie Table. Pictured are Michele Papakie (left) and Kathy Corcoran, both from the Zelienople Club. Kathy organized the project and the 75 bakers who donated cookies.



Smethport Students Learn About Polio

President-elect Kim Ball taught her

[Kosovo & Albania Friendship Exchange](#)

District Leaders

Zachary S. Covington
District Governor

Aaron Matthew Sines
District Governor-Elect

Mary E. Lord
DG Nominee

Eva Palmer
District Secretary

Patricia J. Meehan
District Treasurer

Ken R Fleeson
District Membership Chair

John Marshall
District Rotary Foundation Chair

Rebekah E. Deal
District Public Image/PR Chair

sixth-grade students a class on the Rotary's polio program and October 24th World Polio Day. The children made up signs explaining facts about polio and the Rotary program. As part of the program, the students also collected "Pennies for Polio" in the school entrance hall that day, and they played polio-themed candy-land games with lower classes.



A Night at the Races - February 2025



2025 Mercer Rotary Derby A Night at the Races

Saturday, February 22, 2025

East End Firehouse Community Center • 104 Wilson Ave, Mercer, PA
Doors Open @ 5pm • Races Begin @ 6pm

Entrance Fee = \$25.00

Includes access to betting windows for all 11 races along with food buffet & beverage
Place \$2 cash-only bet on your favorite horse to win

Chinese Auction

25 Tickets available for \$20

Buy a Horse = \$20/horse

Horse owner receives \$40.00 if horse wins race
Pre-Race Day sales only - Buy your horse by February 14, 2025

Sponsor A Race = \$100.00

Sponsor name on racing form, sponsor announced during race
Pre-Race Day sales only - Reserve sponsorship by February, 14, 2025

Event Sponsorship - Gold = \$300.00

Gold sponsor name placed on all advertisements & banners and announced throughout the event

Event Sponsorship - Silver = \$200.00

Silver sponsor name placed on all banners and announced throughout the event

All proceeds from Derby Event provide Mercer Rotary Club Community Service projects benefiting the local community

For more information call
Kathie @ 623-225-8561

All donations gratefully accepted

Buy a horse, sponsor a race or sponsor the derby by February 14, 2025 by contacting a Rotary member
Cash or check only

Cranberry Adopt a Road Program

Did you ever wonder how we live in such a clean township? It's



because of volunteer groups like The Rotary Club of Cranberry Township Sunrise, and so many other organizations, groups, families, neighbors, companies, and individuals who participate in the Cranberry Township Adopt-A-Road program and volunteer their time to keep our community litter free. On a Saturday in October, a number of Rotary volunteers braved the chilly morning to clean up Powell Road (between Rochester and Freedom Roads). Thank you to all of our Rotarians who were able to participate and help make a difference in our

community.

Volunteers consist of individual township residents, members of local organizations, and township-based businesses. Altogether, 23 groups have committed to cleaning their adopted sections of roadway at least twice per year, adding up to 400 volunteer hours annually. On average, volunteers collect over 230 bags of litter! Between 1997 and 2022, more than 4,800 bags of litter have been collected, along with other debris such as scrap metal, wood, pipes, plastic, carpeting, tires, and more.

Cranberry Student of the Month

Congratulations to the Rotary Student of the Month for September (Mia Slipko) and October (Harrison Young).

The Cranberry Sunrise Rotary Club recently honored the September and October Students of the Month during a recognition breakfast at Rowan Elementary School in the Seneca Valley School District. The Sunrise Rotary Club has been honoring the Student of the Month at Rowan Elementary since 2008. The Student of the Month program recognizes exemplary students who demonstrate kindness, respect, support of their fellow students, and commitment to their school.



Cranberry Trivia Night



The Rotary Club of Cranberry Township - Sunrise hosted a TRIVIA NIGHT fundraiser on Thursday, October 10th. It was a great night of fun, food, trivia, and some great prizes.

The trivia was run by Buzz Worthy Pub Trivia and the venue was held at Cranberry Elks 2249. One member of the winning team got a chance to grab up to \$500 in the Armco Credit Union cash machine. We also offered other games of chance, including basket raffles, 50/50, pull tabs, and a 5- night stay at Margaritaville Anna Marie Sound in Bradenton, FL.

We owe many thanks to Rotarians in the club, as well as Joe Verducci with the Bridgeville Rotary in the South Hills, as we followed the template they started for the event.

We would like to thank ARMCO Credit Union and Michele Jurysta for allowing us to use the cash booth to reward the winning team - where Paris, one of the team members on the winning team, collected over \$240 dollars from the cash booth. We also would like to thank Ron Antonucci for helping with the prize raffle that raised considerable funds by raffling a 5 night stay in Compass by Margaritaville in Bradenton, FL.



Funds raised will be given back to the community through our service and scholarship projects and attached is a photo from the night of the event.

Pictured left to right: Tom Norton, Brian Donatelli, John Scialabba, Karen Newpol, Michelle Jurysta, Shawn Firster and Rick Corbin.

Rotary Logo Pizelles!

Our district can now promote its public image by making Rotary Logo pizelles! These wafer cookies are an Italian favorite. A big shoutout to John Marshall for purchasing the pizzelle irons.



Rich-Mar Club Provides Hygiene Products to Needy Families

Rich-Mar Rotary teamed with the Lighthouse Foundation to assemble 200 kits of



hygiene products to provide for its clients in need of the Lighthouse pantry. Hygiene products such as hand soap and body wash, tissues, dishwater soap, etc. are often short in needy families' monthly budgets when they are struggling to put food on the table. This project occurred as part of our regular club meeting, so we enjoyed fellowship and did service for others all at once.



Rich-Mar Rotarians Come to the Aid of Isaiah 117

Representatives from Isaiah 117 House of Butler County presented at the October 1, 2024 Appalachia Impact Group which is part of the Rich-Mar Rotary. Isaiah 117 provides physical and emotional support in safe and loving homes for children awaiting foster placement. While the impact group is focused on the West Virginia trip in June of each year to rebuild several homes, they have the talent and desire to help more locally too. Isaiah 117 expressed an immediate need of



the house to have the trim installed and painted on the baseboards, windows, and door frames. They also needed a door installed and shelves installed in the closets. These items were holding up the next phase of the construction and the appliance installation. Jack Miller, president of the Impact Group, quickly assembled a team of 16 and descended on the house to perform almost all of the tasks.



International EMS & Fire Brigade

NEW
Keystone
Rotary
International
EMS & FIRE BRIGADE

CAUSE BASED INTEREST GROUP
Like-minded men & women using their time and talents in public safety to help others in need around the world. Providing training, equipment and resources in times of recovery after war or natural disasters.

Learn more: join the conversation

- Zoom meetings once a month
- Share ideas & connections
- Travel to aide in recovery, assessment, and training
- Gather & ship equipment/ fire apparatus, ambulances, rescue vehicles & more

This work started years ago after the war in Bosnia. Please call our team to be there.

Contact Darla or Chris Motta Elevate your SERVICE to a new level
Darla 724 468 8832
Chris 724 874 8832
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As a result of the wonderful friendships and amazing connections from the recent District 7280 FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE, we are excited to announce a new Keystone Rotary cause based interest group with members from the USA, United Kingdom and other countries of interest. **Please help us spread the word, work on established projects, identify new connections, and grow Rotary! Reach out to [Darla or Chris Motta](#) for additional information.**

The Keystone Rotary Club is District 7280's International E-Club

We would like to be every club's connection to worthy international projects around the world. In fact, there are actual District 7280 Rotarians that act as our "boots on the ground" to manage and monitor most of our projects. Please use us to connect with a worthy international cause, in addition to your local community projects and service. Whether you have one hundred dollars or several thousand dollars, we have some great new options to share with you. Please note

Kindest regards,

Darla

Darla J. Motta
District Communications Officer,
Asst. Governor & Club Treasurer
Keystone Rotary
International E-Club of D7280
724-458-8822

that our club is not just any organization collecting funds, it is personal for us as we are District 7280's international e-club.

Please reach out to see how we can help make that connection, as we have now identified new needs with our club friendship exchange.



ROTARIANS TRAVEL TO EUROPE



Five Clarion Rotarians and their partners flew to Italy to cruise the Greek Isles. It is true that Rotarians do foster life-long friendships. Also, the first day I arrived in Trieste the Double Tree hotel had the Rotary sign as you walked in. This is a true story of Rotary International.

Rotarians are: SCOTT BURNS, JAMIE LEFEVER, PHIL FRESE, ESTELLE FRESE AND RICK TOTE.

Also pictured: ANGELA BURNS, DENNIS LEFEVER AND ROXANNE HETRICK



Guest Speaker at Franklin Club

The Franklin club recently had a visit from DGE Aaron Sines and the Mercer club's foreign exchange student Angela Huang from Taiwan. Great way to fill that "speaker calendar" for your meetings!



Zelienople Joint Fundraiser



The Zelienople Rotary teamed up with the Zelienople Area Business Association, the Hungarian Beneficial Society and the Hart Family Foundation to provide \$14,000, which allowed the Zelienople Police Department to buy two e-bikes, fully outfitted, train two officers and purchase a portable defibrillator. Rotarian Neal Jackson said the bikes were

dedicated during the Zelienople Fall Festival and would be used to patrol during the festival. Ray Racon of Sign Innovation donated the lettering for the bikes. Chief Jim Miller expressed his gratitude for the generous donations. Pictured are members of the police force along with

representatives from the various organizations that provided donations.

Global Peace Pole Day



GLOBAL Peace Pole Day

Global Peace Pole Day is celebrated on Nov. 22nd marking the 108th birthday of the late founder Masahisa Goi from Tokyo, Japan.

To locally order a Peace Pole - Visit HometownGraphicsCo.com/shop/

Order graphics to build your own Peace Pole or order a completed bundle ready to install - pick up available in Slippery Rock!

HOMETOWN GRAPHICS CO. Owned & Operated by: AJ & Bekah Motta, Slippery Rock, PA

Peace Pole Vinyl Decal \$75

Vinyl decals will be printed with a glossy finish and a permanent adhesive. Items received with the vinyl decal:

- 16" x 48" vinyl decal with four translations of "May Peace Prevail On Earth"
- Custom Rotary Club Logo
- 20 Rotary Logo Window Clings or Semi-Permanent Decals

Peace Pole Bundle \$195

Vinyl decals will be printed with a glossy finish with a permanent adhesive. Items received with the vinyl decal:

- 4"x4"x8" pole with white vinyl sleeve and ground anchor
- Solar light cap
- 16" x 48" vinyl decal with four translations of "May Peace Prevail On Earth"
- Custom Rotary Club Logo
- 20 Rotary Logo Window Decals or Semi-Permanent Decals

STYLE 1 →

STYLE 2 ←

TO PURCHASE A PEACE POLE, CONTACT US AT: info@hometowngraphicsco.com

Erie Pints for Polio

The Rotary Club of Erie, along with other clubs in our area—Presque Isle and Wesleyville—enjoyed a visit from our District Governor, Zach Covington, on Thursday, October 17, at Calamari's in downtown Erie. That night was also the Erie Club's annual Pints for Polio event, where we raised over \$1200.00 for polio eradication efforts. We are grateful to the Erie Club members who generously donated time, money, and goods to this event. Thank you to Marci Honard for providing the room and food for the event, Mike McCormick for providing the Octoberfest brew, and all the members who donated baskets, etc. for the raffle!



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17TH 6 - 8 PM

pints for POLIO

CALAMARI'S
1317 STATE STREET - ERIE, PA



Erie Festival of Trees



The Rotary Club of Erie is proud to be part of the 40th Anniversary of Festival of Trees. Come join us, as AHN Saint Vincent transforms the entire Bayfront Convention Center into a Winter Wonderland including over 80 professionally decorated trees. Remember to place your votes for our tree decorated by our incredible members and Interact students to represent peace....

Introducing Erie's Exchange Student

The Rotary Club of Erie welcomed a Rotary Exchange Student, Ane Andueza Blanco, from Pamplona, Spain. We are excited about this opportunity and thank you to her host family, Robert Glance and Melissa Pytel, for welcoming Ane into their family. Thank you to Tatiana Bogatova, Dr. Joe Kuvshnikov, and Geri Cicchetti for all their efforts in making this possible.



Two Interact Clubs in Erie

The Rotary Club of Erie now has two Interact Clubs!! On the left is our new Interact Club members from the Erie County Technical School; this is a unique opportunity as it allows the Erie Club to spread Rotary values to students from across all of Erie County. On the right are the Rotary Club members from Cathedral Preparatory School.



Appalachia Mission Impact Club and Isaiah 117 House



Here are a few pictures of missionaries installing all the trim work, painting, and hanging doors in the first "Isaiah 117 House" in Butler, PA.

Isaiah 117 House, is a place where kids who are about to be adopted can go to meet with foster parents, or have supervised visits with parents coming out of some sort of rehab. Sometimes these kids can be at these houses from a few hours to a few weeks and currently there are no other programs that offer these types of accommodation. Until

Isaiah 117 House started, kids would be housed in corporate offices and conference rooms with their caseworkers. With the Isaiah 117 House program, they have a more comforting and relaxed environment to stay in with access to clothing, personal hygiene, and beds.



Appalachia Mission Impact Club

We typically take anywhere from 50-70 adults and youth (youth range from those entering 9th grade through college) and perform very much needed repairs to homes in and surrounding Mullens WV. Repairs range from new roofs (Metal/shingle), windows and door replacement, Insulation, home underpinning, handicap ramps, electrical, and plumbing repairs, handicap showers/tubs, new siding and gutter work. In addition to spending time with the families we are working with in prayer and worship, we invite the entire community to share in fellowship by watching movies, playing games, and cooking everyone meals.



Rich-Mar and End Polio Now

Past District Governor Beth Marshall stopped by our meeting on October 16th to remind Rich-Mar Rotarians of the need to help end polio now. While there she recognized Joe Schmitt as a member of the Polio-plus Society. President Dave is holding the Polio torch that is now being carried around the world as a way to highlight the need.



Rich-Mar Sponsors IH2 Pizza For a Purpose

At our meeting on October 16th President Dave presented Rich-Mar Rotarian Mindy Schnitgen with a \$1,000 check in support of the Inspired Hearts and Hands Pizza for a Purpose fundraiser which will be held at the Mario Lemieux Center in January. IH2 works with the local school districts to serve those in need in our community with food and educational support.



Franklin's Annual Apple Butter and Parking Fundraiser

The Franklin Rotary Club recently celebrated another successful annual Apple Butter and Parking Fundraiser during the 41st Applefest in Franklin, PA. This cherished event not only raises funds for our community projects but also strengthens the bonds among our fellow Rotarians and engages with our local community.



Preparation and Team Spirit

In the weeks leading up to Applefest, our club hosted an Apple Butter labeling party, where Rotarians gathered to prepare jars for sale. This event was not just about getting ready; it was a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, teamwork, and shared enthusiasm for the fundraiser. The atmosphere was lively, filled with laughter and camaraderie as we worked together to label each jar meticulously.



The Event at Historic Fountain Park

This year, we set up our booth in the picturesque Historic Fountain Park, which provided a beautiful backdrop for our sales. Over the course of three days, we offered our apple butter to festival-goers, sharing the rich, sweet flavors of this beloved autumn treat. The

response was overwhelmingly positive, with many visitors returning for more jars.

Parking Fundraiser Success

In addition to selling apple butter, we organized a parking lot fundraiser at our local credit union. This initiative allowed us to provide a convenient parking solution for Applefest attendees while generating additional funds for our community service projects. The collaboration with the credit union was invaluable,

and we are grateful for their support.

Perfect Weather and Community Engagement

We were fortunate to enjoy a beautiful weekend, with clear skies and pleasant temperatures, which contributed to a high turnout at the festival. The vibrant atmosphere of Applefest, combined with our delicious apple butter and parking services, made for a memorable event. It was heartening to see so many familiar faces and to welcome new friends who stopped by our booth.

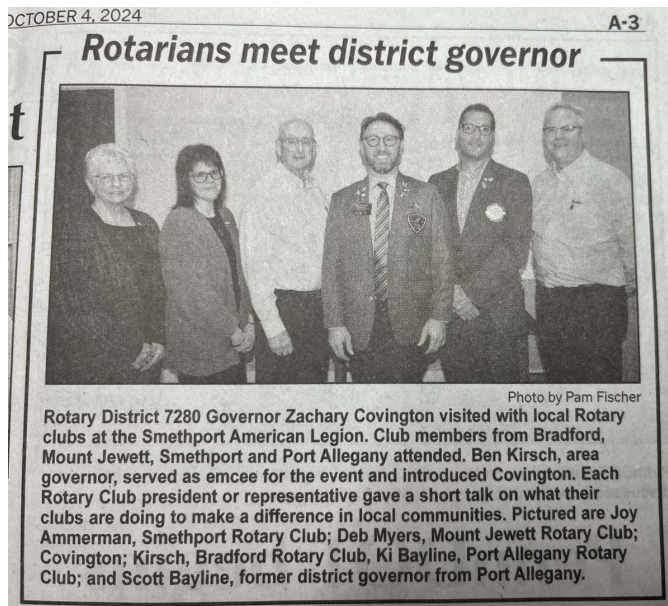
Looking Ahead

As we reflect on this year's fundraiser, we are filled with gratitude for the support of our community and the dedication of our fellow Rotarians. The success of the Apple Butter and Parking Fundraiser underscores the importance of working together to uplift our community. We look forward to continuing this tradition in the years to come, further enhancing our impact and fostering connections throughout Franklin.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this event a success! We can't wait to see you next year!



Bradford, Smethport, Port Allegheny and Mount Jewett Make the News



Butler PM Helps Eagle Scout

The Butler PM Rotary recently had the pleasure to host Kaden Slupe in support of his Eagle Scout project. With the help of the Butler PM Rotary, Kaden collected supplies to provide over 150 Hygiene kits to local food banks and support centers. Kaden recognized a basic need that often goes unmet and did something about it! The Butler PM Rotary was happy to support a project that was a perfect display of the Rotarian values. GREAT JOB KADEN!!!!



(Being people of action, all of the supplies were packed and loaded before we realized that we didn't take any pictures!!!)

Clarion Sponsors 12 to RYLA

CLARION ROTARY SPONSORED 12 STUDENTS TO ATTEND THE RYLA WEEK LONG CONFERENCE AT WESTMINSTER COLLEGE FROM JUNE 9-14, 2024.

STUDENTS EXPERIENCE AN INTENSE LEADERSHIP TRAINING THAT HAS BEEN DEEMED AS LIFE CHANGING. STARTED BY THE LATE TRUEMAN MILLS FOR THE DISTRICT 7280 THIS CONTINUES TO BE ONE OF THE MOST ATTENDED LEADERSHIP TRAININGS. STUDENTS ATTENDED THE RECENT ROTARY MEETING TO SPEAK OF THE EXPERIENCE FROM THEIR POINT OF VIEW.

THE NEXT CONFERENCE IS SET FOR JUNE 15-20, 2025.



FRONT ROW: ALEXIS BURNS, RYLA CO CHAIR, JAMIE LEFEVER, RYLA CHAIR, ISABELLA FOSTER, HANNAH SWARTFAGER, ABBY SELL,

BACK ROW: ADDISON SIEGEL, CARTER BROWN, GAGE JORDAN, TAYLOR RIPPLE, ALAINA ORTZ, PRESIDENT JON WILLIAMS, LYNNSICA ZITZMAN

NOT PICTURED: RHIANNA DITTMAN, JACK MAXWELL, AIDAN WILSON

District 7280 - Kosovo & Albania Friendship Exchange

District 7280 - Kosova & Albania Friendship Exchange

Invite us to share our amazing stories and pictures of the children and people in Prishtina, Gjakova and Durres at your upcoming club meeting

Our trip is over, but our work is just beginning because of what we experienced!

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Prishtina

Kosova



Let's take a closer look together

Prishtina is the capital and largest city in Kosovo. It plays an instrumental role in shaping the political and economic life of the entire country. It is often referred to as a concrete jungle with lots of hustle & bustle, but there are also several parks and beautiful rolling lands all around the city.

Prishtina is an absolutely beautiful city with sweet little coffee shops, friendly people, delicious traditional food & beverages, several very active Rotary Clubs, and is home to some very important District 7280 Keystone Rotary Projects - including our new global grant bringing mental health trauma treatment for high school students in a country still recovering from war.

JOIN US Thursday, November 7th at 2:00 EST on zoom.

Zoom Meeting ID: 894 5726 0709# / Password: 7280

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Gjakova

Kosova



The Keystone Rotary Club was chartered in 2017 from a friendship with Kosova!

Our very first District 7280 Keystone Club President was Hektor Binishi, a Family Physician in Gjakova. After years of service together in Rotary, it was wonderful to finally meet in person! One of our first fundraisers was to fund classes for 5 young blind children to learn braille, computers and mobility to create future educational and employment opportunities for each of them. Pictured above, our exchange team had the opportunity to visit the school and learn more about their current needs.

District 7280

Keystone Members:

Gjakova is such a charming city full of kind and beautiful people! Their stories of brutality and loss from the war, now 25 years ago, are heartbreaking and yet their resilience is so inspiring. They have found a way to rebuild the city, their homes, open new unique small businesses, restore family life, and all while appropriately preserving the history and memories of those they lost. They have created a new culture with lots of love, hope, healing, and rebirth.

Yllzim, Kaltrina, Darla & Hektor



PLEASE JOIN US Thurs, Nov. 14th at 2:00 EST on zoom.

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Durres

Albania



Our last stop was a beautiful port city in Albania

Durres is an Albanian Adriatic Port City filled with palm trees, beautiful sunsets, attractive buildings mixed in with some empty buildings that were damaged by an earthquake a few years back. There are lots of attractive businesses, shops, mixed with historical sites and a variety of amazing restaurants and coffee shops that are all very affordable.

Like all of our hosts this trip, the Durres Rotarians were so sweet and kind and also treated us like Kings and Queens by sharing the sights, sounds, amazing foods and wines of their beautiful city! We can't wait to develop new projects and global grants with our new friends in Rotary.

Just like in the movies, this Rotary dinner of more than 60 Rotarians turned into the most amazing night of dancing & singing for our last night of the trip!



PLEASE JOIN US Thurs, Nov. 21st at 2:00 EST on zoom

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