



District Governor's Note

Zachary Covington, District Governor 2024-25

October 2024

Dear Rotary District 7280 Family,

As we welcome October, we step into Rotary's Economic and Community Development Month. In every corner of our district, there are incredible examples of Rotarians working to uplift others through job training, supporting local businesses, and empowering individuals with the skills needed for financial independence. Do you have examples of how your club is making this Magic of Rotary happen in your communities? Please share your great work in our monthly District Newsletter!

Economic and community development isn't just about building businesses; it's about building futures. This month, I encourage each club to explore ways to contribute to economic growth in your local communities. Consider partnering with local organizations to provide mentorship, financial literacy programs, or opportunities for youth entrepreneurship. Together, we can create an environment where everyone has the chance to thrive.

As I visit your clubs, and have begun my official Area visits, I have been so proud to see how our district has already embraced this year's Rotary theme of "The Magic of Rotary." Your commitment to service continues to inspire all of us, and I've seen firsthand the positive impact of our work in local and global projects. Let's continue building on that momentum by thinking creatively about how we can contribute to economic development and sustainability.

Looking ahead, I'm also excited about our upcoming district events, including the Fall Edition of Innovate & Inspire Rotary on 9 November. This will be a fantastic opportunity for us to come together, celebrate our achievements, and plan for the future. I encourage each of you to participate, as it's through collaboration and shared inspiration that we grow as a district. Let's continue working together to make a difference, not only in our local communities but around the world. I am grateful for your dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment to Rotary's values.

In Rotary Service,
Zachary Covington
District Governor

Dates to Remember - Oct & Nov

October - Community & Economic Development Month

DG Official Visits - Check for dates with your President or Area Governor
10/11 ROVA registration money and number of students to be sponsored due to Patty Meehan
10/22-27 Zone 33/34 Impact Summit
10/24 World Polio Day

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
11/28 Happy Thanksgiving!!

World Polio Day - October 24th



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With our supporters, partners, and leaders, we've helped immunize more than 3 billion children against polio in 122 countries, and we won't stop until we end the disease for good.

In preparation for World Polio Day on 24 October, please get involved and encourage your members to do so as well. You can:

- [Contribute](#) to our PolioPlus Fund
- [Donate DDF](#) through District 7280
- [Start a fundraiser](#) on Raise for Rotary

By raising awareness and funds on World Polio Day, we can protect children in communities around the world so that they never again suffer the paralyzing effects of this disease. We must remain vigilant and continue our work to immunize up to 400 million children each year. Until polio is eradicated from the world, it remains a threat to children everywhere.

How to get involved: Plan

If you haven't started planning your World Polio Day event or action, now is the time! The Rotary Brand Center has a [guide to help clubs plan successful events](#). Need help deciding what kind of event to have? Here are some ideas to explore with your club:

- **Host a club presentation:** Bring in doctors or health experts who can speak to your club members about the importance of polio eradication at the meeting nearest to 24 October.
- **Organize a light show in your city:** Raise awareness by projecting the End Polio Now logo on buildings, theaters, or other landmarks in your area.
- **Set up a booth** in a market, shopping mall, or public square where members wear End Polio Now shirts or hold banners. You could also organize a walk or bike ride with other clubs, districts, or local organizations.
- **Establish a fundraiser for PolioPlus:** Hold a dinner or a concert. Use [Raise for Rotary](#), or start a [fundraiser on Facebook](#). You can also make a club [donation](#) directly to PolioPlus. Booths, shows, and sporting events are other good ways to raise funds.
- **Partner on a social media campaign:** Work with other Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs in your area on a campaign to share engaging content on social media about the vital role that Rotary plays in the fight against polio.

Promote

World Polio Day is a unique opportunity to raise awareness in your local community about Rotary and our main humanitarian initiative. Whether you want to promote your event specifically or World Polio Day in general, you have access to a wide selection of graphics, videos, public relations templates, and more in the [Rotary Brand Center](#).



Rotary
Zones 10B & 10C

END POLIO NOW

(Brunei, Cambodia, Guangdong Province of China, HongKong, Laos, Macau, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand & Vietnam)

Polio is a preventable disease that still poses a threat in parts of the world. We can change this! Together, we can eradicate polio through awareness and fundraising efforts. Here's how you can help:

1. Spread the Word; 2. Fundraise; 3. Volunteer; 4. Advocate.



❤️ #EndPolio #VaccinateToEradicate

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ROVA 2024 - Nov 3 & 4

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

We are excited to offer the ROVA Program in 2024. The 18th Rotary Outstanding Vocational Award (ROVA) retreat which will be held on Sunday, November 3 and Monday, November 4, 2024. We are excited to once again be at Camp Nazareth Retreat & Conference Center in Mercer.

The cost is \$160 per student. The cost of the chaperons is covered by the student fee of \$160. Please send your registration and the number of students you wish to sponsor to this address:

Patty Meehan, District Treasurer
Rotary District 7280 Governor 2013-2014
171 Woods Road
Greenville, PA 16125

Please send the registration money and number of students to be sponsored to Patty no later than Friday, October 11, 2024. All checks are made payable to "District 7280". Here is a link to the registration form: [ROVA registration](#)

We need to know the number of students so that supplies can be ordered. Once you have determined how many students you are willing to sponsor, I am asking you to contact your VOCATIONAL SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR and let them know your number. They will then begin the selection process for the students. If the school cannot find enough students for your club, your money will be refunded. However, you may wish to instruct the school to select a student, in that case, from another community. Remember, not all communities have Rotary clubs; if there is no Rotary club, students from that area are not eligible. If a student is registered and simply does not "show up", the registration money cannot be returned since food and supplies have already been ordered.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience. I can be reached at any of the following: 814-226-9161 (work); 814-229-2709 (cell), and by email at tracy@darionpa.com.

We are excited to offer this program as the vocational students, counselors, chaperons and directors have enjoyed the program and found it a rewarding experience.

Regards,
Tracy J. Becker, ROVA Coordinator

Nov 9 - District Fall Workshop

Hills District 7280 Family

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



Shine for ShelterBox - November 14th

Our fall fundraising is an important part of what makes ShelterBox aid possible. On Thursday evening, November 14th, we will be holding a multi-district event at Stables at Connoquenessing. This will expand on the live event held the last 3 years and also leverage the national virtual event *Evening to Experience ShelterBox*. We will have a social hour with drinks and hors d'œuvres where you can network with other rotary clubs and we will have celebrity speakers and prize giveaways. We hope to get more people involved, raise even more money, and have even more fun!

More information here: <https://shelterboxshine.square.site/>

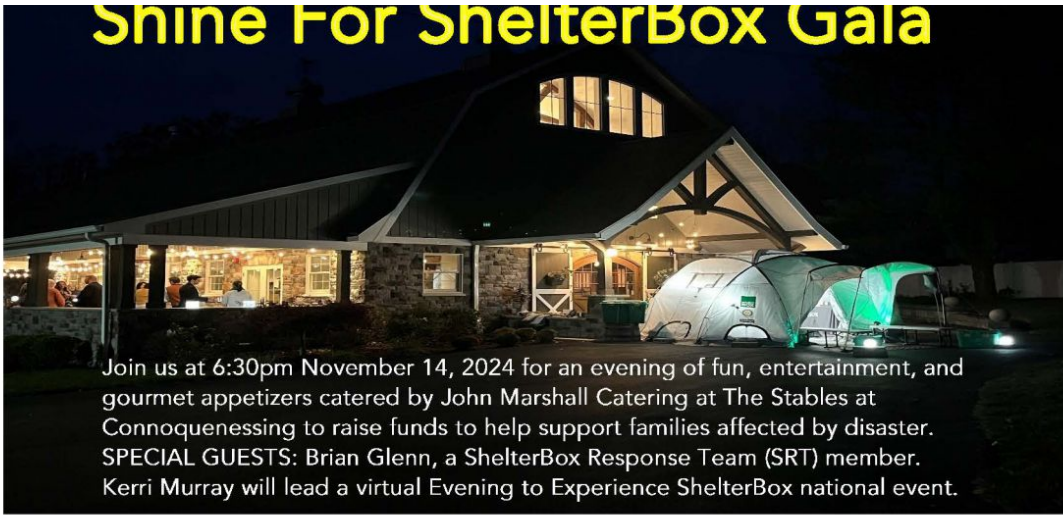
This event provides a great opportunity to achieve or **renew your FY24-25 ShelterBox Hero award with a total pledge by your club** and members of \$1000 or more. Clubs who do so before November 14th will be recognized and receive special perks at the event, as well as be recognized at subsequent district events during the year.

You can download more information and a sponsor form here:
<https://shelterboxshine.square.site/sponsorship>

Or review the attached brochure.

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

Shine For ShelterBox Gala



Join us at 6:30pm November 14, 2024 for an evening of fun, entertainment, and gourmet appetizers catered by John Marshall Catering at The Stables at Connoquenessing to raise funds to help support families affected by disaster. SPECIAL GUESTS: Brian Glenn, a ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) member. Kerri Murray will lead a virtual Evening to Experience ShelterBox national event.

ShelterBox delivers essential aid to help families survive and begin rebuilding their lives after a disaster. Since our founding in 2000 we have helped over 2.5 million people. By providing emergency shelter and tools for families robbed of their homes by disaster, we're transforming despair into hope.



ShelterBoxUSA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in the United States (EIN 20-0471604). Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. ShelterBox is top-ranked by charity watch-dog organizations.



Web site for Event Reservations, Donations, or Sponsorship
<https://shelterboxshine.square.site/>

Use Venmo to Donate Now to @ShelterBox7280



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Calling All Bakers!

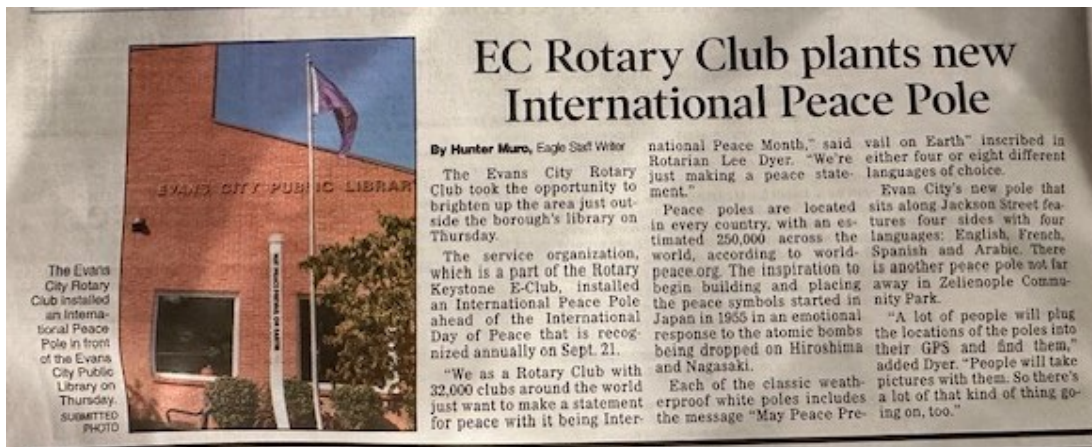
The Rotary Zone Summit in Pittsburgh on October 26, will feature a Pittsburgh Cookie Table as the dessert. More than 450 Rotarians are attending; many visiting Pittsburgh for the first time. Let's show them the best Pittsburgh has to offer.

We need 35 bakers to make 4 dozen of their favorite cookies. Please email Kathy Corcoran at corcoran7667@gmail.com if you can help. Thank you!

Here's a photo of the cookie table we created for the 2023 Rotary District 7280 Conference. The one for the Zone Summit will be twice as big!



Keystone E-club Update



Our club got this accomplished and we are still heading out to Kosovo on October 5th with 17 members from the Keystone E-club.

We recently held our annual Duck Derby and raised \$7214.00. Our top winners - Rich Comins, duck race First Place Winner, Grove City Rotary Club won the individual duck race, and we have other honorable mentions, that helped make this a success.

Our goals are to install more peace poles, vocational scholarships, help with the South Pacific Island Rongal School Project and continue our efforts for Crutches 4 Africa.

Mars Applefest - Sponsored by Rich-Mar



39th
Annual



Mars

Applefest

October 5th, 2024

10 am – 4 pm

Downtown Mars, PA

Festival Foods – Crafts – Games – Exhibitors
Music – Face Painting – Photo Booth

Rich-Mar 
www.marsapplefest.com

Rich-Mar Rotary is collecting warm socks for the local charities it supports. We are also collecting non-perishable food items for North Hills Cares.

Along with 150 vendors that support Mars Applefest, there is much more to enjoy.

Mars Farmers Market is a collection of local growers that will offer their vegetables, fruits, jams, jellies, and homemade creations.

Masonic Lodge Pancake Breakfast is hosted at the John E. Mair Lodge across the railroad tracks. Breakfast is served from 7:30AM - 12:00PM.

Mars Area History and Landmark Society, our local museum. A must while visiting is to take a ride on the Mars Shortline Railroad. Hours are 12:00PM - 4:00PM.

Mars Public Library and the Friends of the Library are hosting their Fall book sale. Doors open at 9:00AM.

NexTier Bank Challenges - Be challenged by Corn Hole and a giant, Connect Four Game. Prizes to be won. For the little ones, there will be a duck pond.

Advance Community Church - Children will find a wonderland of inflatable slides and playgrounds, with complimentary hamburgers and hot dogs.

Mars Flying Saucer - Now we can't forget to mention that everyone must stop and get photos with the spaceship. The flying saucer landed years ago.

Additional parking is located at Vogel Disposal, 121 Brickyard Rd, Mars.

Slippery Rock Rotary's Designer Purse Bingo

Saturday, December 7, 2024 3-6 PM

Slippery Rock Golf Club and Events Center
160 Ralston Road, Slippery Rock

Ticket price is \$30.00 until Nov. 29; from Dec. 1 or at the door \$35.00.

Ticket price is \$20.00 and \$10.00 for children 12 and under. Participants will be playing for bags by Kate Spade, Coach, Michael Kors, Doone & Bourke, and more. Tickets include **12 BINGO GAMES**

Food and beverages may be purchased from the Golf Club.

Register at slipperyrockrotary.org - go to our **Donate button and click on Purse Bingo** Doors open at 2PM. The event begins at 3PM. With a registration of 8 people (must be paid in advance), we will reserve you a table.

Each ticket holder receives one game card for each of the 12 BINGO games, including the FINALE (Full cover Card BINGO) which includes a \$200.00 cash prize with the handbag. **Winners of each game will receive a luxury handbag worth over \$200.00 retail value.**

Extra game cards are available at the door and prior to each game for \$1.00 each. **Get 1 free card with every 10 purchased.** You may play as many game cards as you wish. The handbag for each game will be announced and shown before the start of the game.

Daubers are available at the door for a donation.

Tip Boards for additional purse prizes will be sold for \$5.00 each, as well as 50/50 raffle and a Silent Auction.

If you find that you cannot attend after you've purchased a ticket, you can send someone in your place.

All food and beverages can be purchased through the Golf Club.

Proceeds benefit Rotary Charities

Rich-Mar Hosts a Picnic for the ARC of Butler Families

Our annual picnic with The ARC of Butler was a great success again this year. We served 80 attendees and the smiles and chatter always makes this one of our favorite events. Thanks to all the many volunteers who assisted and to Brandon Barg for his organization and Tom McMeekin for his generous donations of food and drink.



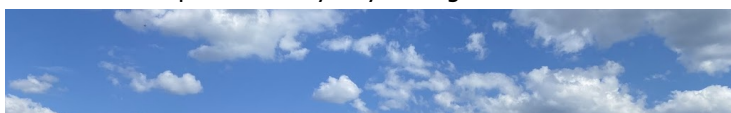


Rich-Mar Community Service

Rich-Mar Rotary led a collaboration of donors to purchase and installed a new street clock in the business district of Mars PA. Rich-Mar Rotary was featured in a Butler Eagle article that celebrated the return of a town clock after a two-year absence. Rich-Mar has been an active community supporter.



Rich-Mar has been an active community supporter, providing volunteers for a recent car cruise and installing a peace pole in Adams Township Community Park that raised money for a charitable cause and participated in the Richland Township Community Day in August.





Sunrise Rotary 25th Anniversary Dinner

Sunrise Rotary 25th Anniversary Dinner at Cranberry Highlands on Tuesday - Nov 19, 2024 - 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Please mark your calendars. Roughly around \$45 per person. Rotary Game hosted by MC, cool music, cash bar. Very little speeches (so not fan of speeches). In general, it is a really fun night to celebrate Rotary! For details or to RSVP email:

cranberrysunriserotary@gmail.com

Sunrise Rotary Trivia Night

The Rotary Club of Cranberry Township - Sunrise is hosting a TRIVIA NIGHT fundraiser featuring [Buzz Worthy Pub Trivia](#) on October 10th at the [Cranberry Elks 2249](#).

Great food, fun, prizes (**including a chance to grab up to \$500 in the [Armco Credit Union cash machine](#)**), basket raffles, 50/50, pull tabs, and a **5-night stay at Margaritaville Anna Marie Sound in Bradenton, FL.**

See the flyer for full details. Register as a team of four or as an individual. Register at

<https://registrations.dacdb.com/Register/index.cfm...>

If you have questions about the menu, venue, or have trouble registering online as a guest or through DACdb there is a means to mail in your registration.

We are limited to the first 40 teams who sign up due to the fire code, but we look forward to hosting a night of fun and fellowship! The winning team selects one person to go into the cash box and try to catch up to \$500 to split with their team members. Please sign up as soon as possible if you can attend - the event is catered. Use the QR code on the flyer to sign up.

Trivia night!

**THURSDAY
10/10/24**

\$30 per person in advance
\$35 per person at the door

Cranberry Elks Lodge 2249
20720 Rt. 19
Cranberry Township, PA 16066
(Around back in the Banquet Room)
Doors opening at 6:00 pm.
Trivia Begins at 7:00 pm.



The winning team chooses one player to go into the Armco Cash Machine and grab up to \$500 in cash!

Presented by  **Rotary**
Club of Cranberry Twp.-Sunrise

BUZZ WORTHY Pub Trivia
CATCH THE BUZZ!

DON'T WAIT, FORM YOUR TEAM NOW!
Co-workers, friends, neighbors, groups...
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

- Teams are comprised of up to 4 players. Register and pay for your 4-player team and **get a TEAM discount!**
- Tickets purchased with one form and one payment are guaranteed to sit together (4 players).
- If you do not have a full team, still purchase tickets. You will be assigned to a team.
- The ticket price includes food. Featuring a cash bar, 50/50, basket raffle, a chance to win a 5 night stay at Compass Hotel by Margaritaville Anna Maria Sound, Bradenton, FL, and many other prizes, plus 2 hours of Trivia fun!

SEATING IS LIMITED. BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Thank you Sponsors




[Register Here!](#)

Complete this form & mail to:
Rotary Club of Cranberry
Township Sunrise
P.O. Box 1583
Cranberry Twp, PA 16066

or Register on-line by scanning the QR Code or go to www.cranberrytwpsunriserotary.org

Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of Tickets: _____ Check Amount Enclosed: _____

CC #: _____ Expiration: _____ Code: _____

All proceeds benefit Cranberry Sunrise Rotary, a non-profit charity organization serving our community.

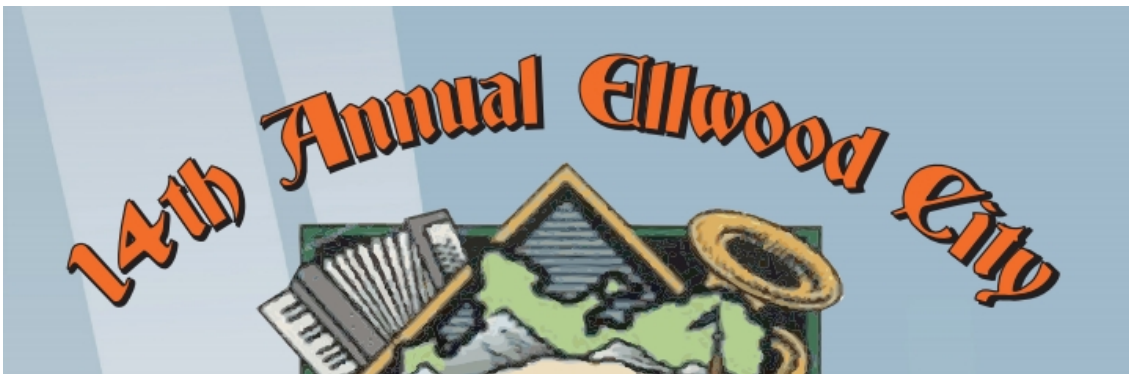
Clarion Rotary Youth Exchange

Rotary Youth Exchange students Lavinia del Grosso from Italy and Antoine Pary from Belgium helped Clarion Rotary serve 400 ice cream cones to children at the National Night Out on Main Street in Clarion on September 14th.





14th Annual Evans City Oktoberfest



OKTOBERFEST

Saturday, October 5th
Ewing Park Wolves Shelter
12:00 - 5:00

Tickets \$30.00 in advance \$35.00 Day of

Keg Toss Competition
Tickets available at Pete's.
Ticket price includes food & samples.
Sample Home Brewed & 100+ Craft Beers
A portion of prepaid tickets sales will benefit ALL ABOARD ELLWOOD

Ellwood City
WOLVES

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

LIONS CLUB
 ELLWOOD CITY

PETE'S UPTOWN
BEER & BEVERAGE

2024 Heritage Festival Portersville Prospect Rotary

Heritage Festival 2024 at McConnells Mill State Park, sponsored and set up by the Portersville Prospect Rotary Club, it is held the last full weekend in September every year and, rain or shine, we get it done with the support of not only the members but volunteers and the public who support us year round, so we can support the work we do in the Community. Thanks to all.







Oil City Rotary Club Dedicates Peace Poles

The Oil City Rotary Club recently held a dedication ceremony at the Oil City Marina for new Peace Poles, painted by local artists Kay Woods and Marcy Hall.

The four poles, located in Oil City, are at the Oil City Marina, King Memorial Park, the Oil City Library, and Justus Park. Comments were offered by Laura Nelson, chairman of the Oil City Peace Pole project, Oil City Mayor John Kluck, and Zachary Covington, Rotary District Governor for the 2024-2025 year.

Covington shared, "Peace is so much more than merely the absence of violence," he said, encouraging people to do what they can, because even small acts contribute to making the world a better place.

The event was concluded with the release of the 11 doves "first nine, then two more, let out one after the other, in remembrance of September 11, 2001" by Bill and Cheri Baker of PA Doves of Love.



