

Rotary



District 7305

The Connector - December 2021

SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Disease Prevention & Treatment

One of Rotary's seven areas of focus is *Disease Prevention and Treatment*. In addition to our flagship cause - eradicating polio - there are many other projects around the world that fall under this header.

Disease results in misery, pain, and poverty for millions of people worldwide. That's why treating and preventing disease is so important to us. We lead efforts both large and small. We set up temporary clinics, blood donation centers, and training facilities in underserved communities struggling with outbreaks and health care access. We design and build infrastructure that allows doctors, patients, and governments to work together.

Rotarians combat diseases like malaria, HIV/AIDS, Alzheimer's, multiple sclerosis, diabetes, and polio. Prevention is important, which is why we also focus on health education and bringing people routine hearing, vision, and dental care.

RAM-Global, the Rotary Action Group on Malaria, is taking Malaria work Rotary wide. The ultimate goal, just as with polio, is to eradicate malaria.

Rotary's experience fighting malaria around the world, including in Latin America, shows that educating adults about malaria and how to stay safe is important.

Educating children about malaria is the most powerful thing we can do



Graphic by Debbie Vance, Rotary E-Club of Global Diversity and Environment, Southern CT, USA

to insure stability in malaria projects. Kids pressure parents to use the bed-nets, to cleanup standing water, to go to the clinic when they have a fever.

The first ever Program of Scale grant from Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation was awarded to a Malaria prevention project.

Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia is a Rotarian-led effort that will use a community health worker model to respond to cases of malaria and prevent transmission. The program aims to help reduce cases by 90% in ten target districts.

Malaria continues to be one of Zambia's leading causes of illness and death, especially infant and maternal deaths.

The grant will allow Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia to strengthen the country's health system by working with Zambian health officials at all levels and training 380 health facility staff members, as well as training and equipping more than 2,500 new community health workers. This will increase access to malaria diagnosis and treatment for the more than 1.3 million people in heavily affected areas in the Central and Muchinga provinces and greatly contribute to the national effort to eliminate the deadly disease.

Programs of Scale

Programs of Scale supports longer-term, high-impact programs led by Rotary members. These are:

Evidence-based interventions that must have already demonstrated success in affecting change; Locally-relevant to the needs, priorities, and institutional structures of the setting and intended beneficiaries;

Ready to grow by having the right stakeholders and systems engaged to bring the intended benefits to new settings, such as a different community or group of people; Implemented according to a strong program logic and have integrated monitoring, evaluation, and collaborative learning systems; and Guided by Rotary members in partnership with others, leveraging the unique strengths of Rotary.

Funding

Each year, Programs of Scale will award one \$2 million grant that is distributed over a three- to five-year period to a club- or district-sponsored program showing success and readiness to expand to help more people in more places

Quote of the Month:

"Learn all you can about people in other parts of the world. Understanding how people in other countries live and work and play teaches us to respect them and promote peace everywhere."

Carol Bellamy

2024-2025 DG Selected

On November 20, 2021 the Nominating Committee of Rotary District 7305 met to elect the next District Governor Nominee Designate (DGND).

The Nominating Committee was comprised of the following Rotarians: Jim Bolas (Bethel-St. Clair), Gary Ford (Ambridge), John Habel (Belle Vernon), Mark Rafail (Uniontown), Sandra Reholz (Green Tree), Miguel Saviroff (Somerset), Pat Shaffer (Murrysville-Export), Steve Slater (Pleasant Hills), and Committee Chair PDG Jim Hahn (Ambridge).

I want to thank the Chair and all the members of this year's Nominating Committee for their devotion of time and service in selecting this year's DGND.

It gives me great pleasure to present Daniel A. Dougherty as our DGND. He will serve as District Governor in the 2024-2025 Rotary year. Dan is a past President of White Oak Rotary. Currently he is an Assistant Governor for the Rotary Clubs of White Oak, Pleasant Hills, Elizabeth and the E-Club, and serves as a member of the Assistant Governor Support Team as well.

Dan is also a member of the District 7305 IT Team, a member of the Finance Committee, and the District 7305 Committee for The Rotary Foundation. This year, he was identified as one of the Emerging Leaders in Rotary District 7305.

I know I speak for DGE Marie Fallon, DGN John Hartman, and



Dan Dougherty, district 7305 Rotarian of the Year 2020-2021 - pictured above with wife Autumn - has been selected to serve as our District Governor in 2024-2025.

all the other District leaders in welcoming Dan to our District leadership team. We know he will be a valuable asset to our District in his new leadership role.

I again want to thank the Chair and the members of this year's Nominating Committee for their time and effort in this selection process. This is a task that was undertaken with diligence and fidelity. My hope is that future committees will be as good as the one selected for this year's process.

Congratulations Dan!
Yours in Rotary Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vince Costa".

*Vince Costa
District Governor*



Dan Dougherty and his wife Autumn are quite the adventurers. Above left they're testing SNUBA; an alternative to scuba diving. Above right they've just tried the virtual reality Star Wars experience. They're also big sports fans and regularly attend Steeler, Pirates, and Penguins games.



EarlyAct: Community Service for Kids

We, as Rotarians, proudly practice and promote service to others, "Service Above Self" that is.

With that in mind, please think for just a moment – what possible time could be better for folks to be introduced to and educated about service than when they are elementary school aged children?

Young people ages 5-13 are inquisitive, enthusiastic and eager to learn new things that are positive in nature.

That brings us to a fairly new concept in Rotary, one that has been recently successful in several different areas by local clubs and districts while still not being "officially" recognized by Rotary International as a Rotary affiliated group.

EarlyAct is one name that has been given to such Elementary School clubs. These are clubs that are sponsored, supported and nurtured by local Rotary Clubs along with the permission and supervisory cooperation of the local school district's administration, faculty and staff.

Such a club has the potential to not only introduce our young people to the idea of being of service but also to possibly continuing that type of activity throughout their entire life. That, of course, could include Interact Clubs in both Middle School and High School, Rotaract and Rotary thereafter.

Let's all get on the band wagon and promote this new concept, one that can have a positive effect not only on our beloved Rotary world but also on the entire world. It can truly make a positive difference and help "Change Lives" throughout the world for the better. *By Walter Sickles*

Put TRF on Your Nice List

This month I will expand on the different fund-raising tools of OUR Rotary Foundation.

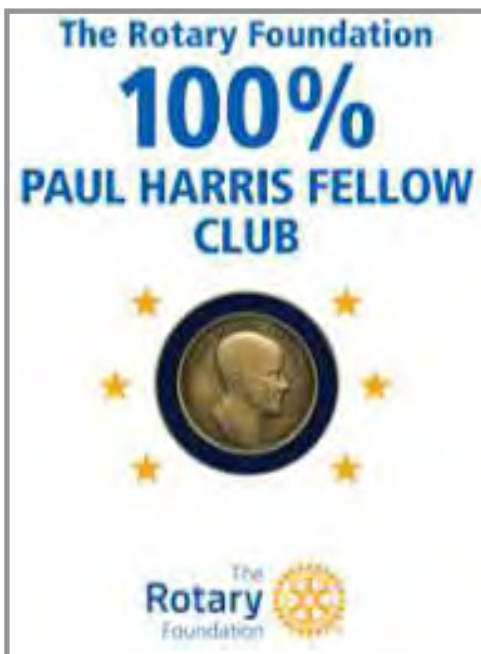
The Annual Fund is the main funding source for Foundation programs. Your gift empowers Rotarians to carry out sustainable service projects in your community and around the world. At the end of each Rotary year, contributions directed to the Annual Fund from all Rotary clubs in the district are divided between the World Fund and the District Designated Fund. The Rotary Foundation uses the World Fund to support Rotary's grants and programs which are available to all Rotary districts. We use the District Designated Fund to pay for Club and district projects the clubs in our district choose.

Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) is where every Rotarian in your club donates a minimum of \$25 to the Foundation.

A Sustaining Member is someone who gives \$100 or more in a year to the Annual Fund, Polio Plus Program, or Approved Global Grants. A Paul Harris Fellow is awarded when someone over time reach \$1,000 in giving. A Paul Harris Society member is someone who has committed to donating \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation every year.

Clubs can also be recognized for their members' collective giving. The *Every Rotarian Every Year Club* banner is awarded when club giving reaches \$100 per capita or more, and all club members give at least \$25 in a given Rotary year. The *100% Sustaining Member Club* banner is awarded when every club member contributes at least \$100 to the Rotary Foundation in a given Rotary year. And, for a club where all members are true supporters of The Rotary Foundation, as proven by them all being Paul Harris Fellows, the *100% Paul Harris Fellow Club* banner will be awarded. This is a one time recognition and, as you can probably imagine, quite a special one

Please consider making your tax-deductible contribution before the end of the year. If you decide to do so, please mail your check, payable to The Rotary Foundation and with your Rotary club's name on the



Just as individual Rotarians are recognized for their giving to The Rotary Foundation, so are their Rotary clubs. Qualified clubs are awarded different banners that they can display to show their members' commitment to OUR Rotary Foundation.

memo line, to me at the address below.

Thank you again for your continued support of OUR Rotary Foundation.

Richard Martin, PDG
1456 8th Ave
New Brighton PA 15066-2226

It's Not Just a Convention...

When attending the convention in Houston, take advantage of exploring the city. As PDG Walt and Harriet Sickles were attending the 2013 International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal, they visited the nearby coastline. There, they discovered this tribute to Paul Harris and Rotary International's 75th Anniversary. The tribute was erected by the local Rotary club of Sintra in 1980.

After the convention, stay a bit longer to explore the surrounding areas. Or, arrive early for some pre-convention activities. The Rotaract Preconvention, held on June 3-4, offers you an exciting opportunity to learn more about Rotaract, get useful tips and share your own best ideas. It's also an opportunity for



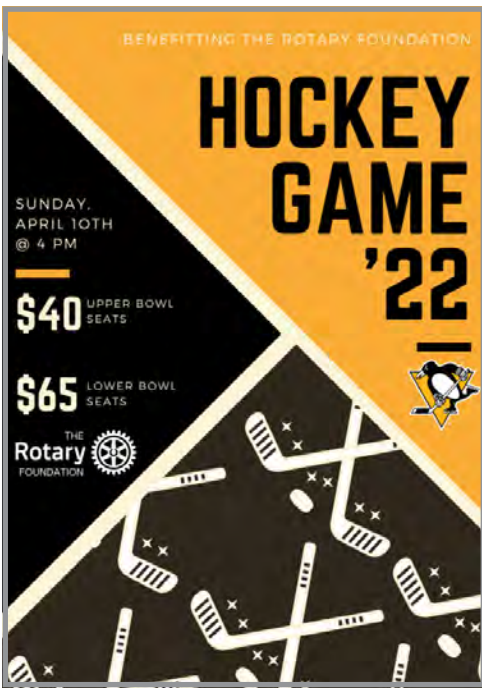
While attending the 2013 International Convention in Portugal, PDG Walter Sickles and Harriet stumbled upon this tribute to Rotary.

you to network with Rotaractors and Rotarians from around the world.

The final Rotary Presidential Conference, June 3-4, will showcase how each of Rotary's areas of focus contributes to, and supports, a more peaceful world. You will find inspirational speakers, practical breakout sessions, and valuable networking opportunities – all allowing you to get a better sense of everything that Rotary does to build peace.

Do not forget that December 15 is the last day to get the early registration discount. The 2022 Rotary International Convention will be held June 4-8 in Houston. For those who are under 31 the registration fee is \$125. Go to rotary.org and register.

By Rick Martin, PDG



Rotary Hockey Night!

Hurry, Hurry! Get your tickets!!!
It's a Hockey Night in Pittsburgh with Rotary District 7305!

Join Rotary District 7305 at PPG Arena on Sunday, April 10th as YOUR Pittsburgh Penguins take on the Nashville Predators at a 4:00pm game.

Our District has received a special discounted rate on both Upper and Lower Bowl seats!

ONLY \$40.00 for the Upper Bowl

ONLY \$65.00 for the Lower Bowl

What a deal!



In mid November, the Carnegie-Collier Rotary Club continued their Coats For Kids project with Carnegie Elementary. They donated 89 coats to the school to help support those in need of a warm coat in this early times of cooler weather and throughout this winter.



And wait, there is more!

In addition to the discounts, the Pittsburgh Penguins will donate \$10.00 to The Rotary Foundation for each ticket sold!

Join District 7305 and purchase your tickets today by clicking the link below and your are all set.

fevo.me/penguinsrotarydistrict7305

Don't forget to pass this along to your friends and family so we can make it a big night for Rotary and a Great Day for Hockey!

See you in April at the PPG Arena!



The Rotary Club of Ambridge - Congratulations on Having Achieved a Century of Service!



First 7305 Peacebuilder Club

The Greater Johnstown High School Interact Club has been recognized as the first Interact Peacebuilder Club in our district. Monroeville is the first and, so far, only, Rotary club in our district that is also recognized as a Peacebuilder Club.

Peacebuilder Clubs are a Rotarian movement creating energy and momentum for peaceful conflict resolution around the world. In 2018, the Rotarian Action Group For Peace (RAGFP) Leadership Team decided to champion this program in Rotary Clubs worldwide as an essential call to action for Rotarian peacebuilders.

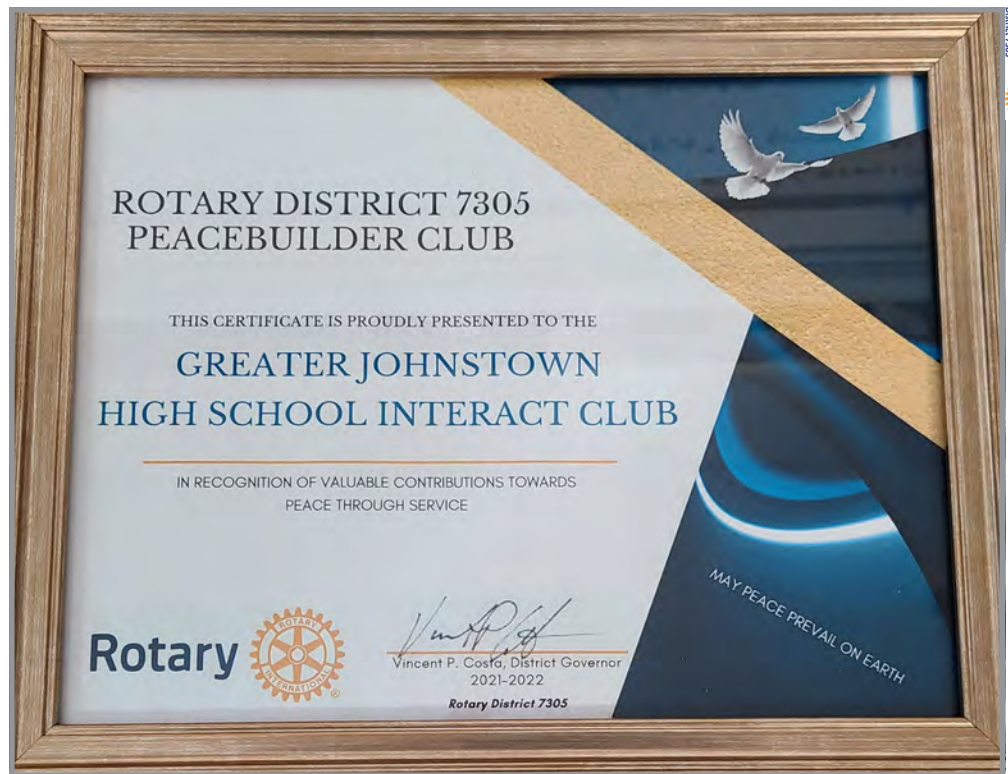
Peacebuilder clubs play a vital role in sparking passion and a direction for peace within their own clubs, districts and communities.

As stated by GJHS Interact Advisor Devin Carosi: The purposes of qualifying our Interact club as a Peacebuilder Club are to:

- More powerfully implement RI's Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution area of focus in your club
- Address the growing problem and danger of divisiveness and polarization that fractionalizes and stagnates societies, disrupts peaceful relations, and increases the potential for violence,
- Build stronger, more harmonious communities and a more peaceful world,



On November 17, members of Somerset Rotary presented Somerset County Commissioner Colleen Dawson and Lindsay Pyle, Director of Parks and Trails, a check for \$2,000 for the Somerset Lake Nature Trail Development Project.



GJHS Interact Club President Emmalie Vitalie (center) is proud to represent the first Interact Peacebuilder club in district 7305. Also in the picture are (left to right) Brooke Hart, Jaydyn Vogel, and Taylor Mock. Kneeling in front is Teyvon Fields.

- Help maximize the peacebuilding impact of every project in all six areas of focus, and
- Assist in the accomplishment of Rotary's mission to "enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace."

The GJHS Interact Club plans to create an initiative/project for each of Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus.



Rotary is Family!

A few weeks ago two members of the Greater McKees Rocks Rotary Club delivered flowers to a fellow club member to let her know the

club is missing her smiling face. They can't wait to see her at their meetings again!

Does your club have a member who can't make the meetings right now? If you do, don't forget to let them know that they are missed!



Brownsville Rotarians put up flags in downtown Brownsville in honor of Veterans Day. Pictured are Dave Polvinale, Lester Ward, Lew Hosler, Nettie DellaPenna, Patty Columbia, Bill Johns and Scott Campbell. With Respect, Honor and Gratitude, "THANK YOU" Veterans.



The Sewickley Halloween parade is a joint venture by the Quaker Valley Rotary Club and Sewickley Kiwanis Club. The Rotary Club took the lead in style with floats, walkers, and the Quaker Valley High School Marching Band following behind. The Rotary club had also made "Trick or Treat" bags for all participants. Pictures courtesy of Scott Zahner



Members of the Belle Vernon Rotary Club had a scary good time at Hundred Acres Manor Haunted House on Halloween. They serve and have fun too!

The Coraopolis Train Station

The Parkway West Rotary Club is one of the supporters of the Coraopolis Train Station Project.

The Coraopolis Train Station is owned by the Coraopolis Community Development Corporation (CCDC). The goal is to completely restore it, while retaining its unique character and architecture, and transform it into a multi-use community center.

The CCDC's policies, programs, and projects are being developed and implemented entirely by an unpaid Board of Directors, other members of the organization, and interested community members. This group seeks to work closely with town businesspeople, residents and officials to identify and implement those projects deemed most congruent with our mission.

In addition to the CCDC and train station team volunteers, the community has pulled together and pitched in, providing manual labor and expertise in order to minimize the cost of achieving their vision.

Source: coraopolistrainstationproject.org

Third Grade Dictionaries

As is the tradition, members of the Rotary Club of Johnstown recently gathered to enjoy some Swedish spiced wine (glögg) and pack dictionaries. Each book is labeled with a third grade student's name.

Packing in the Berges' garage were Wyatt McGraw, Mary Berge, Pat and Michelle Petrell, Dr. Noon, Sara Fenimore, and Ivar Berge (not pictured).

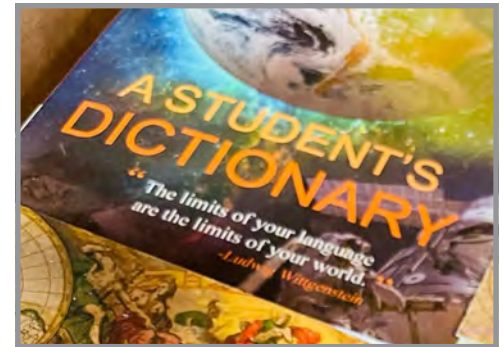
Sharyn Spinelli enjoyed the glögg and provided moral support together with International Man of Mystery: Austin Powers (who likes Rotary...).



Thanks to the successful Gerry Dulac Charity Golf Classic, the Parkway West Rotary Club was able to donate \$4,000 to the Coraopolis Train Station Project. Below: An old postcard image of the station.



The Rotary Club of Forest Hills had a Clean Up Day in early November. Thanks go out to club members Gail and Ken Potter, Amy Dove, Jon Mack, Audrey and Guy Russo, Mike Kelly, and Dan Cornell who all braved the cold weather for a great purpose.



Thanksgiving Turkey Trot

On November 24, the Westmont Interact Club and the Rotary Club of Johnstown, along with the Westmont Hilltop Student Council, sponsored the first annual Turkey Trot at Stackhouse Park.

Sixty-two participants, many with turkey hats and some even in full turkey costume, joined in the fun. The run ended at the park's shelter where the runners were offered refreshments and entertainment by Westmont students.

All proceeds from the run will go towards planned improvements at Stackhouse Park. "A park can be a place of beauty forever."

Pictures courtesy of Jennifer Aurandt

A Dickens of a Christmas

The Ebensburg Rotary was very happy to provide free hot cocoa during Ebensburg's Dickens of a Christmas on December 4. They would like to thank members Becky DeYulis, Phil Sutton, Tim Sloan, Ron Kitka, Jim Stratton, and Jim White for their help in making it happen. They would also like to especially thank Central Cambria Seniors Corinne Markovich and Andi McCullough for their very helpful and cheerful assistance. In addition to the individuals above they want to give a shout out to Alyssa Bodenshatz and PennCrest Bank for providing the cups for the free hot cocoa. Their contributions were greatly appreciated!!! What a nice day today for all!

Ugly Sweater Bowling

On Wednesday, December 1st, the McMurray Rotary Club held their first in person fundraising event in over a year, an Ugly Sweater Bowling fundraiser. Over 50 bowlers



came together dressed in their holiday worst at West Pike Bowl in Canonsburg for an enjoyable evening of bowling, food and fun. Over \$6,000 was raised which will be used to help the many local non-profit organizations that the McMurray Rotary Club supports.

Pictured below left are Nick Holden and Garrett Bertram and their employees from Cutting It Close Landscaping. Below are Dave Wylie (McMurray Rotarian), Barb Wylie, Ovi Manciu (McMurray Rotarian), Sara Manciu, and Les and Barb Botkin. *Text & Pics by PDG Al DeLucia*



Breakfast With Santa

This event was about community in so many ways, and it was because of our community that we Rotarians were able to host our annual *Breakfast With Santa*. Even though some unexpected early-morning downed power lines threw off our initial plans, our community friends quickly supported us about an hour before the event started so that we could still have the full event and host our biggest breakfast ever! This year, we were able to serve nearly 400 pancake breakfasts and provide 216 gift boxes for youth in the community! Now for the very important notes of appreciation:

Thank you to AJ at New Ken Social/ Preserving Underground, our initial location, for letting us take over the space, while also spending the early morning trying to get things running again. We were still able to pass out gift boxes to all the youth at the site before they headed to the breakfast just a block away. Power was restored by 10 AM., just in time for his Preserving shop to open and carolers performing later. Be sure to stop by to check out the record shop, concert venue and chapel space when you're in town!

When we were still trying to figure out how we could host the breakfast portion, our friends KNEAD Community Cafe didn't hesitate to offer up their event hall for us to use. Their team also let us share their kitchen oven space, helped keep the space clear, let us borrow utensils and played holiday music. The cafe is a must-stop for dining in New Kensington, while supporting their community mission!

We had a great group of student volunteers from Burrell High School's Interact Club and National Honors Society help serve breakfast, greet guests and clean up.

A couple of Santa's elves, Jamie and Michelle, held a Letters to Santa activity during the event and provided Mural Scavenger Hunt printouts for the gift boxes.

The breakfast and gift boxes were made possible thanks to donations from Mike and Sherri McCleary, Representative Bob Brooks, Chris Kaminski, Mazziotti Bakery, Clearview Credit Union and club



The Burrell-New Kensington Rotary Club's Breakfast With Santa was a great success! 400 pancake breakfasts served and 216 gift boxes for the kids. And, of course, there was Santa himself who arrived in style!



Rotarians.

This weekend's events (and many that have been held in New Kensington) are organized and/or supported by the City of New Kensington Recreation Commission,

Olde Towne Overhaul and the many wonderful small businesses and other organizations in the city and region. Be sure to support our local towns' businesses and organizations!

Last, but definitely not least, our club's Rotarians, who are professionals and friends in the AK Valley, who serve our mission to do good in the community and truly aim to be "People of Action" and service.

And a special thanks to everyone in the community who attended the event. We hope they smiled and enjoyed the morning as much as we did!

Text & pictures courtesy of the Burrell-New Kensington Rotary Club



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POLIO IN NUMBERS
Wild virus confirmed cases in 2021
Global Total: 4 (135)
Wild virus detected from other sources in 2021
Global Total: 64 (453)
As of November 23, 2021. Numbers in brackets represent data as of the same date 2020.

Rotary's Four Way Test
 Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the **truth**?
2. Is it **fair** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **goodwill** and **better friendships**?
4. Will it be **beneficial** to all concerned?

It's Bell-Ringing Time!

Rotary clubs ringing the bell for The Salvation Army is a Christmas time tradition. Some clubs have already done their part, while others still have their dates upcoming.

The Rotary Club of Upper St. Clair-Bethel Park (Breakfast) rang the bells outside Macy's on December 4 (pictured on the right).

On December 4 and 5, members of the White Oak Rotary Club helped The Salvation Army McKeesport Corps to collect donations by ringing the bell outside the White Oak Giant Eagle (pictured below).



Saturday night was Monessen first ever light up night at Monessen City Park. Monessen-Rostraver Rotary was there to help. Pictured with Santa are Michelle Watson, Jenn Bomba, Phil Sparacella, and Candice Rebovich.



In 2020, the GPEI launched a revision of the strategy for polio eradication. Partners and stakeholders collectively identified remaining obstacles to polio eradication, in order to inform a revised and strengthened plan. They then developed optimal approaches to reaching the goal, adapted to the global health context and based on lessons learned.

The strengthened plan aims to achieve and sustain a polio-free world through a focus on implementation and accountability. Emphasis will be on cutting outbreak response times; increasing vaccine demand; transforming campaign effectiveness; working systematically through integration; increasing access in inaccessible areas; transitioning towards government ownership; and improving decision-making and accountability.

Many of the new tactics and strengthened approaches outlined in this plan are already operational, and the plan will officially replace the current Polio Endgame Strategy in January 2022.

[Click this link](#) to read more (works in newsletter PDF version only).



*Merry Christmas
 and a
 Happy New Year*

SAVE THE DATE

ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CANCELTION OR RESCHEDULE
DUE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC



SAVE THE DATE – JANUARY 30, 2022

MID-YEAR REVIEW
DENUNZIO'S RESTAURANT – ARNOLD PALMER AIRPORT



SAVE THE DATE – MARCH 4-6, 2022

PETS PRESIDENT ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR
PENN STATER MULTI-DISTRICT EVENT



SAVE THE DATE – MARCH 27

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION LUNCHEON
RIVERS CASINO



SAVE THE DATE – TBD

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY



SAVE THE DATE – JUNE 23-26

2022 DISTRICT CONFERENCE
SEVEN SPRINGS MOUNTAIN RESORT



SAVE THE DATE – JUNE 4-8, 2022

2022 RI CONVENTION
HOUSTON



SAVE THE DATE – JUNE 26 – JULY 1

RYLA ... TWO VENUES ... LA ROCHE COLLEGE AND OUTDOOR ODYSSEY

