

Rotary



District 7305

The Connector - April 2022

SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

District Support for Ukraine

The crisis in Ukraine is entering its second month. Those fleeing the country have surpassed 3.6 million. More than 90% of the refugees are women and children. Poland has received 2.1 million refugees while the rest have entered Romania, Moldova and other East European countries. Support for Ukraine and the refugees has been pouring in from around the world. The Rotary Foundation has created an opportunity for Rotarians and Rotaractors to support Ukrainians both in the country and those seeking refuge in other countries.

In early March, DG Costa sent an email to District Leaders, Club Presidents, Club Secretaries and Club Treasurers offering ways for Rotarians and Rotaractors to support the Ukrainian people.

TRF Trustees approved the **Disaster Response Fund** to serve as a collection for the Ukraine relief efforts. All contributions to this fund through April 30 will go towards supporting the Ukrainian people for those remaining in the country and those who are fleeing. As of March 18, \$3.2 million had been collected. These funds are being distributed to Rotary districts that apply for Disaster Response grants and will be used to provide relief to refugees or other victims of the crisis, including items such as water, food, shelter, medicine, and clothing. Our Committee for TRF has designated \$25,000 to support this



Our Rotary district has a great Eastern European heritage. This has become evident in the outpouring of support for Ukraine and its people after the unprovoked attack by Russia. While Rotary is an organization that does not get involved in politics, its members certainly do stand up against tyranny and oppression. In this issue of The Connector you will find several examples of how our district and clubs are responding to the ongoing crisis.

cause. Rotary Clubs and Rotarians are encouraged to donate as well. my.rotary.org/en/disaster-response-fund

In addition to the funds for the **Disaster Response Fund**, District 7305 is also contributing \$10,000 to ShelterBox.

Rotary District 2241 in Romania has organized Rotary Clubs in Romania and Ukraine to provide needed food, medicine and supplies in Ukraine. Items are purchased in Romania and then trucked to Rotary Clubs in Ukraine. Clubs wishing to contribute to this effort can wire funds to District 2241's special relief fund. Clubs or individuals can arrange donations through their bank. The routing information for the relief fund is in the blue box on page 2.

Brother's Brother Foundation is another opportunity for Rotarians

to support the Ukrainian people. They provide shipments of medical supplies for delivery in Ukraine. Donations can be made online at brothersbrother.org

If you wish to double your contribution, **TripAdvisor Foundation/World Central Kitchen: Help the Ukrainian Relief Effort** is another option for Rotarians. For every dollar donated to the World Center Kitchen (WCK), TripAdvisor will match the donation. According to a recent BBC report, WCK has been working in Ukraine since February 25 purchasing meals from local restaurants for those in need. This provides support to the local economy as well as providing much needed meals for the local residents. Go to donatewck.org and click on the **Charities Helping Ukraine** link.

Another program is **ShelterBox**. As noted above, the District 7305 Finance Committee approved a \$10,000 donation to support the people in Ukraine. A recent appeal went to all the Rotary Clubs from Mike Sears who is the ShelterBox Ambassador for District 7305. He is requesting that clubs support this cause by donating \$1,000 which provides a tent, a heater/stove, and equipment. Donations can be sent to Mike at: 172 Ellsworth St., California, PA 15419. You can contact him via msears1234@gmail.com or by phone: 724-309-2026. He will make sure that your donations are focused on Ukraine humanitarian relief.

Many clubs have already made contributions to these programs. If your club has not done so yet, please consider a donation of any amount.

Please keep the Ukrainian people and leaders in your prayers!

By DG Vince Costa

Quote of the Month:

"You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us. And the world will live as one."

John Lennon

ShelterBox and Ukraine

Working with their partner, People in Need, ShelterBox is delivering mattresses to collective centers like schools, churches, and sports centers in western Ukraine. This will offer people who have fled their homes somewhere to sleep and keep warm at night.

They are also preparing to provide Shelter Kits with tools and rope, thermal blankets, hygiene kits including items like soap, washing powder and toothpaste, solar lights, buckets, and water carriers to help people survive in buildings damaged by the conflict.

Lastly, ShelterBox will be supporting refugees in neighboring countries with high priority items like hygiene items and cash.

From shelterboxusa.org



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Rotary aims to buy shelters for war refugees

BY DAVID HURST
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Just like millions of fellow Americans, F. Patrick Petrell was shocked last month when Russian forces crossed into Ukraine.

And soon that shock turned to anger.

It has been years since the retired Petrell worked as an Army intelligence officer, but the Rotary Club of Johnstown treasurer is finding ways to help Ukraine anyway.

The 45-member humanitarian organization is raising money for United Kingdom-based ShelterBox, a disaster relief charity that packs tents and other supplies that are needed to support people left homeless by catastrophes and military conflicts.

"With the crisis in Ukraine, hundreds of thousands of men, women and children have become homeless, and Johnstowners have an opportunity to assist," Petrell said. "This is something we all can do to help."

Rotary International has supported ShelterBox since 2000, and the Johnstown club has followed suit for years by raising money for Hurricane Maria relief efforts in Texas and Haiti, he said.

The company has built a track record of success, as well as a four-star rating from the nonprofit review site Charity

Navigator, including top marks for transparency.

"The great thing about ShelterBox is that, instead of what you raise going into some big pool of money, you can point to what you gave - whether it's one box or two or more," Petrell said.

The boxes are customized to fit the needs of the particular disaster and the environment around them.

Each one includes a weather-resistant dome tent large enough for a family, as well as mattresses, room dividers and other items to make living in large group conditions more comfortable.

In a release to media, ShelterBox President Kerri Murray said the group has already deployed a response team to eastern Europe to evaluate the needs of the millions of people who fled for safety or were displaced by damage caused in the Ukraine attacks.

"The team from ShelterBox includes highly trained security, safety and logistics personnel, who will coordinate with other humanitarian agencies to understand the gaps in emergency shelter and what are the household aid items that will be needed over the weeks and months to come," Murray said.

According to United Nations officials, more than 2.6 million Ukrainians have fled to neighboring countries, many of them



Submitted photo
The Rotary Club of Johnstown is raising money for ShelterBoxes, tent systems that can house families left homeless by war or disaster.

crossing over into Poland.

Unlike in Haiti, where goods such as mosquito nets were most needed, heavy blankets and other supplies to keep people warm might be needed for this crisis, Petrell said.

"That's one of the great things - that these boxes are customizable," he said, noting that even the heavy-duty containers are able to be reused.

For a family of refugees, the weatherproof box enables needy people to store belongings and move them when necessary, said Petrell, a Pittsburgh native whose wife, Michelle, also serves as a Rotary Club member.

The Johnstown group isn't waiting for details on where

specifically the boxes would be deployed or which exact items each will include. Given the immediate needs in eastern Europe, they are already getting a jump-start on fundraising in the Johnstown area to raise money for at least one box, Petrell said.

The group plans to reach out to its high school-level branch, the Greater Johnstown Interact Club, to help raise funds, too, he said.

One box often costs \$1,000, Petrell said.

To support the local fund drive, checks can be sent to the Rotary Club of Johnstown at P.O. Box 42, Johnstown, Pa. 15907 with "ShelterBox Ukraine" on the memo line.



How to give

The Rotary Club of Johnstown and the Interact Club at Greater Johnstown High School are collecting money for ShelterBox, a humanitarian aid group that will get supplies to Ukrainians forced to flee their country in recent weeks.

- Scan the QR code above.
- Go online to rotary-club-of-johnstown.square.site.
- Mail checks with "ShelterBox Ukraine" on the memo line to: Rotary Club of Johnstown P.O. Box 42, Johnstown, PA 15907

To donate online, visit rotary-club-of-johnstown.square.site.

David Hurst is a reporter for The Tribune-Democrat. Follow him on Twitter and Instagram @TDDavidHurst.

On March 16, the Rotary Club of Johnstown was recognized in The Tribune Democrat (Johnstown's local newspaper) for their efforts to raise money to buy ShelterBox kits for Ukrainian refugees. As a result of this publicity, as of March 30, the club had received \$7,000 from club members, community members, local companies, and other charities. This is a great example of how some simple publicity can engage our communities to support what our Rotary clubs do.

Below is more Aid for Ukraine from western PA. Joining in on an initiative started by NovaCare McMurray North, the Rotary club of McMurray, St. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, and a local Huntingdon Learning Center have collected first-aid supplies and over the counter medications that will be shipped to Poland for use with Ukrainian refugees. The items collected included First aid kits, children's Tylenol, band-aids, aspirin, Tylenol, antibiotic creams, allergy meds, children's aspirin, anti-diarrhea meds, anti-itch creams, medical tape, gauze, hand/foot warmers, and surgical and full-wound dressings. Three Ukrainian-owned shipping companies are using their planes to fly the items to Poland where they are distributed between refugee sites and their warehouses in Ukraine.



District 2241 Fundraising Account for Ukraine

Contact name: DG Adrian Luca, lucaadrian61@yahoo.com
 Account Name: ASOCIATIA Rotary International District 2241
 Fiscal Code: 9103694
 USD Account Number: RO22BTRL01302205M6501800
 EUR Account Number: RO88BTRL01304205M65018XX
 SWIFT: BTRLRO22ARA

Rotaract & The Ukraine Crisis

By Rotaractor Iryna Bushmina, Ukraine

I left Kyiv in the first hours of the war. My sister, her husband, her 3-month-old baby and a cat were in the car. When we reached the border, men were already not allowed to leave the country, so I went on with my sister and a little nephew. We were five days in the car, six days until we got to Vienna.

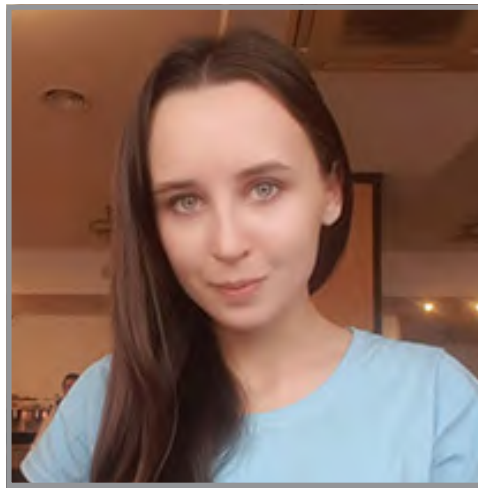
We stayed for the night in different countries three times. These were not hotels but homes of Rotary and Rotaract families. I used to just say that Rotary International is a big family, now I really believe it. And I am convinced that this is a family that will stand by you. These are no longer beautiful words to me, this is reality.

I was still in the car when I got the idea to mobilize Rotaract Europe. I realized that I was not the only one who needed help and support. My sister was driving, and I had my hands free. I started writing to all chats I knew where there were Rotaractors about the situation in Ukraine. A lot of Rotaractors instantly responded. People immediately created groups with different directions and helped me to lead them. These were not perfectly thought-out projects, but they were projects that started working from the first day.

Rotaract responded very quickly, and I realized that we needed to start very rapidly with the small projects to help Rotarians and Rotaractors of Ukraine find accommodations in other countries. Now, the project has grown, and we are helping many Ukrainians find a new home for the first time. We have lined up more than 2,000 host families to take in refugees.

The requests we are processing vary from assistance with relocating, to finding accommodations, to providing other humanitarian support. Right now, there is a big request for help for the defense forces for helmets, thermal imagers, body armor, and the like.

Some cities ask for simple things – food and water. And that's what hurts the most. Especially when we all realize that the Russian army is blocking us from bringing



Rotaractor Iryna Bushmina describes first hand her flight from Ukraine and how Rotaractors are organizing and assisting Ukrainians in need.

humanitarian aid to civilians and they are dying from hunger and dehydration.

There are more than 100 people in my international team alone and around 50 people in the Ukrainian team. I don't know exactly how many Rotaract members are involved in helping Ukraine. Each country has its own projects. Some clubs also organize assistance separately. Some are more involved, some less, but even the smallest contribution is valuable and could save lives.

We work in four directions:

1. Distribute truthful information about the situation in Ukraine
2. Find accommodation and hosts for Ukrainians in flight
3. Send humanitarian aid
4. Securing financial support for those that need it

Not all of the people write or express their gratitude. But to be honest, I don't expect this. After what these people have gone through – the fear, stress, spending three to four days at the border – we do not need them to say, “thank you.” We just need to make sure these people are safe and that they get what they need to survive and help others.

Now is the time for understanding. Of course, when some of the people do write their appreciation, it is a pleasure.

The Rotary Foundation has created a channel for direct humanitarian support in the Ukraine region. Follow updates on how Rotary members are providing humanitarian relief on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn, and on Rotary.org and My Rotary. Text from Rotary Voices

Ukraine Facts

Ukraine is a country located in eastern Europe, the second largest on the continent after Russia. The capital is Kyiv, located on the Dnieper River in north-central Ukraine.

A fully independent Ukraine emerged only late in the 20th century, after long periods of successive domination by Poland-Lithuania, Russia, and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (U.S.S.R.). Ukraine had experienced a brief period of independence in 1918–20, but portions of western Ukraine were ruled by Poland, Romania, and Czechoslovakia in the period between the two World Wars, and Ukraine thereafter became part of the Soviet Union as the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic (S.S.R.).

When the Soviet Union began to unravel in 1990–91, the legislature of the Ukrainian S.S.R. declared sovereignty (July 16, 1990) and then outright independence (August 24, 1991), a move that was confirmed by popular approval in a plebiscite (December 1, 1991). With the dissolution of the U.S.S.R. in December 1991, Ukraine gained full independence. The country changed its official name to Ukraine, and it helped to found the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), an association of countries that were formerly republics of the Soviet Union.



Rotary Convention Update

We're just a couple of months away from the Rotary International Convention, which takes place 4-8 June in Houston, Texas, USA.

More than 3,000 people responded to a survey in February about what kind of convention breakout sessions they're interested in. As a result of their feedback, they added a number of sessions, including ones focused on member engagement, service projects, and leadership skills. Here are a few examples of the breakouts that are being offered in Houston:

Leadership

- Rotary's Action Plan for the Future
- What's in it for Me? - Become a Governor
- What Happened at the 2022 Council on Legislation?

Membership

- Innovating to Your Underserved Businesses
- Rotaractors and Rotarians Together Make an Impact
- Families, Career & Rotary: A Winning Combination
- Building Your Club-Specific Membership Growth Plan
- What's the Hype about Hybrid Meetings?
- Leadership in Everyday Club Life: Better Meetings
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Rotary
- Not Your Grandpap's Rotary Club Anymore, or is it?
- Forming a New Club: It's as Easy as 1, 2, 3

Promoting Rotary

- Getting Your Story Covered in the News
- Storytelling 101 & Power of Communities
- Demystifying Resources for Promoting Rotary

Service and Projects

- Increasing Impact: Habitat, Rotary and ShelterBox
- Empowering Girls: Project Success Stories



The broad spectrum of subjects addressed at the breakout sessions at a Rotary International Convention give you a chance to tailor the program to your personal interests. With so much to choose from, the only problem is to decide which ones you just can't stand to miss...

- Measuring for Success
- From Rotary Friendship Exchange to Global Grant
- Designing Results-Oriented Service Projects
- Success! Collective Impact Improves Education Gaps
- Building Resilience for Women in Guatemala
- Delivering on the Dream of a Polio-free World
- Creating District Action Groups for Mental Health
- Youth & Peace in Action: Together We Build Peace
- Practical Conflict Resolution Skills for Clubs
- Rotary-USAID: Partnering for Impact in WASH
- HANWASH-Transformative Change, Sustainable Impact

Youth Service and Programs

- Engaging the Future of Rotary
 - Building Rotary's Future Through Youth Programs
 - The Future of Youth Service: Service-Learning
 - Meet Rotary's Champions of Girls' Empowerment
- Please visit convention.rotary.org and join the 2022 Rotary Convention Facebook event page for the latest news.

The Bats of Houston

Looking for non-Rotary things to do while in Houston? If you're a nature lover, observing the nightly flight of the Waugh Drive Bat Colony is a must!

Nestled among lush green vegetation of Buffalo Bayou Park, Waugh Drive Bridge rests over Buffalo Bayou, less than two miles west of Downtown Houston. The bat flights are amazing, winding along the bayou or through the skyscrapers across downtown. An estimated 250,000 Mexican free-tailed bats call the bridge home. Upon emerging at sunset, the bats usually fly east along the bayou before dispersing.

The best emergences happen on warm nights any month of the year. "Bat Chats" occur at the bridge on Friday nights. Please arrive 30 minutes before sunset to hear the batty Q&A presentation.



MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR **MEMBERSHIP**

Rotary On The Air

On March 25, Darlene Kruth and Steve Slater had the chance to tell the greater Pittsburgh area about the great work that their Rotary Club does. On that day, the KDKA morning show, with hosts Larry Richers and Kevin Battle, was broadcast live from the Blue Flame Restaurant. This just happens to be the place where the Rotary Club of Pleasant Hills has their weekly meetings.

KDKA (1020 AM), with 466,900 listeners overall, is the most popular radio station in the Pittsburgh metropolitan area. Their morning show, airing between 5 AM and 9 AM on weekdays, is the most popular in its time slot attracting some 273,300 listeners.

What a great opportunity for one of our Rotary district's clubs to let people know about Rotary and what we do. You truly can't buy this kind of exposure!

Fighting Cervical Cancer

Led by the Oakland club, many District 7305 clubs have donated generously towards a district grant to help fund Basic Health International's fight against cervical cancer world-wide. Basic Health International (BHI), is a Pittsburgh-based non-profit that specializes in women's health and broadening access to cervical cancer treatment in low-resources countries. The District Grant, awarded in December 2021 to fund the BHI's screening and treatment programs, has been completed. The Grant total was \$10,197.65. In addition, working with BHI has energized the Oakland club and provided wonderful fellowship with other clubs. And now, we are working on a Global Grant for BHI, with matching funds from District 7305. Western Pennsylvania and Rotary helped end polio, and together we can end cervical cancer.



Steve Slater and Darlene Kruth of the Rotary Club of Pleasant Hills going live on the KDKA Morning Show with hosts Larry Richert and Kevin Battle. Broadcasting from the Rotary club's weekly meeting place, the Blue Flame Restaurant, the show included a segment where Darlene and Steve had the opportunity to talk about Rotary in general and what their club, in particular, are doing to improve local communities and the world.

Let's work hard together during 2022-2023! Contact Joe Coohill (joe@coohill.com) in the Oakland club for information on how to help with the Global Grant!

The following clubs contributed to the District Grant:

- Oakland - \$1000
- Fox Chapel - \$1000
- Quaker Valley - \$1000
- Braddock - \$1000
- Washington - \$1000
- Forest Hills - \$627.65
- Portage - \$260
- McKees Rocks - \$250
- Elizabeth - \$200
- Northern Allegheny - \$160
- Brownsville - \$100

Rotary Works - Encore!

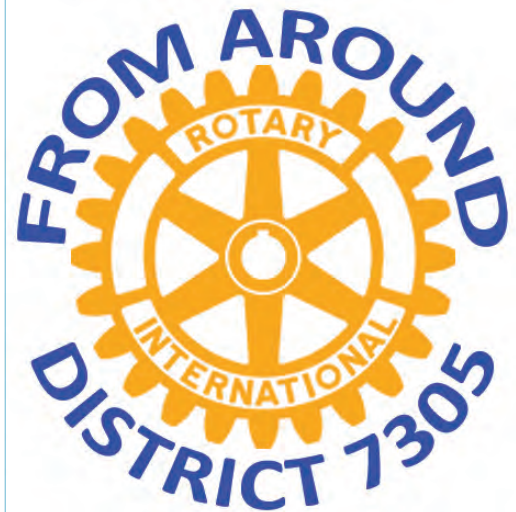
Rotary Remains Relevant - in our professional and personal lives. Rotary Works Encore is a virtual event held on Friday evening April 22 and Saturday morning April 23. The two-day event will showcase a variety of speakers discussing many facets of employment, career building, job searches and other topics to enhance your professional skills, placement, and network.

Whether you're a job seeker looking to make new connections, someone midway through your career looking to advance or make a change, or a seasoned leader who has skills to offer others, Rotary Works Encore is the event to attend.

Register now for both Friday night and Saturday morning

FRIDAY - <https://tinyurl.com/3v6u33c7>

Do you have a story for the newsletter? Please send your text and pictures to Newsletter Editor Ivar Berge at: iberge_pa@msn.com



SAVE THE DATE!

ENCORE

ROTARY WORKS

APRIL 22-23, 2022

VIRTUAL EVENT

Rotary Remains Relevant

SATURDAY - <https://tinyurl.com/mr2j74t6>

If you use DACdb, use the Member login. If not, register as a Guest.

New Drone for Somerset

Somerset County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team is an entity of the Somerset County Sheriff's Office. The team was dispatched to assist another county with a missing elderly male back in April of 2021. They requested the use of our drone at the time, the K-9 Team, and the volunteers of Team 400. Fast forward a couple of hours into the search while the drone was in mid-flight searching along the side of a stream. Suddenly the team 400 drone was attacked by an angry hawk. We think this was because we got too close to her nest. The attack caused our drone to come crashing down. Multiple people assisted for several hours searching for the damaged drone. Unfortunately, the drone was never found or recovered..

Fast forward to March of 2022. Team 400 has now acquired a new drone. A team of 400 volunteers, many organizations, and the public helped secure donations. One organization that really stepped up and was critical in securing a new drone for the team was Rotary. Somerset County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team want to say thank you to The Rotary Club of Somerset, The Conemaugh Township Rotary, The Rotary Club of Johnstown, and their partners, Rotary District 7305, and Somerset County Farm Bureau. The Rotary Clubs awarded the Somerset County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team a donation of \$7,232 to purchase the new drone.

Why use a Drone?

Unlike other public safety operations, search and rescue operations are fairly difficult and unpredictable. These two factors play an important role in the overall outcome of a SAR mission:

Time: In most SAR missions, the missing person is trapped in a life-threatening situation, where the person has less time. So it becomes important for rescuers to find the person at the earliest.

Terrain: SAR missions outside human establishments can face challenging terrain in the form of a snowy mountain, rainforest, etc. which might slow the entire operation.



Working together, the Rotary Clubs of Somerset, Conemaugh Township, and Johnstown secured a joint District Grant to assist in the purchase of a new drone for the Somerset County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team.

Pictured above, left to right, are: Assistant Governor Miguel Savioff, RC of Somerset; Michael Cashaw, President RC of Johnstown; Joe Ford, President RC of Conemaugh Township; Joshua Miller, President RC of Somerset; JR Kinsinger, Drone Pilot; Dustin Wier, Chief Deputy Sheriff; Jon Zimmers, VP Sheriff's Search & Rescue; Mark Hogan, Deputy Sheriff; Dave Leak, President Sheriff's Search & Rescue. Text & pictures from Somerset County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team.

Without the help from Rotary, Team 400 would still be down without a drone. The new drone will be utilized by all Somerset County entities, Fire, Police, and EMS.

So from all of us at Somerset County Sheriffs Search and Rescue Team, THANK YOU!

Thank you for all the fantastic support and donations. We honestly couldn't do it without the tremendous support from Rotary and Somerset County residents.

To learn more about the new drone and all its capabilities, visit: dji.com/matrice-300

Drones are fast: Compared to ground-based vehicles, drones can reach a location a lot faster; even reach inaccessible places. For example, in the Czech Republic, there is an agency called the Mountain Rescue Service of the Czech Republic that uses drones to find missing people trapped by an avalanche.

Situational awareness: Drones provide cheap, fast access to aerial data of a large area. This allows responders to map the entire search zone and pinpoint possible places where the missing person might be trapped.

Detect and identify: Drones can carry different sensors that can be used for identifying ground objects.

In the next section, we will discuss in detail how these sensors are used.

Communication: A drone, carrying a loudspeaker, can repeatedly broadcast a message making the missing person aware that people are looking for him/her. flytnow.com



Visit Another Rotary Club

There are over 33,000 Rotary clubs and 7,500 Rotaract clubs in the world. As a member of your local Rotary Club, you enjoy the privilege of being able to attend any of them as a guest! You can use Rotary International's Club Finder at my.rotary.org/en/club-search to find a club that will be meeting where you might be on vacation or out of town for work. For access while you travel, there's also the *Rotary Club Locator* App in the App Store.

The first time you visit a Rotary club other than your home club, you might be a bit nervous. While every club has its own customs and "vibe," you'll find that your Rotary pin will make you a familiar and welcome guest in their midst.

Visiting another Rotary club is a great way to learn about new ways to serve your own community and to make connections with people in your fields of work and interests. Membership in Rotary is great common ground on which to build new friendships!

Just in our district, there are 80 other clubs that you can visit. Some clubs are more casual, some more formal. Though your own Rotary club may not enforce any sort of dress code, some - depending on the country and venue in which they meet - may expect attendees to respect business casual attire at a minimum. If you are unsure, reach out and check in advance.

And, if you're shy about attending another Rotary club meeting on your own, announce your desire to go to another club's meeting at one of your weekly meetings. You may just find someone else wanting to do the same!

To assist you in finding another club in our district to visit, please refer to the list of clubs and meeting places on these two pages.

So what are you waiting for? Go out and make new Rotary friends!



Where and When District 7305 Clubs Meet

Ambridge

Baruni's First United Methodist Church, 1st & last Wed. 6 PM
7th St at Maplewood Ave, Ambridge

Beaver

Wooden Angel Rest, Wed. 12:15 PM
308 Leopard Ln, Beaver

Beaver Falls

Z Pub, Mon. 12 PM, Beaver Falls

Beaver Valley South

The Club at Shadow Lakes, Wed.
12:15 PM, 2000 Beaver Lakes Blvd,
Aliquippa

Belle Vernon

Cedarbrook GC, Thu. 6:30 PM
215 PA 981, Belle Vernon

Bethel Park

The Clubhouse, Wed. 12:15 PM

The Clubhouse, South Park

Bethel-St. Clair

St. Clair CC, Thu. 6 PM
2300 Old Washington Rd, Pittsburgh

Blairsville

Ravalia's Rest 2nd & 4th Tue. 6 PM
59 W Market St, Blairsville

Braddock

Grand View GC, Thu. 12 PM
1000 Club Hose Dr, North Braddock

Bridgeville-South Fayette

Bethany Presbyterian Church,
Thu. 12 PM, 740 Washington Ave,
Bridgeville

Brownsville

Twelve Oaks Rest, Thu. 6:10 PM
815 Water St, Brownsville

Burrell-New Kensington Area

Hill Crest CC, Wed. 12 PM
3411 Leechburg Rd, Lower Burrell

California

Hampton Inn and Suites, 1st & 3rd
Tue. 7:45 AM, 200 Technology Dr,
Coal Center

Canonsburg-Houston-Southpointe

Jackson's Rest, first & last Thu. 12
PM, 1000 Corporate Dr, Canonsburg

Carnegie-Collier

The Club at Nevillewood, Thu. 12:00
PM, 1000 Nevillewood Dr, Presto

Charleroi

Off the Wall Arts Studio, Wed. 12:05
PM, 532 McKean Ave, Charleroi

Churchill-Wilkins

Edgewood CC, 1st Wed. 12 PM &
3rd Wed. 6 PM, 100 Churchill Rd,
Pittsburgh

Conemaugh Township

The Crow's Nest, Mon. 6 PM
510 Tire Hill Rd, Tire Hill

Connellsville

Bud Murphy's Rest, Thu. 12 PM
718 McCormick Ave, Connellsville

Crafton-Ingram

Crafton Vol. Fire Hall, Wed. 7:15 AM
8 Stotz Ave, Pittsburgh

Delmont-Salem

The Lamplighter, Thu. 7 AM
6566 William Penn Hwy, Delmont

Dormont-Mt. Lebanon-Castle

Shannon

Mt. Lebanon United Methodist
Church, Mon. 12 PM
3319 W Liberty Ave, Pittsburgh

E-Club of District 7305

Zoom 1st & 3rd Fri. 12:10 PM

Ebensburg

PA Highlands Community College,
Tue. 12:15 PM, 881 Hills Plaza,
Ebensburg

Elizabeth

Carriage Inn, Thu. 12 PM
1601 Lovedale Rd, Elizabeth

Forest Hills

Jodi B's, Wed. 7 AM
2600 Ardmore Blvd, Pittsburgh

Fox Chapel Area

Pittsburgh Field Club, Wed, 11:45
AM, 121 Field Club Rd. Pittsburgh

McKees Rocks

The Willows, Thu. 12 PM
30 Heckel Rd, McKees Rocks

Green Tree

Unity Presbyterian Church, Thu. 12
PM, 1146 Greentree Rd. Pittsburgh

Greensburg

Greensburg CC, Tue. 12:00 PM
309 Pleasant Valley Rd, Jeannette

Hampton Township

Wildwood GC, Thu. 12 PM
2195 Sample Rd, Allison Park



Highlands Area

Anchor Inn, Tue. 12 PM
2202 Freeport Rd, Natrona Heights

Indiana

Indiana County Tech Center, Mon.
5:30 PM, 441 Hamill Rd, Indiana

Indiana-Midday

Hoss's, Thursday at 12 PM
1198 Wayne Ave, Indiana

Johnstown

Rotary Club of Johnstown
Balance, Wed. 12 PM
415 Main St, Johnstown

Johnstown Sunset

The Boulevard Grill, Tue. 5:45 PM
165 Southmont Blvd, Johnstown

Latrobe

Arnold Palmer Regional Airport,
Wed. 12 PM
148 Aviation Ln. Latrobe

Lawrenceville

Hambones, Thu. 12:15 PM
4207 Butler St, Lawrenceville

Ligonier

Carol & Dave's Roadhouse, Tue. 12
PM, 122 N Market St. Ligonier

McMurray

Valley Brook CC, Wed. 12:10 PM
425 Hidden Valley Rd, McMurray

Monessen-Rostraver

Rostraver Library, Tue. 12 PM
700 Plaza Dr, Rostraver Township

Monongahela

Ponce's Place, Thu. 12 PM
715 Rt 481 Monongahela

Monroeville

Doubletree by Hilton, Thu. 12 PM
101 Mall Blvd, Monroeville

Moon Township

Hilton Garden Inn, 12 PM
9600 University Blvd, Moon
Township

Mount Pleasant

Leo's Pub & Grille, Wed. 12:10 PM
202 N Diamond St, Mount Pleasant

Mountain View

Giannelli's II, 6:15 PM
4816 US-30, Greensburg

Murrysville-Export

Lamplighter, 1st & 3rd Wed. 6:30 PM
– 2nd & 4th Wed. 12 PM
6566 William Penn Hwy, Delmont

New Brighton

Grand Valley Inn, Thu. 6:15 PM
452 Constitution Blvd, Fallston

North Boroughs

Shannopin CC, Thursday at 6 PM
1 Windmere Rd, Ben Avon Heights

Northern Allegheny

Walnut Grill, Tue. 12 PM
12599 Perry Hwy, Wexford

Northern Cambria

Beaver St. Café, Thu. 12 PM
316 Beaver St, Hastings

Norwin

Jacktown Ride & Hunt Club. Tue. 12
PM, 11369 Center Hwy.
N. Huntingdon

Oakland

University Club, Thu. 12:15 PM
123 University Pl, Pittsburgh

Oakmont-Verona

Longwood at Oakmont, Tue. 12 PM
500 Rt 909, Verona

Parkway West

No meetings currently scheduled

Penn Hills

3 Lakes GC, 2nd & 4th Thu. 6 PM
6700 Saltzburg Rd, Pittsburgh

**Pittsburgh**

Omni William Penn Hotel, Wed. 12
PM, 555 Grant St, Last Wed. of the
month: Fogo De Chao 12 PM
525 Smithfield St, Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh East

Meeting times/places vary
pgheastrotary.org

Pittsburgh North Side

Zoom meetings, Fri. 12 PM
Email Club President Jared at
jreed@eepowell.com for information

Pleasant Hills

Blue Flame, Tue. 12 PM
1360 PA-51, Jefferson Hills

Plum

2nd Tue. King's 8:30, 3rd Tue.
Somma's 12:15, 4th Tue. Eighty
Acres 12:15, Plum Boro

Point Marion

First Baptist Church, Thu. 6 PM
515 Morgantown St, Point Marion

Portage

1st Tue. Portage Senior Activity Ctr,
6:15 PM, 3rd & Last Tue. Parkway
Restaurant 6:15 PM, Portage

Quaker Valley

Sewickley Speakeasy, Thu 6:15 PM
17 Ohio River Blvd, Haysville

Rockwood

Rockwood Mill Shoppes, 2nd &
4th Mon. 6:15 PM, 450 W. Main St,
Rockwood

Scottdale

Carson's Catering & Tavern, Tue.
at 12 PM, 101/2 S Broadway St,
Scottdale

Shaler Area

Casey's Family Rest, every other
Wed. 6 PM, 3008 William Flynn Hwy,
Allison Park

Sharpsburg-Aspinwall

Walnut Grill, Thu. 12 PM
911 Freeport Rd, Pittsburgh

Smithfield

Smithfield Rotary Club Bldg., Mon.
6:10 PM, 3089 Morgantown Rd,
Smithfield

Somerset

Somerset CC, Fri. 12:15 PM
416 Plank Rd, Somerset

Steel Valley

Fox's Diner, 1st & 3rd Thu. 12 PM
3716 Main St, Munhall

Swissvale

Zoom, Thu. 12 PM
Meeting dates vary. Contact club for
upcoming meeting schedule

Turtle Creek Valley

Papa Rocks Pizza, Fri. 12 PM
4512 Broadway Blvd, Monroeville

Uniontown

Somerset Trust Bank, 1st & 3rd Wed.
12 PM, 82 W Fayette St, Uniontown

Upper St. Clair-Bethel Park

The Porch, Tue. 7 AM
120 Sienna Dr, Upper St. Clair

Washington

W & J College, The Commons, Tue.
12 PM, 60 S. Lincoln St, Washington

Waynesburg

Hampton Inn, Wed. 7:30 AM
227 Greene Plaza, Waynesburg

West Newton

Christ Lutheran Church, Tue. 12 PM
302 Vine St, West Newton

Westmoreland

Badges Bar & Grill, Wed. 6 PM
9 E Pittsburgh St, Greensburg

White Oak

White Oak VFD, Thu. 6:45 PM
1130 California Ave, White Oak

Wilkesburg-Regent Square

Biddle's Escape,
Tue. 12:15 PM
401 Biddle Ave.
Pittsburgh



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POLIO IN NUMBERS
Wild virus confirmed cases in 2022
Global Total: 1 (2)
Wild virus detected from other sources in 2022
Global Total: 0 (66)
As of March 22, 2022. Numbers in brackets represent data as of the same date 2021.

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?

**The Americas
 Polio Free for 30 Years**

The last detected case of polio in the Region of the Americas was in 1991. This year we celebrate 30 years without the disease! But what does 30 years without polio really mean?

Before polio vaccines existed, polio affected thousands of children around the world every year. Not so long ago it was common for a healthy child to suddenly be unable to walk, and those who were fortunate enough to recover from the disease were left with lifelong sequelae. Those less fortunate spent their days in hospital wards hooked up to huge machines — known as steel lungs — that allowed them to keep breathing. Many others lost their lives. Polio was endemic in all countries, and when there was an outbreak, communities had to close schools and other public spaces to protect the children.

Discovery of the polio vaccine in the mid-1950s changed the world forever. Once vaccinations began, the disease quickly started to wane. It was clear that vaccines worked, and that they could be used to prevent the disease. After several countries succeeded in controlling polio, leaders decided that eliminating polio permanently was possible, but only if it was done in a coordinated way in all countries of the Region. And so, in 1985, all the Region's countries committed to eradicating polio. In 1988, the rest of the world joined this massive effort.

The political commitment to end the disease was furthered by the work of vaccinators, who travelled to the farthest reaches of the continent, by land, sea, and air, so that no one would be left unvaccinated. Along with these efforts, on-site personnel worked to investigate all probable



Luis Fermín, the boy who was the last person to suffer poliomyelitis in the Region of the Americas. © PAHO/WHO.

cases, one by one; laboratory staff worked to confirm the absence of cases; and numerous other health workers helped in combating the disease, so that no one would ever again suffer from polio. Participating in this great effort were community leaders, politicians at all levels, partnerships with international organizations, and parents who were convinced that vaccination saves lives.

In 1991, in a show of Pan-Americanism and commitment to health, the countries of the Americas conquered polio, and the Americas became the first world region to eliminate the disease.

It is not enough, however, to have eliminated the disease in the Region, because as long as there are cases somewhere in the world, all children remain at risk. Keeping the Region polio-free for 30 years has been a titanic effort, one requiring that all children be vaccinated against the disease, while at the same time maintaining sensitive surveillance systems, an increasingly challenging task given the range of other health priorities.

Today we are closer than ever to eradicating polio worldwide. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has significantly affected health services around the world, including routine vaccination and epidemiological surveillance of vaccine-preventable diseases, putting at risk the progress achieved.

Health workers around the world must commit to completing the eradication process. Today more than ever, we must learn from past experiences and, with renewed determination, look to the future to fulfill the promise of a world permanently free of polio?

By polioeradication.org

END POLIO NOW



MAKE HISTORY TODAY

SAVE THE DATE

**ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CANCELTION OR RESCHEDULE
DUE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**



SAVE THE DATE – APRIL 23

**DISTRICT ASSEMBLY
LAMPLIGHTER RESTAURANT**



SAVE THE DATE – JUNE 4-8

**2022 RI CONVENTION
HOUSTON**



SAVE THE DATE – JUNE 23-26

**2022 DISTRICT CONFERENCE
SEVEN SPRINGS MOUNTAIN RESORT (GOLF ON FRIDAY, JUNE 24)**



SAVE THE DATE – JUNE 26 – JULY 1

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



SAVE THE DATE – AUGUST 8

**DISTRICT GOLF OUTING – INTRODUCING DG MARIE FALLON
WESTMORELAND COUNTRY CLUB**

