

Rotary



District 7305

The Connector - May 2022

SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

District Assembly

A plethora of information in a short amount of time was the agenda for the day at the Lamplighter Restaurant on Saturday, April 23 when over 75 Rotarians from all corners of our District gathered together to share best practices and insight.

John Hartman, DGN was the emcee for the day and kept us rolling along. Kicking off the day was a presentation about The Rotary District 7300 Foundation by Stu Benson. Joe Piszczor was next on the agenda with a section on Public Image. He had attendees take a picture of a QR code which opened up all of the slides for the day.

Next, Al DeLucia and Jeff Klink brought us up to date with highlights of the The Rotary District 7305 Committee for The Rotary Foundation. A powerful presentation was given by Mike Sears on ShelterBox.

All things Youth related was tackled by co-presenters Wayne Skelley and Tom Fallon. Then John Hartman brought attendees up to speed on Membership followed by Dan Dougherty presenting on DACdb and IT.

A look forward to the District Conference at Seven Springs was given by Sue Kelly and a quick Treasurer's report was given by District Treasurer, Dan Kravetz. Stu Benson then presented on what to expect at the District Conference Business meeting.

During a delicious lunch, DG Vince gave an update on the District which

Quote of the Month:
"Nothing is impossible. The word itself says 'I'm possible!'"
Audrey Hepburn



At the District Assembly, held on April 23, PDG Tom Fallon and Wayne Skelley presented on the current state of our Youth Exchange Program. During the section on The Rotary Foundation, PDG Bob Rupp was recognized as a level 2 Major Donor. Public Image presenter Joe Piszczor had the attendees pull up the presentation slides by scanning a QR code.

then transitioned to a short chat with Marie Fallon, DGE. Rotarians then broke out into one of two sessions, Public Image by Joe Piszczor or Grant Certification tag teamed by Sue Kelly and Bob Rupp.

And, speaking of Bob Rupp... He was recognized as a Level 2 Major Donor! Congratulations, Bob!

Thanks to all who attended the event. A huge thank you to the Ferri Family and the Lamplighter Restaurant who was able to turn over the space from a Murrysville-

Export Rotary Club Night at the Races fundraiser the night before to our District Assembly in under eight hours. *By DGE Marie Fallon*

Change of Meeting Venue
Effective April 5, the Northern Allegheny Rotary Club has resumed meeting Tuesdays at noon at Diamond Run Golf Club located at:
132 Laurel Oak Dr.
Sewickley, Pa 15143

A Great Foundation Luncheon

What a Great Day March 27th turned out to be!! The lovely spring weather (not) only kept a few Rotarians from around the District back from enjoying a wonderful Luncheon for The Rotary Foundation.

Nearly 280 Rotarians and Guests, representing 43 different Rotary Clubs, spread across 28 tables gathered to celebrate past accomplishments and toast The Rotary Foundation with new and generous donations to our cause. Past RI Director & Past Trustee for The Rotary Foundation, our own Stephanie Urchick, gave a brief history of how the Rotary Foundation weathered the Covid Pandemic (the inner workings), then switched gears and spoke passionately about The Disaster Response to the war in Ukraine. She shared that she had relatives in Ukraine and does not currently know how they are doing or where they may be. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and all those affected by the conflict.

As we moved on with our program, PDG Al Delucia and DG Vince Costa presented awards to those clubs in recognition of their generosity for last year's donations to Polio Plus and the Annual Fund in raising over \$430,000 during the 2020-2021 Rotary year. We honored Rotarians who achieved Major Donor status, a new Bequest Society member, and presented 8 new members of the Paul Harris Society with their "wings" to recognize the pledge of \$1,000 a year to The Rotary Foundation.

Our annual dessert auction was our best ever, everyone dug deep in their pockets to total up generous donations for a chance to be the first to pick the dessert for their lunch, raising over \$47,000!!

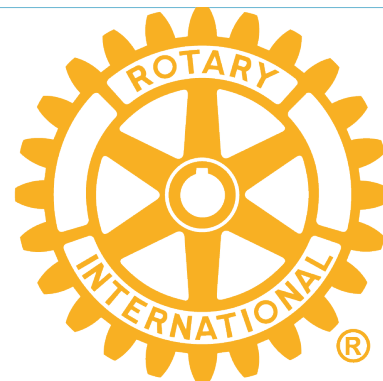
This year, we introduced a Live Auction. Luncheon Co-Chair, Dan Dougherty, auctioned the official 2022-2023 RI theme tie and scarf, Pittsburgh Pirates memorabilia and



At the recent Rotary Foundation Luncheon at Rivers Casino, Sue Kelley, from the Rotary Club of Carnegie-Collier was recognized with the Citation for Meritorious Service. At the same event, the Dessert Auction brought in a whopping \$47,000!!!



The Rotary Foundation



tickets, an Autographed Penguins Helmet and Hockey puck and Premium Seats for the upcoming Penguins game on April 10. To round out the big winners, 35 Basket auction winners were able to take home beautiful baskets donated by generous clubs and individuals, and one lucky winner took home a mystery box with over \$2,000 in prizes

A highlight of the day was Rotarian Sue Kelley, of the Carnegie-Collier Club, being honored by The Rotary

Foundation, receiving The Citation for Meritorious Service for her many years of hard work in furthering the mission of the Rotary Foundation.

This year's event resulted in over \$67,000 being raised for The Rotary Foundation to help continue Rotary's efforts in our local communities and around the world.

A hearty thanks to Luncheon Co-Chairs Dan & Autumn Dougherty for the event planning, Basket Auction Chair Michelle Petrell for making the basket raffle run smoothly, Pat Shaffer for organizing the 50/50 raffle, PDG Sue Kelley for finding everyone a seat, and everyone involved for all of their hard work and dedication. All in all, a wonderful day!!

By Jeff Klink, 7305 TRF Chair

The Rotary Foundation



Doing Good In The World



RI Convention in Houston

There is still time to register for the RI Convention that will be held in Houston June 5 to 8. Here is some information that might be helpful if you have not yet registered:

Preconvention events:

- Rotaract Preconvention: 3-4 June
- Youth Exchange Officers Preconvention: 3-4 June
- Rotary Presidential Conference Houston Serve to Bring Peace: 3-4 June
- Youth Exchange Officers Banquet: 3 June

Convention Centre:

George R. Brown Convention Center (GRB), 1001 Avenida De Las Americas, Houston, Texas 77010

Who can attend the Rotary International Convention?

Registration is open to anyone interested in Rotary. See registration fees for this year's age-based registration rates.

Are interpretation services available at the convention?

Rotary provides interpretation in several languages for the opening ceremony, general sessions, and closing ceremony. Most breakout sessions are conducted in English but some may also be offered in other languages. Refer to your program book to see which sessions are available in your language.

What is the temperature in Houston in June?

In June, average temperatures range from 76F to 89F. Because the venue is air-conditioned in certain areas, you may wish to bring a light jacket or sweater.

How do I register?

Those interested in attending the convention can register themselves and their guests online. You can also register at the convention.

What are the registration fees?

See the full table of registration fees and registrant types on the right.

Your in-person registration includes a full day of activities:

- Admission to the convention's opening and closing ceremonies and general sessions, where you'll hear from inspiring and entertaining speakers, including top leaders in our organization.
- Informative breakout sessions to help you build your communication,

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Time	Event	Location
Thursday, 2 June 2022		
15:00-19:00	Convention Registration	George R. Brown Convention Center
Friday, 3 June 2022		
08:00-18:00	Convention Registration	George R. Brown Convention Center
09:00-17:00	Rotaract Preconvention	George R. Brown Convention Center
09:00-17:00	Youth Officers Preconvention	George R. Brown Convention Center
09:00-16:45	Presidential Conference: Serve to Bring Peace	George R. Brown Convention Center
17:30-18:30	Presidential Conference — Reception and Networking Event	George R. Brown Convention Center
Saturday, 4 June 2022		
08:00-19:00	Convention Registration	George R. Brown Convention Center
08:00-08:45	Interfaith Service	George R. Brown Convention Center
09:00-18:00	House of Friendship	George R. Brown Convention Center
09:00-17:00	Rotaract Preconvention	George R. Brown Convention Center
09:00-17:00	Youth Exchange Officers Preconvention	George R. Brown Convention Center
09:00-10:30	Arch Klumph Society Ceremony 1 (by invitation only)	Hilton Americas
09:00-12:45	Presidential Conference: Serve to Bring Peace	George R. Brown Convention Center
10:00-10:30	House of Friendship Grand Opening	George R. Brown Convention Center
13:30-15:00	Arch Klumph Society Ceremony 2 (by invitation only)	Hilton Americas
15:00-16:00	Orientation for First-Time Attendees	George R. Brown Convention Center
18:00-20:00	Youth Exchange Officers Reception and Banquet	George R. Brown Convention Center
Sunday, 5 June 2022		
08:00-18:00	Convention Registration	George R. Brown Convention Center
09:00-18:00	House of Friendship	George R. Brown Convention Center
10:00-12:30	Opening General Session — First Seating	George R. Brown Convention Center
15:30-18:00	Opening General Session — Second Seating (if needed)	George R. Brown Convention Center
Monday, 6 June 2022		
08:00-18:00	Convention Registration	George R. Brown Convention Center
09:00-18:00	House of Friendship	George R. Brown Convention Center
10:00-12:00	General Session 2	George R. Brown Convention Center
12:30-14:00	President's Recognition Luncheon (Rotary-ticketed event)	George R. Brown Convention Center
13:00-17:00	Breakout Sessions	George R. Brown Convention Center
13:00-15:00	The Rotary Foundation Donor Summit (by invitation only)	Hilton Americas
14:15-17:00	Shekhar's Movers' Reunion (by invitation only)	Hilton Americas
Tuesday, 7 June 2022		
08:00-18:00	Convention Registration	George R. Brown Convention Center
09:00-18:00	House of Friendship	George R. Brown Convention Center
10:00-12:00	General Session 3	George R. Brown Convention Center
12:30-14:00	President-elect's Leadership Luncheon (Rotary-ticketed event)	George R. Brown Convention Center
13:00-17:00	Breakout Sessions	George R. Brown Convention Center
19:00-21:00	Unity Ball (by invitation only)	Hilton Americas
19:00-21:00	Stars Align in Houston Dinner (by invitation only)	Hyatt Regency Houston
Wednesday, 8 June 2022		
09:00-16:00	Convention Registration	George R. Brown Convention Center
09:00-15:00	House of Friendship	George R. Brown Convention Center
09:00-12:00	Breakout Sessions	George R. Brown Convention Center
12:30-14:00	Out of This World Luncheon	George R. Brown Convention Center
15:00-17:30	Closing General Session	George R. Brown Convention Center

This program is subject to change.

REGISTRATION CATEGORY	17 JUNE TO 15 DECEMBER 2021	16 DECEMBER 2021 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2022	1 TO 31 MARCH 2022	1 APRIL TO 8 JUNE 2022
Club member, Nonmember, or guest, age 31 or over	\$475	\$495	\$575	\$675
Club member, Nonmember or guest, age 30 or under	\$125	\$175	\$175	\$225
Guest age 5-18	\$20	\$30	\$30	\$40
Guest under age 5	Free	Free	Free	Free
Saturday, House of Friendship only	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$100

leadership, and project management skills.

- Opportunities to network and exchange ideas while browsing the project and fellowship booths in the House of Friendship.

- Entertainment provided by local artists and musicians in the House of Friendship and at the general sessions.

March to Sack Hunger

The Rotary Club of Bethel St Clair collected nearly 3,000 pounds and \$250.00 cash in their March to Sack Hunger 2022 food drive. The annual collection benefits SHIM, the South Hills Interfaith Movement.

The 2022 food drive occurred over the last two weeks in March and was conducted in six neighborhoods in the clubs area. 17 Rotarians and many more friends and family members participated in this year's effort. President Jim Hinnerman said "It is truly a blessing for us to help them in any way that we can. We are most grateful to the residents that contributed the groceries that made this campaign a success. Through their generosity we collected nearly 3,000 pounds of groceries for SHIM to distribute to their clients. We look forward to the future and working with SHIM in their various endeavors to provide for the people of the South Hills".

In addition to the March to Sack Hunger, The Bethel-St Clair Rotary supports SHIM by making them the primary benefactor of their annual Pancake Festival and provides support for their drive-thru food distributions that were very important during the pandemic when many other vital services had to be suspended.

SHIM provides many nutritional



and family services in the south hills area. In addition to their food pantry, SHIM provides a clothing closet, utility assistance, community gardens, youth programs, and immigrant and refugee services.



Churchill Paul Harris Fellows

Congratulations to our newest Churchill Wilkins Rotary Paul Harris Fellows. District Governor Vince Costa presented the awards after Dr. Norman Johnson, a ten-time Paul Harris Fellow and Churchill Wilkins Rotarian, spoke about the contributions of each of our PHF recipients.

This recognition exemplifies, in actions and words, the Rotary motto of "Service above self." The presentation of a Paul Harris Fellow is The Rotary Foundation's way of expressing its appreciation for a substantial contribution to its humanitarian and educational programs. World peace and goodwill come closer to reality today as these Churchill Wilkins Rotarians become Paul Harris Fellows.



The latest group of Churchill Wilkins Rotary Paul Harris Fellows for 2022: Paul Gamrat, Nancy Carpenter, Dan Paull, and Mark Ellison flanked by District Governor Vince Costa and ten-time Paul Harris Fellow Norm Johnson. Text & picture by Charles Bostaph



Green Tree Easter Baskets

Green Tree Rotarians and friends spent the morning of April 2, assembling, delivering, and donating 200 Easter Baskets for the elderly and disabled in the Green Tree area. The baskets were full of snacks, treats, stuffed bunnies, and more.

Green Tree Rotary started this project in 2002. The many thank you cards and letters received in response to this project over the years have expressed how delighted the recipients and their families are with the baskets and knowing that Rotary remembers them at Easter.



GJHS Interact Staying Busy

The Greater Johnstown High School Interact Club is excited to announce that they, thanks to Vice President Taylor Mock & member Maddie Wilfong, just received word from the Community Foundation

for the Alleghenies that they were awarded a grant to refurbish their Read, Return, Repeat Library Boxes! The club would like to extend a special thanks to Dr. Ryan for all of her help and support throughout the application process.



Club members were also happy to participate and donate a few teddy bears to the Elementary school Functional Skills students as they were collecting them for a local nursing home.

Rotary at the Penguins

On April 10, 294 Rotarians and guests attended the Pittsburgh Penguins' game against the Nashville Predators. To the delight of their fans, the Penguins prevailed with a 3 - 2 overtime win.

Thanks to District 7305 Rotarians very quickly answering the call for Penguins tickets, Rotary was recognized as the "Group of the Game." And, as a result of the number of tickets sold, the Penguins will donate \$2,940 to The Rotary Foundation! That's two wins for the home team in one night!!

The Penguins organization also allowed us to set up an information table to let people attending the game know about all the things Rotary does. Over 300 people stopped by our District 7305 table, manned by Susan Miller and Autumn Dougherty, to learn about Rotary.

All attendees agreed that it was a great event and a good time was had by everyone. Hopefully we'll get to repeat this successful event again next year. If so - See you then!



Rotary District 7305 was the "Group of the Game" when the Penguins took on the Predators on April 10. Among the attendees were our future District Governors Dan Dougherty (2024-25), John Hartman (2023-24), and Marie Fallon (2022-23). They stopped by the well visited information table that was expertly manned by Autumn Dougherty and Susan Miller.



Indiana Adopt-A Highway

On Saturday April 3, Indiana Rotarian Dan Fleming II chaired the club's PennDOT Adopt-A-Highway Project for the second time this year. Dan is employed by the Reschini Agency in Indiana. The club members began the two-mile project at First and Philadelphia Streets in downtown Indiana, proceeded to Ninth Street, and from there along Oakland Avenue to the Martin's Food Store / Dunkin Donuts intersection. In all, the attending club members collected 20+ bags of trash and refuse.

Tees for Peace

Melissa O'Brien, the advisor for the Greensburg Salem Interact Club, spearheaded the T-shirts for Peace project that raised money for ShelterBox and their efforts to provide help for Ukrainian refugees.

In all, 12 schools participated: Greensburg Salem, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Bethel Park, South Fayette, Latrobe, Norwin, Albert Gallatin, Uniontown, Portage, Laurel Highlands, Chartiers Valley, and Montour.

Through their joint efforts, over 1,000 shirts were sold! While the exact total raised is not yet known, the estimate is that over \$7,000 will be used to assist in this relief effort.



By selling over 1,000 Peace T-shirts, our district Interact Clubs have raised over \$7,000 to support ShelterBox activities in the Ukraine.

#StandWithUkraine



Top: Indiana Rotarians Tom Ott, Bill Geiger, Kay Smith, Barry Scott, Jeff Smith, and Dan Fleming II collected 20+ bags of trash and refuse in downtown Indiana on April 3. Also participating, but not pictured, were Dana P. Henry and Kitty M. Henry. Above right: Indiana Rotarian Spouse Kitty Henry helped with the trash collection effort. Above left: Indiana Rotarian Dan Fleming II prepared and repainted the black traffic pillars at the intersection of Philadelphia and Seventh Street. Text & pictures by Dana P. Henry



RC of Penn Hills Turned 75!

On April 21st, Penn Hills Rotary celebrated their 75th Anniversary! They were joined by past members,

distinguished guests, and their friends and neighbors from the Churchill-Wilkins Rotary. Thanks to everyone who came out to celebrate, it was a wonderful night!

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Women and Polio

Why it's important to consider gender at all levels of eradication work.

How do issues surrounding gender create barriers to polio eradication?

Our ultimate objective is to reach every last child with a polio vaccine. The role of the mother and father in reaching those children is very important, and we must understand the dynamics between them in order to achieve our goal. For example, a mother may want to have her child vaccinated, but that would require her to spend a day walking to a health center or market - and she might not be able to do that unless she gets permission from her husband. Or if her child falls ill and experiences paralysis in the arm or leg, the mother might have to seek permission from her husband to take the child to the health center. There could be a delay of several days that would affect our ability to take stool samples and determine whether that child has polio or not.

Do more boys than girls receive vaccines?

On a global level, there is very little discrepancy between reaching boys and girls. You also see a more or less equal distribution of cases of polio between boys and girls. But the global statistics can mask disparities at the local level. We know that we have communities that are not being reached; we need to understand why we're not reaching them. Gender plays a huge role in both supply of and demand for immunization. Who is providing the immunization

POLIO GLOBAL
ERADICATION
INITIATIVE

POLIO IN NUMBERS

Wild virus confirmed cases in 2022

Global Total: 1 (2)

Wild virus detected from other sources in 2022

Global Total: 0

As of April 19, 2022. Number in parenthesis represent data as of the same date 2021.



- a man or a woman? Who is the decision-maker - mom or dad? And how do the immunizer and the decision-maker work together?

What are the key points in the gender strategy you helped develop for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI)?

The polio program has typically engaged women as frontline health workers because in some cultures, mothers are more likely to open the door to a female vaccinator. But women should not just be part of the delivery of the program. They should also be part of its design; they should be supervisors and team leads, and hold positions at the district level to make sure we are meeting the needs of communities. We also need to understand why we have trouble retaining female vaccinators. We want them to keep working with us.

We must look at our data in a way that allows us to understand the program better and to see where there may be gaps. Collecting and analyzing sex-disaggregated data will help us to understand if gender-related barriers are preventing us

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?

from reaching zero-dose children - children who have not received any vaccines - and to refine the way we plan campaigns in those countries.

The GPEI's new strategy places a huge focus on community engagement. We're looking at the supply and demand sides in communities. How do we create a demand that ensures that parents want to take their children to be immunized? We need to make sure that the offered immunization services are acceptable to parents.

Besides gender, are there strategies that focus on other types of diversity?

We're also looking at engaging people with disabilities. And gender also covers economic status: A lot of gender disparities are much more pronounced at different economic levels as well as in different ethnic and age groups. For example, the decision-making power of women in developing countries who are not educated is more limited, which will impact their ability to make health care decisions for the family. All of those things interact.

In the last mile of eradication, we need to leave no stone unturned to understand which children we are missing and why. Looking at gender is one more way to make sure that we're reaching all children. Fathers have just as much of a role to play as mothers. How do we overcome barriers, so that men are engaged in the decision-making process and so that they allow their children to be immunized?

Rotary is so well-positioned to be a lead on gender. It isn't a women's issue - it's everybody's issue.

This story, by Heather Monnet, External relations officer and gender focal point for polio eradication, World Health Organization, originally appeared in the December 2021 issue of Rotary magazine.

SAVE THE DATE

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



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**

