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## District 7305

The Connector - November 2022

#### A Word From Our Governor

Greetings, District 7305 Rotarians! ... and Happy November!

Time is going by so very quickly. It is hard to believe that the long summer days have been changed to autumns crisp, cool mornings. We take in the changing colors of the leaves, a beautiful sight to behold, knowing that winter is on our heels.

During this time of the year, we cannot help but to reflect on all that we are thankful. I am thankful for being District 7305's District Governor. I am thankful to you and your Clubs, and I am in awe of what you are accomplishing in your communities and throughout the world.

#### You are People of Action!

As Rotarians we "Imagine a world that deserves our best where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference." Jennifer Jones, RI President. District 7305 does make a difference!

I ask that you take a moment to reflect as a Club. Celebrate your accomplishments and successes be it a successful meeting, new members being installed, a fun and fruitful fundraiser. Reflect upon all the good that you are doing both in your neighborhoods and throughout the world!

Did you know that in 1917, Rotary International President Arch C. Klumph proposed an endowment "for the purpose of doing good in the world." His vision became The Rotary International Foundation.

Quote of the Month: "It is not the beauty of a building you should look at; its the construction of the foundation that will stand the test of time." David Allan Coe The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment and alleviating poverty.



November is Rotary Foundation Month. Let's celebrate the Rotary Foundation and Let's celebrate Rotary!

Marie Fallon, District 7305 Governor 2022-2023

#### Meet and Greet the 2024-2025 Rotary International President



On Sunday, October 30, almost 100 Rotarians and guests gathered at Le Mont in Pittsburgh to celebrate the appointment of Stephanie Urchick as our 2024-2025 Rotary International President. The venue was perfect with the fall sun setting on the city below. With the sun gone, we were awarded with an even more spectacular view as the city lights broke through the darkness.

Guests included a large number of Past District Governors from our paired districts. Barbara Piconi, wife of the late Past Rotary International Director Lou Piconi, was invited as the guest of honor. There was also a delegation from West Virginia as well as a PDG from our neighboring district in the north; 7280.



The Pennsylvania Cookie Table, assembled by Maria Fetock and Marie Fallon, was a great success at the Meet and Greet.













Clockwise from top: RIPN Stephanie addressed the attendees; Ivar and PDG Mary Berge were very happy with the outcome of the event; Colleen & PDG Steve Arnowitz; Photographer extraordinaire Joe Piszczor and Tina Cunningham, President RC of Weston, WV; D7280 PDG Chris Fiely and wife Stephanie (!) got a picture taken with the RIPN; Stephanie and Mary waiving the pink Terrible Towel; Everyone wanted their picture taken with Stephanie. Opposite page: Nathan Miller, President Carnegie-Collier RC and Great views.



#### **Getting Ready for Office!**

October 3 was Rotary International President Nominee (RIPN) Stephanie Urchick's first day in her new office at Rotary International Headquarters, located at One Rotary Center, in Evanston, Illinois!

She spent her first week with an in person orientation for her year as our President. She is already working hard planning for her Presidential year and is doing things such as meeting with the President-line to ensure continuity.

Rotary's Secretariat is also working hard to make sure RIPN Stephanie will have the support she needs to fulfil her Presidential responsibilities in 2024-25.

Best of luck RIPN Stephanie! Picture & text by Rotary International











#### Are You Ready to Serve?

Greetings Fellow Rotarians of District 7305!

We are beginning the search for the Rotarian who will be our District Governor for the Rotary Year 2025-2026. This process ends with the announcement of the new District Governor Nominee Designate (DGND).

Rotary International requires that the person nominated will follow a two-year process of training and preparation before assuming the role of District Governor. During the 2023-2024 Rotary year, the selected person will be the District Governor Nominee (DGN). This role includes observation and training, and participation at District events. It also includes participation at the Rotary Zone 33-34 Training Institute on October 24-29, 2023, as well as with the Presidents-Elect Training Seminars in 2023 & 2024, and participation as a member of key district committees.

During the 2024-2025 Rotary year, the selected person will be the District Governor-Elect (DGE). Training and observation activities continue, including participation at the Zone training institute in September or October 2024 and at the 2025 Rotary International Assembly (an assembly and training program for District Governors-Elect from all Rotary Districts in the world) in Orlando, Florida in January 2025. The DGE will also be the lead District participant for the Presidents-Elect Training Seminar in March 2025. The elected individual will become District Governor on July 1, 2025. Our district utilizes a Nominating Committee process. Interested applicants must submit their completed application to Past District Governor AI DeLucia, Chair of the Nominating Committee, prior to November 18, 2022.

The Chair must review the application to ensure that the required elements are included, and that the applicant meets all of the requirements set forth by RI and our District.

Interviews of selected applicants, by the committee, will take place on a date to be determined and will be communicated at a later date.

Your help in identifying those qualified applicants would be appreciated. Please look within your club and within your Rotary network to identify those Rotarians who meet the qualifications and have the desire to get involved at the District level. Feel free to contact me, your Assistant Governor or any member of the District Nominating Committee and they will be glad to reach out and answer all questions. The work that we do today will reap benefits for our District, clubs and Rotarians in the future.

Yours in Rotary, Al DeLucia, DG 2020-2021 Nominating Committee Chairman



#### Gaon: Youth Exchange Student

Gaon is one of our Rotary Youth Exchange Students

- Home District: South Korea
- Sponsoring Club: Fox Chapel
- Grade/School: 10<sup>th</sup> at Fox Chapel High School
- Favorite Foods: Pork belly and her Mother's kimchi
- Interest: Sleeping and enjoying Allegheny Park in Aspinwall





Inbound Youth Exchange Student Gaon from South Korea is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Fox Chapel. Her current host parents are Lucy and Rob Hainan

#### New Club Making an Impact

What a night for the IMPACT companion club of the Rotary Club of McMurray and District 7305. On Wednesday October 19, the Rotary Club of McMurray chartered its IMPACT companion club with 15 new members. They became only the 15<sup>th</sup> IMPACT companion club in the world. The energy and excitement in the room that night was incredible.

There were several dignitaries in attendance to mark the occasion. RIPN, and Rotary Club of McMurray member, Stephanie Urchick, Zone 33 Innovative Club Advocate Coordinator, Chris Jones and the creator of the IMPACT companion club model, Patrick Longano, were part of the celebration. Chris and Patrick drove up from North Carolina to be present for this momentous occasion.

The IMPACT companion club model is unique. It is based on its members performing two to three service projects in their local community every month but its members not attending regular club weekly meetings. Of the 15 charter members of the IMPACT companion club of the Rotary Club of McMurray, four were spouses of current club members, three were children of current members, there were eight males and seven females. Seven members are under 40 years old. and three of them are under 30 years old. This group of new Rotarians is excited to serve their community through Rotary.

An IMPACT companion club is just one of the new club models that Rotary is allowing to help grow and strengthen membership in District 7305. If you want to find out more about possibly starting a companion or satellite club in your area, let me know. I would be happy to answer any questions you have and help you any way that I can. You can also visit *impactclubs.org* 

Yours in Rotary Service AL DeLucia, PDG New Club Subcommittee Chair





On October 19, Rotary International President Elect Stephanie Urchick participated in the induction of 15 new Rotarians. They were all charter members of the newly formed IMPACT companion club of the Rotary Club of McMurray. As members of an IMPACT club, they perform service projects every month, but do not have to attend any regular Rotary meetings.

For more information about the IMPACT club format, check out the fact sheet in this month's issue of The Bulletin Board.



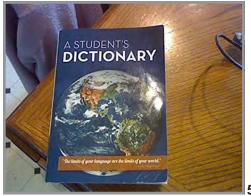
**It's Dictionary Time!** 

In mid October, Bethel-St. Clair Rotarians Ray R. Kells, Karen Pfeil, and Jim Hinerman distributed 53 student dictionaries to the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at Saint Louise De Marillac.

Special thanks to Mrs. Smith and Mrs. McClain. Everyone had a great time and the students asked excellent questions!

How do you spell Rotary? F-U-N!!





#### **Celebrating 100 Years of Service**

In early October, the Rotary Club of Wilkinsburg-Regent Square celebrated their first 100 years of service. In addition to club members, several district leaders - past, current, and future - also attended the event.

Then, not wanting to be outdone, the Rotary Club of Monessen-Rostraver celebrated their first 100 years of service on October 15. Their event was held at the Monessen Elks Building and was catered by Carson's Catering from Scottsdale.

Yes, these two clubs have been serving their respective communities since 1922!



Above: District Governor Marie Fallon presents the Rotary Club of Wilkinsburg Club President John Irwin with the club's 100 Years of Service certificate. Left: Jennifer Bomba, Club President Candice

Rebovich, and Ted Harhai were awarded Paul Harris Fellows at the centennial celebration for the Rotary Club of Monessen-Rostraver. Also pictured are District Governor Marie Fallon and Past District Governor Al DeLucia.

Below: The 1922 charter certificate for the Rotary Club of Wilkinsburg; club number 1292.







Warming Gifts in Brownsville

The Fort Burd United Presbyterian Church in Brownsville had a coat giveaway on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. The Brownsville Rotary Club donated hats and gloves to go with the coats. Over 130 coats were distributed. The Giveaway was a huge success! Thank you Fort Burd Church!

Picture & text by PDG Maria Fetock

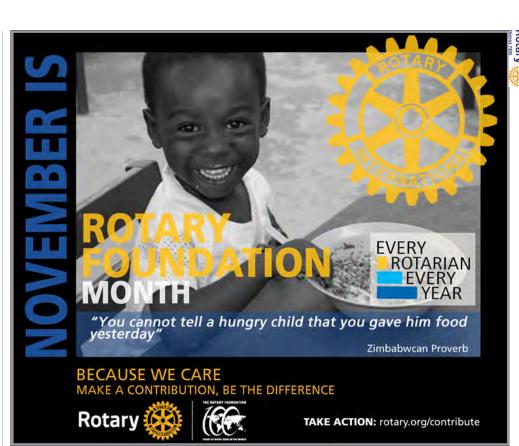
#### November is Foundation Month

Every month of the Rotary Year has a different theme and this month the theme is The Rotary Foundation. As you know, every year we are asked to support the Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) campaign. EREY asks that every Rotarian contribute at least \$100 to the Annual Fund every year. This year District 7305 is giving you an extra incentive to fulfilling your EREY commitment early. For every contribution of at least \$100 to the Annual Fund in the month of November District 7305 will give you double the usual number of Paul Harris points. What a great way to support The Rotary Foundation and earn bonus Paul Harris points at the same time.

The Annual Fund is the most well-known of the 4 The Rotary Foundation funds that you can support. The Annual Fund is used to support both local and international projects. For every \$100 that you contribute to the Annual Fund about 50% goes to support local projects. These are our District Grant projects. This year we have 29 clubs that will be doing district grant projects. Projects like dictionaries for 3rd graders, food and meals for those that are need, service dogs for military veterans, welcome signs in communities, park pavilions, and trout in the classroom.

The other 50% of that \$100 goes to support global grant projects. These are larger projects, at least \$30,000, that involve clubs in other countries. This year our District is involved in several global grant projects. We are outfitting a neonatal unit in a hospital in Nigeria, and we are helping train health care workers how to screen for early detection of cancer in patients in Africa. We also have several projects in the pipeline. One is to outfit a school for special needs children with a library, playroom, restrooms and activity center. Another is to fund cleft palate surgery for dozens of young children in Indonesia. All these projects are possible because of your support and contributions to The Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation.

There are three other funds that are part of The Rotary Foundation that many of you have supported



in the past. The first is the Polio Plus campaign. This is money that is donated to help with Rotary's #1 priority. The eradication of polio in the world. Every dollar that you contribute to Polio Plus becomes six dollars with the matching from the World Fund and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Every \$100 becomes \$600 in the fight to wipe our polio in our lifetime.

The second fund is the Disaster Response Fund. This is money that is used to fund grants in areas that have been hit by disasters. Most recently disaster response grants have been used to help victims from Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Fiona. They have been used to help victims of flooding in Pakistan and earthquakes in Haiti. An ongoing relief effort in Ukraine to help victims of the war with Russia is being funded by the Disaster Response Fund. These funds are used in areas of dire need throughout the world.

The third fund is the Endowment Fund. This is the fund that is used to create lasting legacies for Rotarians. These funds are used by Rotarians to establish a fund, many times in their own name, that is designated for a specific person – peace and conflict resolution studies, maternal and child health, education, caring for the environment or other Rotary areas of focus. For at little as \$25,000 a Rotarian can establish an Endowment in their name and specify how they want the earnings from those funds to be used. In District 7305 we have a number of these endowed funds that have been left to us by very generous Rotarians. If you have ever thought about how you could leave a lasting legacy with the money you contribute to The Rotary Foundation, an Endowed Fund is the way to do it.

The Rotary Foundation is the theme for the month of November, but it should be something that we support not just in November but all year long. All the local and international projects, the fight against polio, the relief in disaster areas and the lasting legacies would not be possible without your support and contributions to The Rotary Foundation. I know that Rotary District 7305 will continue to support The Rotary Foundation not just in November but throughout the entire year.

If you have any questions about any of these funds or how to start your own endowment, please let me know. I am also more than willing to be a speaker at your club.

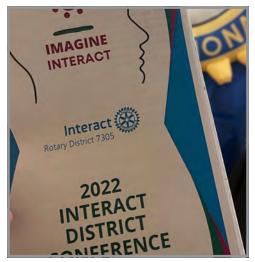
Yours in Rotary Service Al DeLucia, PDG

Chair, District 7305 TRF Committee 7

#### **Interact District Conference**

Attending the conference will always be a great experience and learning opportunity in my eyes. However, I may be biased, because this was my third year attending the event. This year, our Mount Pleasant Interact club has grown and gained several new hardworking members. These members willingly attended the conference with no background knowledge, days after joining the club, excited to see what was in store.

When I asked the new members about their first initial thoughts of the gathering this is what they said: "When entering the event, everyone was very nice and let our club know where to go. They also gave us an itinerary for the day, which was very helpful." At the event, there were various different



sessions for attendants to choose from after some appearances of multiple inspiring keynote speakers. When asked about these sessions, the members had a lot to say. "The breakout sessions occurred after the introduction to the day with engaging speakers. They were very intriguing



and gave our Interact Club many new ideas that we plan to act on, to benefit our community. I think that it is very nice to see that many students gather in one place that all would like to better themselves and their community by taking action."

A member from our club, freshman Izzy Hamm, was elected to serve on the Board of Directors and will take over my spot. Since I'm a senior, it was very important to me to get someone from our school involved in such a great leadership role. Izzy volunteered to be on the board, and I knew she would be a great addition. Because she is a freshman, she'll be able to serve for three years, contributing many efforts, as I can only imagine.

Since I was busy helping other schools and students, I didn't get to spend much time with my club. When I asked them about their overall experience, they stated "As newer members of Interact club, we would recommend members of any Interact Club to attend this event at least once in their high school career, as it can allow a student to want to make a difference in their community."

Overall, the Interact Conference that we attended at Greensburg Country Club was very beneficial and definitely something that will help guide our club to great ideas in the future.

Speaking of the future, our Interact Club attained many new ideas. We plan on electing officers, designing t-shirts, and aiding in the GotSneakers project. I see a very bright future for our club, and I hope that it can become well-established before I graduate.

By Morgan Baughman

### ROTARY FOUNDATION

**"**Because you care, make a contribution to The Rotary Foundation TODAY, be the difference! **"** 



#### **Trunk or Treat?**

Members of the Rotary Club of Forest Hills participated in the Woodland Hills Foundation Trunk or Treat event. The Rotary Club of Forest Hills was one of over 75 organizations and individuals who decorated their trunks, dressed up and gave out treats to children in our area. Although they are unsure of the total number of participants, the club members gave out around 800 treats!





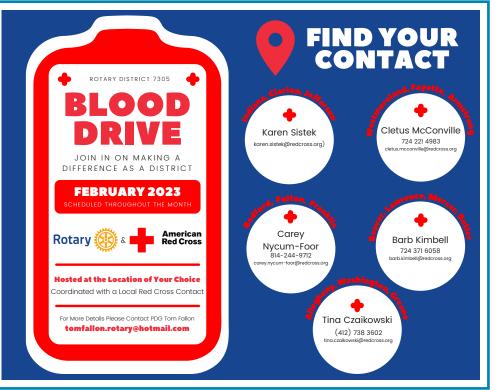
#### **District Wide Blood Drive!**

Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. It is essential for surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses, and traumatic injuries. Whether a patient receives whole blood, red cells, platelets or plasma, this lifesaving care starts with one person making a generous donation and taking action.

During the Month of February, we are asking Rotary International District 7305 Clubs to step up and take action by hosting a blood drive. How, you may ask?



Members of the Rotary Club of Forest Hills really got in the Halloween spirit at the Woodland Hills Foundation's Trunk or Treat event. Pictured above are Ken Potter, Gail Evans-Potter, Rebecca Davis, and Junzo Oshimo. Text & pictures by Gail Evans-Potter



Interested Clubs can contact a representative in their area on the flyer or partner with an existing community blood drive that is already established.

**Everybody Wins!** 

Patients are able to receive the lifesaving blood they urgently need.

Your Rotary Club builds goodwill and improves team spirit by working together to help others. You show leadership in bringing volunteers and donors together for a good cause!

Let's see how many people we can help in the shortest month of the year!

If you have any questions, please contact Tom Fallon at:

#### tomfallon.rotary@gmail.com

Let's truly bleed for those in neeed during February, 2023!

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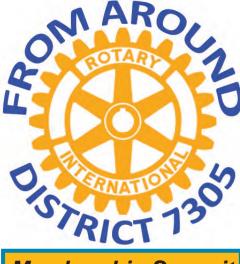
#### H<sub>2</sub>O to Fire Departments

The Brownsville Rotary Club donated cases of bottled water to the fire departments that serve the Brownsville area. This was a small way to thank them for their service to the community.

The fire departments receiving the water included South Brownsville, North Side Brownsville, West Brownsville, Hiller, Grindstone, Republic, Labelle, Isabella, Tower Hill 2, Allison 2, New Salem and Smock.

A special "thank you" to Lew Hosler, Patty Columbia and Nettie DellaPenna for delivering the water!





Membership Summit Rescheduled!

Please mark your calendars: Saturday, February 11th 9 AM to 4 PM \$25.00/per person Loft Conference Center. 1000 Noble Energy Drive Suite 100 Canonsburg, PA 15317



#### **RI Convention Update**

By foot, tram, boat, or even waterbike, there are plenty of ways to tour Melbourne while you're in town for the 2023 Rotary International Convention 27-31 May. Each mode offers a unique perspective on the city's architecture, culture, history, and hidden places.

Get in some extra steps and check out one of Melbourne's walking tours. A company called I'm Free Tours offers (you guessed it) free walking tours guided by local artists, musicians, and travel aficionados. Its tours cover the city's architecture, gardens, best-kept secrets, and more. Along the way, you'll learn about the rich history of Melbourne, including its Indigenous beginnings and its path to become the vibrant, multicultural metropolis of today.

Running through the heart of downtown, the Yarra River offers another vantage point for exploring the city. Board a river cruise at Southbank. There are tours for all tastes, including sightseeing, photography, cocktail, dinner, and sunset cruises. Or you could tour the river on a waterbike, which is a pedal bike set on pontoons. Coastal cruises let you take in the skyline, beaches, coves, rock formations, and wildlife — possibly including dolphins and seals.

The City Circle Tram in Melbourne's business district is a free hop-on hop-off ride popular with tourists. Making about two dozen stops, the tram lets you move easily between landmarks. Notable highlights include the historic Flinders Street train station, State Library Victoria, and the Melbourne Museum of cultural and natural history. The tram provides audio information on each attraction's significance and background. *By Eva Remijan-Toba* 

Upcoming Conventions: 2024: Singapore 25-29 May 2025: Calgary, Canada 21-25 June 2026: Taipei, Taiwan 13-17 June 2027: Honolulu, Hawaii 5-9 June Please note that future event dates and locations are tentative.

#### **Rotary District 7305**

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#### **Royals Support End Polio Now**

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative is deeply saddened by the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Her leadership, steadfastness and commitment to service was exemplary throughout her life, and made her a globallyrespected moral voice for some of the most marginalized people in our world. We wish to express our deepest sympathy to her family and of course to all the people of the UK and indeed the Commonwealth.

The UK, Commonwealth and indeed the Royal Family have long been a proud and important supporter to the global eradication effort, and none has arguably been a more committed advocate than His Majesty King Charles III. While still HRH Prince of Wales. Charles III engaged personally in this effort, adding his voice and commitment to ensuring children around the world are fully protected from lifelong polio paralysis.

In October 2003 in India, HRH Prince Charles participated in Polio National Immunization Days, observing the vaccination of children in villages on the outskirts of New Delhi. In 2018, at the Commonwealth Leaders Summit, HRH Prince Charles highlighted the polio programme as an example of successful, joint action against disease, noting that hundreds of millions of children have benefitted from polio vaccination thanks to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. In 2013, during another visit to India, he acknowledged Rotary's tremendous efforts in eradicating polio in India.

#### **POLIO IN NUMBERS**

Wild virus confirmed cases in 2022 Global Total: 29 (2)

Wild virus detected from other sources in 2022 Global Total: 39 (66)

As of October 25, 2022. Numbers in brackets represent data as of the same date 2021.

#### **Rotary's Four Way Test**

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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?



HRH Prince Charles observing the vaccination of children in a village on the outskirts of New Delhi. Photo courtesy of Kiron Pasricha - Text from the Global Polio Eradication Initiative

as he accepted and posed with a Rotary 'End Polio Now' scarf for media photographers.

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative would like to extend our very best wishes to His Majesty King Charles III, for a long and successful reign. Under his leadership, and indeed the UK and the Commonwealth's, the effort to eradicate polio will continue unabated until our common goal of achieving a lasting world free of all forms of poliovirus is fully achieved.

#### World Supports End Polio Now

On October 18, global leaders confirmed US\$ 2.6 billion in funding toward the Global Polio Eradication Initiative's 2022-2026 strategy to end polio at a pledging moment at the World Health Summit in Berlin.

# ERADICATION every last child



The funding will support global efforts to overcome the final hurdles to polio eradication, vaccinate 370 million children annually over the next five years and continue disease surveillance across 50 countries.

"No place is safe until polio has been eradicated everywhere. As long as the virus still exists somewhere in the world, it can spread - including in our own country. We now have a realistic chance to eradicate polio completely, and we want to jointly seize that chance," said Svenja Schulze, Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany. "Germany will remain a strong and committed partner in the global fight against polio. This year, it is providing EUR 35 million for this cause. And next year we plan to further strengthen our efforts and support GPEI with EUR 37 million. By supporting the GPEI, we are also strengthening national health systems. That leads to healthier societies, far beyond the polio response." From WHO

# SAVE THE DATE



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MID-YEAR REVIEW

SAVE THE DATE - JUNE 23-25

**DISTRICT 7305 CONFERENCE STATION SQUARE** 

SAVE THE DATE – MARCH 3-5

PETS PRESIDENT ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR PENN STATER

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THE ROTARY FOUNDATION LUNCHEON

SAVE THE DATE – APRIL 29

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY FOR DGE JOHN HARTMAN **DETAILS FORTHCOMING** 



**DISTRICT GOLF OUTING** INTRODUCING DG JOHN HARTMAN WESTMORELAND COUNTRY CLUB











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