

# Rotary



## District 7305

The Connector - October 2022



## IMAGINE ROTARY



### Governor's Message

Greetings, District 7305 Rotarians! October brings the end to the first quarter of this Rotary year.

This is a perfect time for our clubs to do a health check of how the year is going so far.

I am so incredibly impressed with all the projects, fundraisers, and the amazing adaptability our clubs are achieving!

A reminder: **October 24th is World Polio Day!**

Is your Club planning an activity or public image campaign in your community to emphasize the importance of ending Polio in the world? If so, please let us know. We

owe it to the children of the world! Until the last child is immunized and the world is certified polio-free, every child is at risk!

Rotary District 7305 currently has 120 Polio Plus Society Members. These folks have made a commitment of donating at least \$100.00 to Polio Plus. If you are interested in becoming a Polio Plus Society Member, please contact Pat Shaffer. Rotary District 7305 is going to double the amount of Paul Harris points that are awarded for every donation of at least \$100 to the Polio Plus Society in the month of October. Now is a great time to support the Polio Plus campaign and to earn double Paul Harris points.

For more than a century, Rotary has bridged cultures and connected continents. We champion peace, fight illiteracy and poverty, help people get access to clean water and sanitation, protect our planet and its resources and fight disease.

We are People of Action!

### Rotary Foundation Update

We are three months into our Rotary year and it's been a busy time for the Rotary District 7305 Committee for The Rotary Foundation. Here are some of the highlights of what we have been working on:

**District Grants** – We had 29 clubs apply for District Grants this year. Some of the projects were dictionaries for third graders, food programs for the food insecure, welcome signs into towns, support for military and police service dogs, peace gardens, shelters and gazebos in parks, greenhouses to grow food, Thanksgiving meals and trout in the classroom. Each project is unique in how it serves the

local community of its Rotary Club. All of the applications have been submitted to Rotary International and we should receive approval for all these projects in about 6 to 8 weeks. If your club submitted an application look for an email informing you that your project has been approved and can be started. Remember, don't start your project until you receive the email letting you know it has been approved.

**Global Grants** – We have 2 global grant projects that have recently been approved.

The Rotary Club of Crafton-Ingram is leading a maternal and child health project with the Rotary Club of Omole-Golden in Nigeria. This project will purchase incubators and help to outfit a neonatal clinic that is desperately needed in Nigeria. This project will drastically reduce the number of infant deaths and provide a much better level of care for so many new born children at this facility

The Rotary Club of Monroeville is helping with a Vocational Team Training (VTT) project with the Rotary Club of Lekki Phase 1 in Nigeria. This project will provide the training necessary for community health practitioners to better diagnose and treat cancer in patients. This area of Nigeria has the highest cancer mortality rate of any area in Africa. With the training provided, health care providers will be able to deter cancer at an earlier stage and provide more appropriate treatment to improve the chances of recovery for those suffering from cancer.

There are several other global grant projects that are in the pipeline. The Rotary Club of Carnegie-Collier is working on a cleft palate surgery

### Quote of the Month:

*"It's never too late to be what you might have been"*

*Mary Ann Evans, AKA George Eliot*

project in Indonesia. The Rotary Club of Pittsburgh East is working on a multi-district water project in Pakistan and the Rotary Club of Washington, Pa. is working on a project to outfit 2 classrooms, therapy rooms, rehabilitation room, library and playroom for 40 disabled children in Kenya.

**Disaster Response Grant –**

Rotary District 7305 obtained a \$25,000 Disaster Response Grant from Rotary International to provide much needed aid to Kyiv, Ukraine. Three of our clubs – the Rotary Club of Crafton-Ingram, the Rotary Club of New Brighton and the Rotary Club of McMurray contributed some additional funds to bring the total dollar amount to just over \$30,000. The money was used to purchase, beds, mattresses, pillows, blankets, linens and teddy bears to outfit a refugee shelter for Intermittently Displaced Persons (IDPs). These are people, many of them women and children, that have lost their homes due to the war with Russia.

**Global Scholars**

We have 2 recent outbound students that are receiving their scholarship funding from the Endowment Funds in District 7305. These Endowment Funds are monies that were contributed to The Rotary Foundation for the specific purpose of providing educational opportunities for students that desire to study abroad in one of Rotary's seven areas of focus.

Courtney Geary is being sponsored by the Rotary Club of Somerset. She will be attending Edinburgh University in Scotland and will be studying peace building and conflict resolution.

Skylar Houck is being sponsored by the Rotary Club of Burrell – New Kensington. She will be working towards her Masters of International Communication in Taipei City, Taiwan.

I want to thank the committee members for all their efforts to bring so many of these projects to the committee and to see these projects through to completion. I also want to thank all the Rotarians of Rotary District 7305 for their support of The Rotary Foundation. It is only through your generous contributions to The Rotary Foundation that we



*A \$25,000 Disaster Response Grant plus \$5,000 from the Rotary Clubs of Crafton-Ingram, New Brighton, and McMurray was used to purchase beds and linens for a shelter in Kyiv, Ukraine.*

are able to fund so many of these life changing projects. November is Rotary Foundation month. Any contribution of \$100 or more to the Annual Fund in the month of November will be matched with double the Paul Harris Award points. Look for more details in next month's newsletter and in your email inbox.

Yours in Rotary Service

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Al DeLucia, PDG

D7305 TRF Committee Chair

Rotary Club of McMurray

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**WORLD POLIO DAY IS 24 OCTOBER**

[endpolio.org](http://endpolio.org) | #EndPolio

Rotary  **END POLIO NOW**

## 2022 Bob Williams Memorial Scholarship Winners Announced



### Like EarlyAct? Act Early!

With school back in session, **NOW** is the perfect time to initiate work on starting an EarlyAct Club in your local school district's elementary school(s).

In Rotary, we - of course - already have Rotaract for young adults and Interact for high school and middle school students. However, that leaves a gap. EarlyAct - "Community Service for Kids" - fills that gap as it is designed for elementary school students ages 5-13.

Members of your club who are enthusiastic about the EarlyAct concept should contact school officials, staff members, or PTA members to promote the idea. Your EarlyAct committee members are ready to assist in any way needed to help getting a new club started in your local elementary school(s).

Just "Imagine Rotary" with service clubs throughout the world that include folks of all ages, five and up. What a wonderful world it can be with that many service-minded people all working together with one goal in mind: to help others.

If you need any assistance or suggestions, please let the EarlyAct committee know. Also, don't forget to check out the EarlyAct information in the Youth Services area on our district website.

Walt Sickles, PDG  
D7305 EarlyAct Chair  
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*Pictured are the 2022 recipients of the Bob Williams Memorial Rotary Scholarship. They are presently attending universities all around the nation, including Bucknell, Penn State and The University of Virginia. Also pictured at the award's ceremony are members of The Rotary District 7300 Foundation, who have fiduciary responsibility for the scholarship, and members of the selection committee.*

*In the nine years since this scholarship was established, over \$400,000 have been awarded to 76 recipients. The 2022-23 application for current high school seniors in the designated areas is available on the District 7305 webpage. Rotarians are encouraged to share the application with their local school districts, vocational schools and private secondary institutions. Picture & text by Bob Arbuckle*

## ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH

“The ultimate resource in economic development is people. It is people, not capital or raw materials that develop an economy.”

PETER DRUCKER

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# OCTOBER

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### October Theme: Development

Nearly 1.4 billion employed people live on less than \$1.25 a day. Our members promote economic and community development and reduce poverty in underserved communities through training, well-

paying jobs, and access to financial management institutions. Projects range from providing people with equipment to vocational training. Our members work to strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities.

**EarlyAct**  
Rotary Sponsored Club 

## RI Convention in Melbourne

The Host Organization Committee is planning unforgettable events for all of us. You can explore a continent that's like no other: Experience the Heart of the Nation and Uluru, learn about the Youth Sailing Challenge as you take a tall ship down the Yarra River, or float above Melbourne in a balloon! Visit the committee's site, [rotarymelbourne2023.org](http://rotarymelbourne2023.org), to discover the possibilities and purchase tickets. To learn even more about Melbourne and start planning your trip, visit [melbournecb.com.au/welcome-to-melbourne](http://melbournecb.com.au/welcome-to-melbourne).

### Rotary Foundation donor events

The Rotary Foundation will host four special donor events at the Rotary International Convention in Melbourne. Participation is by invitation only, and people who are eligible will receive an email in the coming months.

- Arch Klumph Society Preconvention: 27 May
- The Rotary Foundation Donor Summit: 29 May
- The Rotary Foundation Unity Ball: 30 May
- Imagine Making a Difference Dinner: 30 May

Visit the Donor Events page on the convention website at [convention.rotary.org](http://convention.rotary.org) or write to [donor.events@rotary.org](mailto:donor.events@rotary.org) for more information about these events in Melbourne.

### Encourage your friends to join you!

The convention is the perfect opportunity to connect with fellow members. Encourage people in your club and district to register so you can enjoy the convention and explore Melbourne together. Connect with Rotaractors and Rotarians from around the world, find new partners for service or exchanges, and discover new sources of inspiration. Remind people to register by 15 December for the best rate!

### Start planning your own event

With so many people gathering, the convention presents a rare opportunity. Start planning now to meet with members from your district, your zone, or another group within Rotary by organizing an unofficial affiliate event. These events, held in conjunction with the convention but outside the



## IMAGINE WHAT'S NEXT

27-31 MAY 2023 | MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

REGISTRATION CATEGORY	4 JUNE TO 8 JUNE 2022	9 JUNE 2022 TO 15 DECEMBER 2022	16 DECEMBER 2022 TO 31 MARCH 2023	1 APRIL TO 31 MAY 2023
Club member, nonmember, or guest, age 31 or over	\$425	\$475	\$575	\$675
Club member, nonmember or guest, age 30 or under	\$105	\$125	\$175	\$225
Guest age 5-18	\$20	\$20	\$30	\$40
Guest under age 5	Free	Free	Free	Free
Saturday, House of Friendship only	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$100

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#Rotary23

official program, are organized entirely by members. Each event's organizers are responsible for its costs, including but not limited to venue rental, catering, audiovisual equipment, security, and transportation.

After you finalize your event's details, complete the required submission form by Wednesday, 26 April, 2023. When you complete this survey, you'll have an opportunity to add your event to the calendar of unofficial affiliate events on [convention.rotary.org](http://convention.rotary.org) in early 2023 and to the Rotary Events app in May.

For more information about planning an affiliate event, write to [uae@rotary.org](mailto:uae@rotary.org)

*From the RI Convention Committee*

## Important Convention Dates

To reserve your hotel online, visit Rotary's official hotel reservation site at [registration.experientevent.com/showROT231](http://registration.experientevent.com/showROT231) by 3 May 2023 (availability is limited after this date). To reserve your hotel by phone, call +1-864-699-5084.

Opening ceremony: 28 May  
 General sessions: 29-31 May  
 Breakout sessions: 29-31 May  
 Closing ceremony: 31 May  
 House of Friendship: 27-31 May



## RC of Monroeville Celebrating International Day of Peace

On Sept. 21 community residents gathered in Monroeville Community Park West around the park's Peace Pole to observe this year's International Day of Peace. The Rotary Club of Monroeville hosted the event and included special guests in the celebration.

Rotary president Gerry Maynard welcomed guests and thanked them for attending.

Diane Milowicki, chair of the event, introduced Mayor Nick Gresock who shared advice and goals with the audience as he spoke about peace.

"We should be focusing more on our similarities than our differences," said Gresock. "We all want the same things. We want to love and be loved and peace helps achieve that. Let's all try to be better people, better neighbors and better friends."

Between speakers, flutist Gemma Stemley performed "What the World Needs Now is Love."

A group of Gateway High School Students representing the Interact Club each took turns with the microphone as they quoted famous peacemakers throughout history including Martin Luther King Jr., Mary Teresa Bojaxhiu (Mother Teresa) and Mahatma Gandhi.

As the sun began to set, audience members had candles in hand to light the celebration. Three local faith leaders — Deacon Michael Kelly, Imam Abdul Aziz Suraqah and Som Sharma — led the audience in a



During the Rotary Club of Monroeville's celebration of the International Day of Peace, flutist Gemma Stemley performed "What the World Needs Now is Love," by Burt Bacharach and Hal David. Stemley is an author and musician known for her memoir "Finding Home: A Sentimental Journey" and her work in local communities.

Picture & text courtesy of Haley Daugherty, Tribune-Review

prayer from each of their respective religions.

Milowicki then took the platform again and read "A Strategy of Peace" by John F. Kennedy. Stemley and Connie Allensworth closed the event with the song "Let There be Peace on Earth," by Jill Jackson-Miller and Sy Miller, with audience members joining in by the second verse.

The night was a picture of harmony filled with different voices and candles swaying back and forth to the beat of the music.

By Hayley Daugherty, Trib Live



Monroeville Club President Gerry Maynard welcoming guests to the International Day of Peace celebration on September 21.

## Building Peace

By Orly Halpern, Rotary Magazine

During a meeting of about 50 teenagers in Israel's western Galilee region, students were grouped in pairs and asked to identify how they were similar and different. Although half of them were Jewish and half were Arab, none of them mentioned that seemingly obvious distinction. When asked why, they told a moderator, "We are all human."

The meeting, involving students from four schools in Jerusalem and the western Galilee, was part of a peace education program designed and led by Arik Gutler Ofir, a former Rotary Peace Fellow. It was supported by a 2016 Rotary Foundation global grant and implemented by the Rotary Club of Jerusalem, just one of the club's many peacebuilding initiatives.

The students stayed at each other's homes and learned about each other's food, music, and cultures. The project was so successful that when the grant money ran out, a local education board integrated the initiative - which had been co-sponsored by the Rotary Club of Mönchengladbach, Germany, and supported by Rotary clubs and districts in Australia, Germany, and the United States - into the civics curriculum.

"When you bring children from both sides to get to know each other, you create a situation where the other is not an enemy," says program developer Dan Shanit. "Enemies are anonymous. They don't have a face. What you want is to know the face."

Read the whole story here: [rotary.org/en/building-peace-fractured-land](http://rotary.org/en/building-peace-fractured-land)

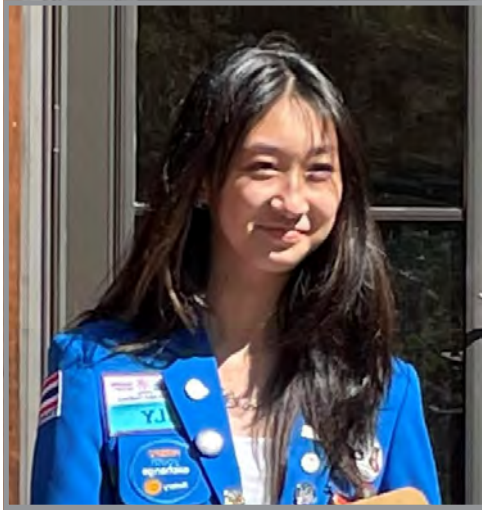


Members of the Rotary Club of Jerusalem, including (from left) Carry Polak, Louis Polak, Dan Shanit, Ruth Harris, and David Seligman, promote peace through their projects, with a particular focus on bringing together Jewish and Arab youth. Photo by Yaidid Levy

## Meet Rotary YE Student Ily

Ily is one of our Rotary Youth Exchange Students this year.

- Home Club: Chiang-Mai South, Thailand
- Home District: 3360, Northern Thailand
- Sponsoring Club: Pittsburgh East Rotary Club
- Grade/School: 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Carrick High School
- Favorite Foods: S'mores, Donuts, Chocolate, Gummi Bears
- Interests: Playing Volleyball, Archery, Pottery



## Murrysville-Export Car Cruise

The fourth annual Rotary Club of Murrysville-Export Car Cruise was held at the Lamplighter restaurant on August 27. The event was born in 2020 when the club, due to the corona pandemic, had to replace their indoor "Night at the Races" event with an outdoor, and socially distanced, alternative.

Over the last four years, the event has attracted 554 cars, averaging almost 140 cars per cruise. In addition to the cruise fee, the club raised funds through a basket raffle,

sponsorships, a 50/50, and - this year - a raffle to win a 1986 C4 Silver Chevrolet Corvette Coupe!

Visitors and car exhibitors were offered BBQ food from the Lamplighter starting at 11 AM.

Twelve club members prepared for the event, with an additional twelve assisting during the actual car cruise.

The basket raffle alone netted around \$4,000. Add to this the proceeds from the car raffle, and the club will have a nice profit to help fund local projects.

*Courtesy James Olszewski & Lane Neff*





## Brownsville RC Mum Sale

The Brownsville Rotary Club, sends a huge THANK YOU to everyone who purchased mums. It's because of their support that the club is able to do what they do for their community. The club and its members appreciate their community support!

Also a shout out to all who gave their time, their trucks and trailers to load and transport the mums to the distribution point! The fundraiser couldn't happen without members of the community lending a hand!



## Penguins Hockey for TRF

Our Rotary district is continuing the partnership with the Pittsburgh Penguins that will help raise funds for The Rotary Foundation while our hockey fans enjoy a day out with friends and family.

This hockey season we are fortunate enough to have two games to choose from: December 10<sup>th</sup> against the Buffalo Sabres and April 2<sup>nd</sup> against the Philadelphia Flyers

We have received a special discounted rate on both upper and lower bowl seats! And, the Pittsburgh Penguins will donate \$10.00 to The Rotary Foundation for each ticket sold!

Purchase your tickets today on this website: [fevo.me/penguinsrotary22](https://fevo.me/penguinsrotary22)

Please remember to share with your friends and family, so we can make it a big day for Rotary and a great day for hockey!



The Rotary Club of Brownsville mum crew from left to right: Eadi Zetty, Harry Zetty, Joshua Franks, Scott Campbell (in the back), Denny Falsetto, Kathy Phillips and Ryan Haluska.

Pictures & text courtesy of the RC of Brownsville

## The 2022 Zone 33 & 34 Summit

For almost a full week, current, past, and future district leaders from our paired zones met for the annual Zone Summit and Governors' training seminars. This year's summit was held from Tuesday, September 27 through Sunday, October 2 in Baltimore, MD.

Led by Rotary International President Elect, Stephanie Urchick, our district delegation did a great job representing western PA. In addition to current, past, and future District Governors, Joe Piszczor was the official photographer while Mary Berge was the lead trainer for the District Governors Elect.

More pictures on the next two pages

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

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# More Zone Summit Pictures



Clockwise from top left: Rotary's first two female Presidents: Jennifer Jones and Stephanie Urchick; The D7305 delegation: Joe Piszczor, Ivar Berge, Mary Kay Miller, DGE John Hartman, Jenny Hartman, PDG Al DeLucia, Pat Shaffer, RI President Jennifer Jones, DG Marie Fallon, PDG Tom Fallon, RI President Nominee Stephanie Urchick, Hannah Shin, Autumn Dougherty, and DGN Dan Dougherty; Tom & Marie Fallon;



If you don't think Rotary is fun, you need to get out more: RI Director Jeremy Hurst, RI President Nominee Stephanie Urchick, DGE John Hartman, Past RI President Barry Rassin, RI President Jennifer Jones, and Past RI Director David Stovall playing a game of Family Feud;



RPIC Joe Piszczor presenting to the DGE class; PDG Mary Berge and RI President Nominee Stephanie Urchick;



RI President Jennifer Jones and Rotary Public Image Chair Joe Piszczor;

Previous page: The district 7305 governor's chain - DGN Dan Dougherty, DG Marie Fallon, and DGN John Hartman - with RI President Jennifer Jones. Pictures by Joe Piszczor & Ivar Berge







Clockwise from above: PDG Patrick Eakes, Austin Powers, and "The Captains" lead trainer PDG Mary Berge;

RI Interact Advisory Council Vice Chair Hannah Shin on stage with RID Jeremy Hurst; Ivar Berge and RIPN Stephanie Urchick; Stephanie presneting to the DGE class; DG Marie Fallon and PDG Mary Berge; The Emerging Leader class with Rotary Public Image Chair Joe Piszczor in the front.



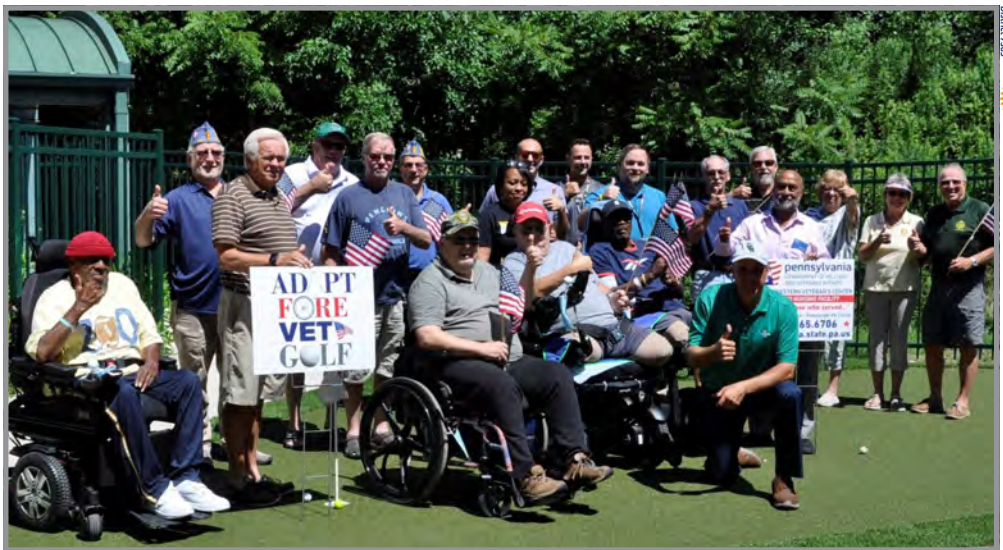
## Using Golf to Treat PTSD

The Southwestern Veterans Center wanted to install an artificial putting green to be used by handicapped veterans to teach them the game of golf. Ron Lucas, a Turtle Creek Valley Rotarian, is a PGA professional who works with veterans in the “Adapt Fore Vets Golf” program. The program helps veterans to deal with issues that takes away from the quality of life due to the stress of combat related issues. He approached the club’s board to see if there were any funds available to complete the SWVC project. If completed, it would be the only artificial putting green at a PA State Veterans’ facility.

The board put together a plan to develop a grant with the 7305 Foundation. The grant was accepted and the project was on its way.

Country Club Garden Landscaping, owned by PGA Professional Gordon Vietmeier, installed the putting green with help from the SWVC staff and in May of 2022 the project was completed.

Ron is now using his Adapt Fore Vets Golf program to help veterans from the SWVC and other veterans’ facilities in the area.



The Rotary Club of Turtle Creek Valley would like to thank all veterans who have given so much to protect our country and our freedoms. Please keep all our veterans in your prayers so that they can return to a quality of life befitting a veteran hero.

If your club would be interested in having a Rotary meeting at the SWVC and seeing first hand the Dream Putting Green, please contact Ron Lucas at 412-400-3104

He will be happy to give you more information and to schedule your meeting.



## Create a Polio Fundraiser

Despite the great progress we’ve made toward eradicating polio, recent news reminds us that polio anywhere is a threat everywhere. In the United States, an unvaccinated man was paralyzed by polio. In the UK, poliovirus has been detected in sewage samples. And in Malawi, a child contracted polio linked to a strain in Pakistan, which then spread to Mozambique.

The time for urgent action is now, and you can help. A new vaccine that is more genetically stable has been deployed to stop outbreaks. Malawi, Mozambique, and nearby countries are conducting immunization campaigns. With our partners, we continue to support communities in providing vaccinations.

Generous donors make it possible for Rotary to coordinate this work, support frontline workers, and provide the vaccines, transportation, and materials that are needed. One way you can help is by creating

**I AM RAISING TO END POLIO**

**Raise for Rotary**

**FUNDRAISE FOR THE ROTARY FOUNDATION**

You can use this tool to fundraise for your favorite Foundation cause and share how you are Doing Good in the World with your social networks!

Start your fundraiser at [rotary.org/raise](https://rotary.org/raise).

The Rotary Foundation

a fundraiser on **Raise for Rotary** ([raise.rotary.org](https://raise.rotary.org)) as we approach World Polio Day, 24 October.

Your Raise for Rotary fundraiser can support our work to protect children, from the U.S. to Mozambique and around the world. A new feature will credit your club for

any donations made by nonmembers in response to Raise for Rotary fundraisers that your members organize. This can help your club meet its PolioPlus fundraising goals.

If you have questions, please review our [Raise for Rotary FAQ](#) or write to us at [raise@rotary.org](mailto:raise@rotary.org)

## The Rotary Brand Center

There are still some clubs in our Rotary district that use an outdated graphic profile. Let's change that!

Take a good look at the Brand Center. It's been rebuilt based on your feedback and is easier to use than ever. It features a more streamlined layout, a faster website platform, user-friendly navigation, and improved search. People can also now use the Brand Center without signing in to My Rotary. Creating brochures, ads, and other materials to tell stories about your club's service and impact has never been simpler!

Not all initiatives need to be expensive or complicated. The Brand Center has ready-made images and videos for websites and social media pages to promote Rotary. "Protecting the Monarch Butterfly" video, for example, highlights Operation Pollination, a collaborative effort led by Rotary members to plant and restore the vital milkweed plant along the species' migration route. Share this video at a meeting to spur ideas about simple and inexpensive initiatives your club can undertake locally.

## The Polio Plus Society

Do you know about the Polio Plus Society? It's a society of Rotarians who have pledged to donate at least \$100 per year until we have seen the last case of Polio on our planet. If you're not a member yet; now is the time to join the 120 Rotarians in our district who are already members!

To my current fellow members of the Polio Plus Society: Thank you for your past contribution of at least \$100 to Polio Plus. Your continued support of Rotary's effort to eradicate polio is greatly appreciated.

Now is the time for us to make our annual contribution to End Polio Now by donating at least \$100 to Polio Plus. This contribution will continue your membership in the Polio Plus Society. Currently, we have 120 Polio Plus Society members in Rotary District 7305.

As you know, a new case of polio occurred in New York State, and the virus was found in the sewage system in four counties in the New York metropolitan area as well as

A well-constructed social media profile can boost awareness of your club and of Rotary, as well as build connections in your community and beyond. But what's the best way to develop your social media presence? Our social media team's "Kick-start your club's social media presence" post in Rotary Voices offers some tips.

The most popular public image course in Rotary's Learning Center

is The Rotary Brand, which shows you how to reinforce Rotary's brand and how doing so can help your club. You'll learn that Rotary's image goes far beyond the wheel and find practical examples and suggestions that will strengthen people's recognition of your club - and of Rotary.

To learn more, visit the Brand Center at: [brandcenter.rotary.org/en-us/](http://brandcenter.rotary.org/en-us/)

## POLIO PLUS SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

I pledge to contribute at least \$100 each year until the World Health Organization certifies that Polio has been fully eradicated and the world is polio-free. I do this because...

**UNTIL THE LAST CHILD IS IMMUNIZED AND THE WORLD IS CERTIFIED POLIO-FREE, EVERY CHILD IS AT RISK.**

the city itself. The samples that were tested were positive for the poliovirus that can cause paralysis in humans. The state of New York declared a state of emergency over the outbreak of the polio virus.

The time to act is now. World Polio Day is October 24th. This year to support World Polio Day, and our fight to achieve a polio free world, Rotary District 7305 is going to double the amount of Paul Harris

points that are awarded for every donation of at least \$100 to the Polio Plus Society in the month of October. Now is a great time to support the Polio Plus campaign and to earn double Paul Harris points.

Send your check of at least \$100, made payable to The Rotary Foundation, to:

Pat Shaffer  
4744 Nob Hill Drive  
Murrysville, PA 15668

Until the last child is immunized and the world is certified polio-free, every child is at risk!

Yours in Rotary Service  
Al DeLucia, PDG  
D7305 TRF Committee Chair  
Rotary Club of McMurray



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## POLIO IN NUMBERS

*Wild virus confirmed cases in 2022*  
**Global Total: 27 (2)**

*Wild virus detected from other sources in 2022*

**Global Total: 29 (66)**

*As of September 20, 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?

## Celebrate World Polio Day

In eastern Ontario and western Quebec, Canada, thousands of Rotary members will put on red ponchos and march through the streets of their towns to raise awareness for polio eradication on World Polio Day, 24 October.

Michael Kinsey, governor of Rotary District 7010, which spans the two provinces, ordered 2,000 of the special ponchos, which include the End Polio Now logo, for members to purchase for \$10 each. Half of that goes to Rotary's PolioPlus campaign, with the other half covering the cost of the poncho. Clubs are inviting local politicians and media to join the event, or holding small rallies to explain Rotary's role in bringing an end to the crippling disease.

"I thought it was a good idea, but it's really taking off," says Kinsey. "Each club will be taking pictures and sending it to our public image coordinator, and we will promote it. Each walk will get a lot of media exposure in the community, and the impact of all 41 clubs in our district doing something is going to be huge."

Kinsey says he got the idea after taking part in a walk with Rotary leaders during a 2011 regional training event in Vancouver. The participants all put on similar red ponchos to walk from their hotel to the 2010 Winter Olympics cauldron, housed at the Vancouver Convention Centre.

"People were stopping me on the street and asking me what Rotary is about and saying how they thought polio was already eradicated," says Kinsey. "It was an incredible conversation starter and that sparked this idea."

Rotary is encouraging clubs to hold events on or near World Polio Day this year and register the events at



[endpolio.org](http://endpolio.org). Last year, supporters in 90 countries registered more than 1,400 World Polio Day events.

Here are some other events Rotary members are planning to celebrate World Polio Day this year:

The Uganda PolioPlus Committee will mark World Polio Day with a cycling event named in honor of President-Elect Sam F. Owori, who died in July. Proceeds will go to the Sam F. Owori Memorial to Polio, created to honor his legacy. Owori served on both the Africa Regional PolioPlus Committee and the International PolioPlus Committee. Four-person teams of cyclists will compete in a 10 kilometer and 21 kilometer race at the Kololo Independence Grounds in Kampala, on 22 October, in partnership with the Uganda Cycling Association.

The Rotary Club of Simmern-Hunsrück, Germany, in conjunction with the city's annual festival, will sell several varieties of soup while promoting polio eradication. All proceeds will go to PolioPlus.

Rotary members in Pollachi, Tamil Nadu, India, will hold a painting competition and oratory contest for

elementary school students on 24 October. Students will be invited to a community center to display their work and read their compositions, while getting the opportunity to receive prizes. Posters are being printed in each school taking part in the contest, and raffle tickets are being sold, with proceeds going to support PolioPlus.

Two Rotaractors are cycling across India to raise awareness of polio, from late September to March. Read related story.

Members of the Rotaract Club of Pacific Beach, San Diego, California, USA, have organized a pub crawl for 14 October with special games, competitions, and discount food and drinks to raise money for polio eradication. Tickets to the six-bar event are \$30.

The Rotary Club of Thorpe Bay, Essex, England, is sponsoring a **Purple4Polio** benefit concert at the Palace Theatre in Westcliff-on-Sea on 22 October. Alex Mendham and his Orchestra will play 1930s tunes from George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, and others.

By Arnold R. Grahl, [rotary.org](http://rotary.org)

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ZONES 33-34 LEADERSHIP SUMMIT  
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DISTRICT INTERACT CONFERENCE  
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DISTRICT 7305 CONFERENCE  
STATION SQUARE



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PETS PRESIDENT ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR



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THE ROTARY FOUNDATION LUNCHEON



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