

# Rotary



## District 7305

The Connector - April 2023



## IMAGINE ROTARY

### Is it April Already?

Time is flying by! Spring is here! Daffodils are popping! Birds are chirping!

Now is the perfect time to check some items off your Rotary list.

#### **District Conference**

The District Conference will be at the Sheraton Hotel Pittsburgh at Station Square, June 23-25.

Come and Imagine-Impact-Inspire Rotary. Meet new friends, share new ideas, and get energized at our district conference.

I am so happy to be bringing the conference to Pittsburgh.

Starting off Friday afternoon, there will be breakout sessions on leadership, Public Image, being inspired, telling your story, and more.

Friday evening's dinner will be at the Sheraton. Join us for an awards night where we will share our successes and celebrate our accomplishments.

Saturday will feature sessions on youth programming, club successes, what I wish I knew about Rotary, look ahead to 2023-2024, and so much more. The morning sessions will be followed by lunch at the Sheraton.

After lunch, it's time for our annual business meeting. The day will conclude with a dinner cruise on the Gateway Clipper taking us around the city! Time to have fun and party along the Pittsburgh skyline!

At Sunday's Brunch we will pay tribute to our fallen Rotarians; those who have impacted and inspired our lives and our clubs.

To reserve a room at the Sheraton, call the hotel at 412-261-2000. Our



Don't miss this year's District Conference at the Sheraton Hotel, Station Square in Pittsburgh. One of the highlights will be a dinner cruise on the Gateway Clipper!

room block is for 6/23-6/25 only. Be sure to mention Rotary when you book. And, if you wish to book a room outside of these dates, please contact the hotel at ask for group sales.

#### **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards**

Among the seven Areas of Focus, Rotary is committed to youth and youth development. Students attend RYLA on a full scholarship from a local Rotary club. RYLA is a week-long immersive camp which provides opportunities for team building, leadership development, service, moral and ethical identification, personal development, and problem solving.

As part of our commitment to youth development, Rotary District 7305 offers two options for the summer RYLA program. Both tracks are very different in approach but similar in outcome.

- LaRoche University: June 18-23
- Outdoor Odyssey: June 25-30

The cost for the sponsoring Rotary Club is \$550.00 per student

If you need more information visit:

[ryla7305.org](http://ryla7305.org)

#### **The Crystal Citation**

It is time to go through your list of club activities and achievements for the 2022-2023 Rotary year and submit your club's application for the Crystal Citation. A friendly reminder; the application deadline is June 1.

Many thanks for all that you do to Imagine-Impact & Inspire your Club.

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "M Fallon".

Marie Fallon  
District Governor

#### **MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH**

“It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver.”

Mahatma Gandhi

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#### **Quote of the Month:**

*“If you want a rainbow, you've got to put up with the rain.”*

*Dolly Parton*

## President Elect Training

After an extended pandemic driven hiatus, our long awaited in-person PETS was finally realized. We were back on track. And boy were we. Overcoming the effects of a long in person absence, the machine we called PETS sprung back to life in true Rotary fashion from March 3 to March 5 at the Penn Stater in Happy Valley! Through arduous planning, replanning, and adapting to circumstances as they presented themselves, districts 7280, 7305, and 7360 made it all happen. And it was off to the races...

We had over 240 participants with 92 attending from D7305. Our own representatives included 53 President's elect and aspiring club leaders, 16 Assistant Governors (AG), and 15 trainers, presenters and staff.

The three District Governors Elect, along with a tremendously committed and talented Steering Committee, worked feverishly and diligently, leaving everything on the field, ensuring we provided the best 2023 PETS experience possible. Designed to provide training for our upcoming President's as well as AGs and other future leaders, the sessions were provided over the three-day period from Friday through Sunday.

In addition to the training itself, the forum allowed our representatives to collaborate with other leaders in our own district as well as their counterparts in the other two districts. Under such a design, not unlike the training each of our DGEs had undergone, we anticipated and found that there was a sharing of information and ideas as well as the



*Running a Rotary training for over 200 attendees requires lots of planning and an AV person who knows their stuff! David Steele made sure that all presentations went off without a hitch. The District Governors Elect, below left, were very happy about how the weekend of training went: 7360 DGE Herb Smith, 7280 PDG Scott Bayline, 7305 DGE John Hartman, and D7280 DGE John Marshall.  
Text & pictures by John Hartman*

forging of bonds and fellowships which will help everyone move forward in the coming year.

The sessions commenced with training for our AGs on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. This was followed by the commencement of training for our President's Elect, emerging leaders and others interested in bringing lessons learned back to their individual clubs. The training ended on Sunday morning covering a variety of subjects designed to empower our leaders during the upcoming Rotary year.

Topics covered during the training included: AG training and open round table discussions, Fundraising Efforts, Membership and new tools for membership growth, Foundation, Grant Training, Youth Services, Public Image, and DACdb.

Our PETS training was highlighted by guest speakers including Rotary Public Image Coordinator for Zone 33; Billi Black, our own Mike Sears from the Washington Club for Shelterbox, and Keynote Speaker; Rotary International Director Jeremy Hurst, who provided an unforgettable and heartfelt presentation.

It should not be forgotten that this training followed our earlier Pre-PETS virtual training program offered from November through January. This earlier training was designed

to augment the sessions at PETS and included: Getting to know each other icebreaker exercises, Communication during a crisis, Insurance and Risk management, and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

The program as a whole was designed to provide those in attendance with some of the latest trends, techniques, best practices and practical information on the operation of a Rotary Club. The sessions were based on the considerable experience of the steering committee, trainers and, equally important, feedback from previous attendees.

In the end, it is fair to say, it was a fantastic event where we met Rotarians across three districts, connected with old friends, made new ones, and simply had a wonderful time being together.

We all sincerely hoped the experience of this PETS would provide some of the tools necessary for our participants to realize the best in leadership potential for their upcoming Rotary Year. I personally want to thank all who gave so much to make this a successful PETS. Well done.

Thank you all for that you do.

Create Hope in the World. Service above Self.

*John Dale Hartman*  
District Governor Elect

## Rotary Foundation Luncheon

Rivers Casino was the site for our annual Rotary District 7305 Luncheon for The Rotary Foundation on a sunny Sunday afternoon. This year's theme was "Blessed by Rotary," and we felt the energy of that theme all afternoon. Over 250 people came to share in the fellowship and support The Rotary Foundation.

During the program, Rotarians talked about their District Grant projects and how the impact of the projects had their recipients saying they had been "Blessed by Rotary."

Ron Lucas from the Rotary Club of Turtle Creek Valley talked about how they installed a Dream Green putting green at the local VA and the significant impact this had on the lives of the veterans. All the veterans are now golf "junkies," and they can't wait for warm weather so they can start playing again. This project was so popular and had such a positive effect that five other VAs want to have a Dream Green installed at their facility.

DGN Dan Dougherty from the Rotary Club of White Oak talked about a District Grant project his club did with the LaRosa Youth Club in McKeesport with whom they have a very close relationship. One of their most recent projects was installing a new outfield fence at the local ball field because the old one was in complete disrepair. With the new fence, the kids feel like they are playing on a major league ball field – talk about being "Blessed by Rotary!"

Six clubs – Carnegie-Collier, Charleroi, Crafton-Ingram, Johnstown, Turtle-Creek Valley and White Oak put together videos of their recent District Grant projects. These videos, which were also emailed to all Rotarians, showed the appreciation of the recipients and how grateful they were that they were 'Blessed by Rotary.'

A number of special recognitions were made after lunch. Paul Johnson, President of the Rotary Club of Scottdale, awarded a Paul Harris Fellow to Dr. Dan Geary. Dan is the son of Dr. Ralph Geary, a member of the Rotary Club of Scottdale who has 57 years of perfect attendance. Even though



*On Sunday, March 26, Rotarians from all over district 7305 gathered at the Rivers Casino to celebrate and support our Rotary Foundation. It was a bright and sunny day that truly inspired everyone to be generous towards our foundation and its mission.*

*Clockwise from above: Mary Kay Miller, Pat Shaffer, and Mary Shields sold the 50/50 tickets. And they did it so well that they brought in \$1,400 for The Rotary Foundation.*

*The 250+ attendees enjoyed the celebration.*

*The stars of this signature event: the desserts that brought in over \$32,700!*

*The gift baskets in the chance raffle were also very popular and brought in an additional \$4,510*

*Pictures by Joe Piszczor*



Dan is not yet a member of the Rotary Club of Scottsdale, he is highly supportive of the club and is a sponsor of many of their events.

We also recognized those Rotarians who had made significant contributions to The Rotary Foundation last year.

We added two new members of the Paul Harris Society: Harold Hicks, Rotary Club of Delmont-Salem, and Dr. Jeff Klink, Rotary Club of Crafton-Ingram.

We also had a number of Major Donors to recognize: Bob Brooks, Rotary Club of Delmont-Salem, Harold & (Patti) Hicks, Rotary Club of Delmont-Salem, (Bonnie Pierce), Rotary Club of Bethel Park, Tom Uram, Rotary Club of Washington, Ruth Wepfer, Rotary Club of Murrysville Export, Scott Yusavage, Rotary Club of Forest Hills and PDG Sue Kelly, Rotary Club of Carnegie-Collier - all achieved Major Donor Level 1 status.

Mark and Vicky Brilmyer, Rotary Club of Carnegie, Joseph Cocalis, Rotary Club of Point Marion and RIPN Dr. Stephanie Urchick, Rotary Club of McMurray all achieved Major Donor Level 2 status.

PDG Rick Martin, Rotary Club of New Brighton became a Major Donor Level 4.

Two Rotarians were recognized as Bequest Society members: PDG Dr. Vince Costa became a Bequest Society Level 1 member and PDG Bob Rupp, Rotary Club of Turtle Creek Valley became a Bequest Society Level 3 member.

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Doing Good In The World



The staff at The Rivers Casino does a great job - the food and service are fabulous. However, the star of the show is always the desserts, not only because there are so many gorgeous and delicious desserts, but because of the amount of money that is raised. This year's dessert auction raised \$32,703 for The Rotary Foundation.

There was also a live auction of four Pittsburgh Pirate prints that brought in \$1,000.

We auctioned off an official theme tie and scarf that DGE John Dale Hartman brought back from International Assembly and donated. The official theme tie and scarf went for \$250 each.

Pat Shaffer and her team worked hard selling 50/50 tickets that brought in \$1,400.

The chance auction featured dozens of gift baskets that raised \$4,510 and the live auction of two Mystery Boxes raised \$1,700.

All in all, the total amount of money raised for The Rotary Foundation was over \$42,000.

I want to thank all the members of The District 7305 Committee for The Rotary Foundation for all their time and effort. They devoted considerable time serving on the committee and helping to make an impact in so many lives.

I especially want to thank The Rotary Foundation Luncheon Co-Chairs, Autumn Dougherty, Rotary Club of White Oak, Michelle Petrell, Rotary Club of Johnstown, DGN Dan Dougherty, Rotary Club of White Oak, and all the other volunteers that made this event such a wonderful success. I cannot thank you enough for all of your hard work and dedication to this event and to The Rotary Foundation.

Lastly, I would like to thank all who attended the luncheon this year and everyone who has supported The Rotary Foundation in so many ways. You are truly People of Action. You should feel proud that people in our local communities and around the world will be "Blessed by Rotary" because of the money that was raised at this year's event.

*Al DeLucia*

PDG, Chair D7305 Committee for The Rotary Foundation



The auction of the four Pittsburgh Pirate prints above brought in \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation.  
Picture by Joe Piszczor

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[endpolionow.org](http://endpolionow.org)

## Rotary Learning Center

Rotary's Learning Center contains a plethora of information on all types of topics that can help you understand more about Rotary and become a more engaged member. Some of the subjects covered are:

### About Rotary:

We connect leaders, link diverse perspectives and build lasting relationships to take action in our communities at home and around the globe. Discover who we are, what we do, and how we take on some of the world's most challenging problems.

### Our structure:

Understand how we are organized. Learn about Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, and our partners.

### Our priorities:

Get to know the pillars of our work: Rotary's guiding principles, areas of focus, and action plan.

### Action plan:

We've identified four priorities that are the stepping stones to helping Rotary realize its new vision and serve as the foundation for Rotary's new action plan.

### Leadership:

Meet the people who oversee the efforts of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.

### Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:

Learn more about Rotary's diversity, equity, and inclusion statement and how you can help diversify your club experience.

### Our partners:

Learn how we work with our partners - from community nonprofits to the United Nations - to make a greater impact.

### History:

Travel back in time to the founding of Rotary and follow the growth of our organization.

### Financials:

View our financial reports, filings, and annual report.

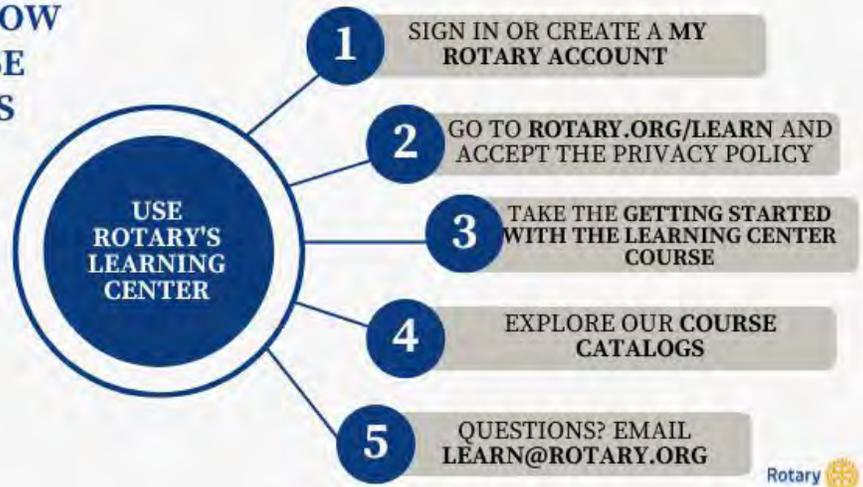
### Official directory:

The directory lists Rotary clubs and districts, as well as the boards of directors and trustees, and committees. It is available only to Rotarians who are signed in.

### Policies & procedures:

Access the rules and guidelines that provide the legal foundation

## FOLLOW THESE STEPS



*If you haven't done so yet, it's about time that you go to [my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference](https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference) and start exploring Rotary's Learning Center. The resources are almost endless for a Rotarian who wants to learn more about our great organization. Graphics & text from [rotary.org](https://rotary.org)*

of Rotary, such as our bylaws and code of policies. Find resources for Council on Legislation representatives.

### Learn by role:

Learn about Rotary club and district roles, as well as their impact on your community. Find resources and tools that support members in these roles.

- New member
- Trainer
- Club roles
- President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Club committee
- District roles
- Governor
- Assistant governor
- District committee

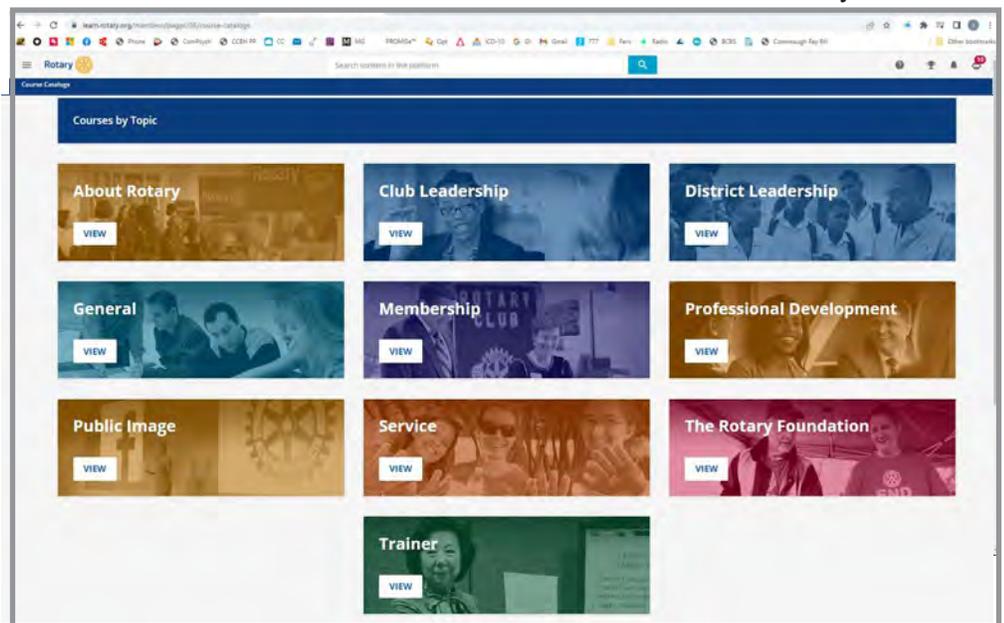
### Learn by topic:

Learn about Rotary club activities that support strategic goals. Find best practices and resources to ensure your club succeeds.

- Membership
- Fundraising
- Projects
- Grants
- Start a club
- Awards
- Public relations
- Rotaract
- Interact
- Rotary.org

### Learning Center:

Take advantage of a wealth of training materials designed to help you learn new skills and become more successful in what you do.



## Rotary's General Secretary Visits Pittsburgh Rotary

John Hewko, Rotary International General Secretary and CEO and The Rotary Foundation was the featured speaker at the weekly Pittsburgh Rotary luncheon on Wednesday, March 8.

Mr. Hewko was introduced by 7305 District Governor, Marie Fallon, who expressed great pride in having the top executive of Rotary International visit and meet with local Rotarians.

Hewko then gave a most interesting talk outlining one of the primary missions of Rotary; World Peace. He focused his talk on the situation in Ukraine as he has an extensive background in that country.

Hewko's parents emigrated from Ukraine in 1949 and for a while the family lived in Johnstown, PA. They spoke Ukrainian at home so he is fluent in that language.

He helped his international law firm establish an office in Moscow. He was the managing partner for their offices in Kyiv and Prague from 1991 to 1996. In 1991 he was part of a working group that prepared the initial draft of the new post-Soviet Ukrainian constitution. Hewko is also a charter member of the Rotary Club of Kyiv.



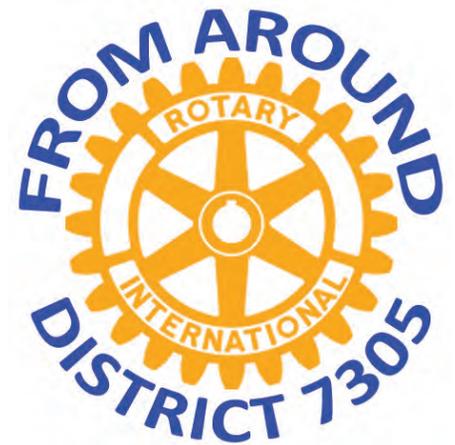
At a regular club meeting in early March, the Pittsburgh Rotary Club's featured speaker was Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko.

Hewko discussed the warlike conditions in Ukraine and how Rotary is helping to ease that situation. To date, Rotary has raised over thirty million dollars in that effort.

Many Ukrainians, mostly women and children, have left Ukraine while the men are engaged in the battle. The most urgent needs there are generators, ambulances, fire trucks, and all types of medical supplies. He did mention the problem of

government corruption, but active measures are ongoing to clean up that situation. Historically, the country has been divided along religious and political lines, but Hewko said that the conflict has unified those factions.

Hewko has a most impressive background including a law degree from Harvard and a Masters from Oxford. There was a meet and greet event before the luncheon where it was possible to engage Hewko in informal conversation. A good number of past district governors and other district officials attended.



Many past, current, and future district leaders attended the meeting. Pictured above are: DGND Felicia Mycyk, District 7280 DGN Zachary Covington, PDG Al DeLucia, DGN Dan Daugherty, DG Marie Fallon, DGE John Hartman, RI General Secretary John Hewko, PDG Sue Kelly, PDG Tom Fallon, PDG Steven Arnowitz, RI Director of Principal Gifts Harvey Newcomb III, and PDG Linda Fisher Bruce. Picture & text courtesy of Karl Ohrlman

**EarlyAct**   
Rotary Sponsored Club

### What is EarlyAct?

**Do you need a program for one of your meetings?**

**Do you want to learn what EarlyAct is all about?**

**"Community Service for Kids", that's what it is!**

**PDG Walt Sickles is our District EarlyAct Chair, and he would love to speak at one of your club meetings about this fairly new, tremendous concept that can change the entire worldwide Rotary family, for the better, forever.**

**Please Contact Walt to make arrangements:**

**[walt.rotarydg1314@yahoo.com](mailto:walt.rotarydg1314@yahoo.com)**

**724-462-6929**

## Youth Peace in Action

Greater Johnstown High School Interact Club members are participating in a Youth & Peace in Action training organized by My Peacebuilder Foundations (MPF).

MPF is an interactive, online course delivered in sequential modules for high school students.

Course completion achieves understanding of fundamental drivers of conflict and peace, the ability to imagine innovative approaches to change, and skills to frame an issue problem statement and create a peace project idea.

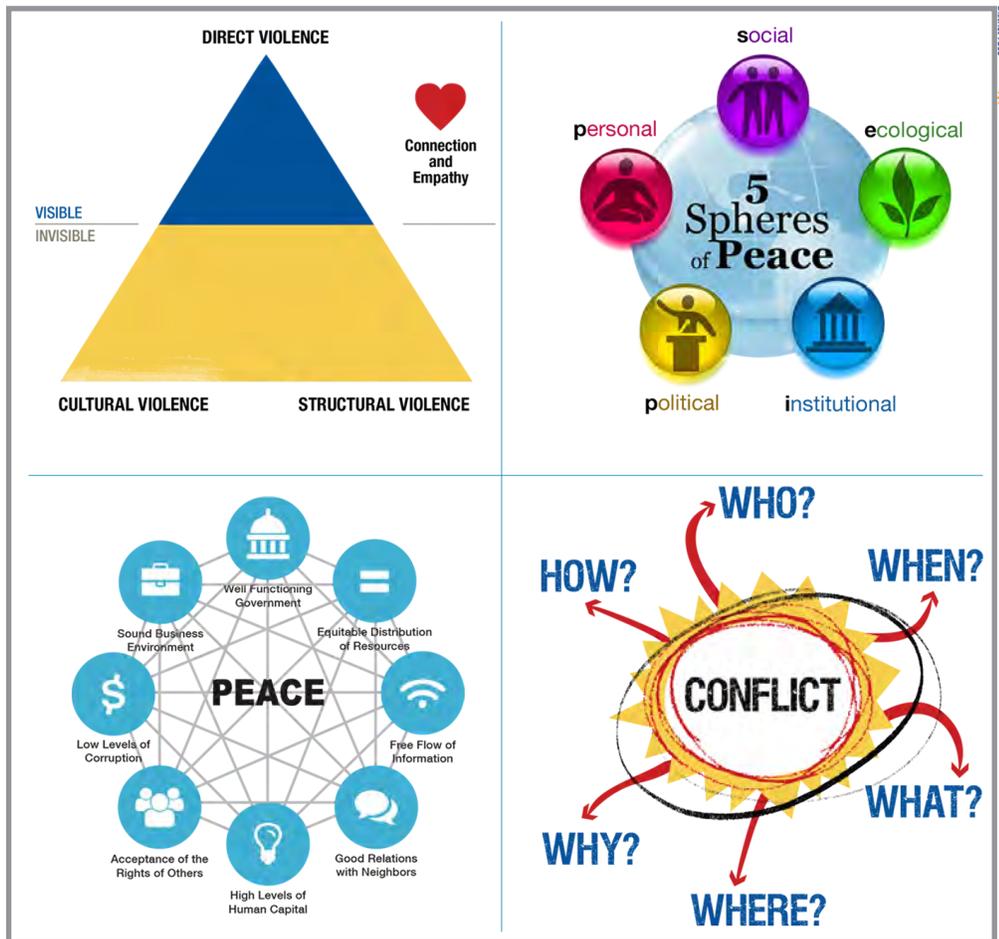
Through the course, students learn to use established frameworks to consider how power, conflict, violence and peace intersect. Among these are four that are well-known in conflict resolution and peacebuilding: Galtung's Triangle of Violence to distinguish different types of violence; 5 Spheres of Peace to examine right relationships; Eight Pillars of Peace to understand systemic drivers of conflict & peace; Conflict Mapping to analyze a specific conflict.

MPF includes content that is useful to students in other class research, papers and capstone projects. Every module uses technology-based ideas-sharing tools.

Built-in assessments ensure that students who complete the course can receive a certificate from NewGen Peacebuilders and Youth & Peace in Action.

The course is delivered through a series of online modules that leverage the NewGen Peacebuilders 7H Framework. Each module takes about 60-90 minutes to complete, and is broken up into sections that can be completed within 15 minutes (ideal for use in academic class settings). Estimated course completion time is ten hours. Course completion achieves understanding of fundamental drivers of conflict and peace, the ability to imagine innovative approaches to change, and skills to frame an issue problem statement and create a peace project idea.

The Interact club's round two training was a success! Students learned about different aspects of Harm and Healing and practiced



GJHS Interact members are participating in a Youth & Peace in Action training that will designate them as Certified Peacebuilders. The graphic above shows four well established frameworks that are used in the training. For more information, contact the GJHS Interact Club via their Facebook page at: [facebook.com/JHSInteractClub](https://facebook.com/JHSInteractClub) or go to the MPF website at: [youthpeaceaction.org](http://youthpeaceaction.org)

mapping real Harm/Healing Cases from their community. Additionally, students began to follow their passions by selecting a Peace Category to cover in their Peace Project. After completing the training,

these future Certified Peacebuilders will begin to tackle the environment, bridging the divides, mental health & well being, and bring humanity to the homeless.

Text from [youthpeaceaction.org](http://youthpeaceaction.org)



**YOUTH & PEACE IN ACTION**<sup>SM</sup>



Engaging Young Community Peacebuilders

## Monte Carlo Night

The Crafton-Ingram Rotary Club collaborated with the Kiwanis Club of Sheraden on Thursday February 23 to host a Monte Carlo night for the residents of the Crafton Plaza, which is housing designated for elderly and persons with disabilities.

About 60 residents attended the event. Joining them was the Mayor of Crafton; Coletta Perry, as well as Crafton Magistrate; the Honorable Jack Kobistek.

The residents had the opportunity to play several games of chance; roulette, horse racing, blackjack, and gambling wheels. Although the residents were not playing with real money, they enjoyed their prizes of gift cards, bottles of wine, treat bags, as well as a surprise bonus from two anonymous donors giving \$10 to each resident to help offset the elimination of the additional S.N.A.P benefits.

The club would like to give a special thanks to the "Celebrity Guests", and the Kiwanis for all their help and the creation of their great Roulette table. Our friend Ken who recreated our horses days before the event, and our Club President's Bonus-Daughter Deaira for taking pictures.

It was a great time, and the club can't wait to visit their friends at the Crafton Plaza again very soon!

*Text by Joe Orbovich*



*The Rotary Club of Latrobe hosted their 33<sup>rd</sup> Special Projects Dinner at the Fred Rogers Center in February. With a three year hiatus due to covid, the anticipation and excitement surrounding the event was palpable. With the funds raised from this event when they last hosted it in 2020, the club was able to help support over 25 community organizations. Pictured above are Ed Sulkoski, Mark Kessler, George Fetkovich, and Mike Porembka - part of the crew that ran this event. Photo courtesy of Anna Graziano*



### How Good is Your Chili?

The Rotary Club of Forest Hills is inviting you to be one of 15 chefs at their 14<sup>th</sup> annual Chili Cook-off on Sunday, April 30.

As a chef at their hugely popular Chili Cook-off, you will serve your own personal chili to the attendees who will pick the People's Choice winner. Guest judges Chris Fennimore and Rick Sebak, from WQED-TV, will pick the winners in two categories: meat and meatless.

If you are interested in being a contestant, please email Bob Dove at: [drbobdove@aol.com](mailto:drbobdove@aol.com)

## Latrobe Area Historical Society

On March 8, the Rotary Club of Latrobe had an off site luncheon at the Latrobe Area Historical Society. Society President Mary Lou Townsend welcomed the members to tour the museum and watch videos in the auditorium. The yearbooks were definitely a hit! She briefly talked about the “city of firsts” as Latrobe is proud to host the first banana split, first professional football team, first nonstop air mail pick up, first Benedictine monastery in the United States, and the first Presbyterian Church west of the Alleghenies.

The Historical Society’s mission is dedicated to the collection, study, and documentation of the Latrobe community’s heritage and to the preservation of local history and its ethnic roots.



The old yearbooks were a hit when the Rotary Club of Latrobe visited the Latrobe Area Historical Society for an off-site weekly meeting. Joe Horency and Tom James as well as Briana Tomack and Beth Ridge were all looking for old friends. Text & pictures courtesy of the RC of Latrobe

## Get it on the Calendar

Now that most clubs are back to their usual in-person fundraisers, it is important more than ever to plan properly when you consider when to hold our event.

As you may know, our database, DACdb has a calendar feature accessible to Rotarians with their personal login. And, once an event is entered into the DACdb calendar, it automatically populates to our district website: [rotarydistrict7305.org](http://rotarydistrict7305.org).

Before your club decides on a date and time for your fundraiser or service project, please take a look at the calendar to see if there are any conflicts with other club’s events.

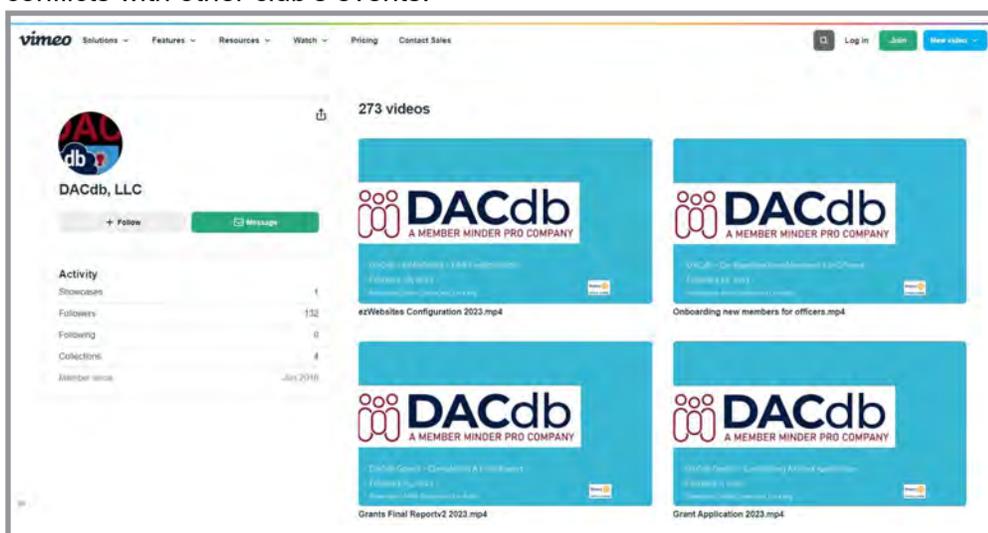
Once you have decided on a date, please make sure that you add your event to the calendar.

When you do add an event to the calendar, you can also accept registrations from Rotarians and the general public. This includes accepting payments at no cost to you. You just have to choose a credit card processing company such as PayPal, Team Merchant, or IP-Pay.

If you don’t know how to get your event on the calendar, you can learn by viewing DACdb training videos at: [vimeo.com/user52968252](http://vimeo.com/user52968252)

Or you can email our District Tech Team at: [IT@rotarydistrict7305.org](mailto:IT@rotarydistrict7305.org)

By Dan Dougherty



The DACdb section on the Vimeo website currently has 273 videos with instructions on how to do everything from entering the information on a new member to updating the district calendar - and beyond! It’s an invaluable resource for all club officers needing to learn more about what DACdb can do for your club.



Members of the Waynesburg Rotary Club filled over 250 food bags for school children at the Waynesburg Community Cupboard Food Pantry on Monday, March 13. This is one of four similar events that the club does each year for the Waynesburg school community.

Pictured above (left to right) are: Jennifer Dix, Tim Christopher, Club President Jay Hammers, Justine Welsh, Dave Mason, Barbara Wise, Suzanne Plachta, Christopher Sims, Susan Dugan, Margaret Rock, and Sandy Throckmorton. Text & picture courtesy of Melody Longstreth and Dave Mason



On March 13, exactly 100 years after the club was chartered, members of the Connellsville Rotary Club gathered to celebrate their first century of service. Club members present at the celebration were (left to right): Chip Rowan, Chuck Motycka, Kevin Ghost, Matt Goldsberry, Max House, Gretchen Mundorff, Tony Grasso, Judy Eans, Gerry Browell, Judy Lynn-Craig, Pat Stefano, Bill Boyle, Barry Craig, Jessica Tony, Shawna Little, Lyndsey Boors, and Janie Tikey.

## Washington Trivia Night

The Rotary Club of Washington recently hosted its 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Trivia night. The evening sported 40 teams with innovative names like Grimm's Reapers, Gashouse Gorillas, Here for the Beer, Google is our Friend, and Thinkin & Drinkin, just to name a few (see pictures below).

Fierce competition and team outfits abound as the teams competed for bragging rights and a gift to their charity of choice! Participants were greeted with food, beverages and table snacks. VIP Tables were given bonus treats and favors to enjoy. Event Chair and Past Club President Kathy Sabol says, "The event has become a well oiled machine. Our club members know to do, which allows us to include new members!"

The champions this year were The McGuffey Readers. Quizmaster, Dorothy Tecklenburg and President-Elect, said, "A team with a wide age range would bode well with this year's questions." A fun time was had by 300+ participants.

*Text & pictures by Joe Piszczor*

## 100 Years in Connellsville

During WWI, a group of men (yes, women were not allowed in Rotary at this time) had been considering to support the formation of a Rotary Club in Connellsville as several clubs had been formed in surrounding communities.

On March 13, 1923 The Rotary Club of Connellsville, sponsored by the Scottdale Club, was chartered as the 13<sup>th</sup> Rotary Club in what was then Rotary District 38. They were club number 1,369 to be chartered since the inception of Rotary by Paul Harris and friends in 1905.

The Rotary Club of Connellsville became one of the first clubs in their district to accept women as members when, on March 6, 1988, attorney

Gretchen Mundorff, who is still a member, was welcomed into the club by Club President Richard Franks.

We thank the club for their first century of service and hope that the second one will be as successful as the first!



## 90 Years in Belle Vernon

The Belle Vernon Rotary Club received their charter in February 1933, with Norman Niece serving as the first president. To mark 90 years of “service above self,” club members and guests gathered for a celebration at the Clubhouse Grille on March 9.

Fred Exley planned the affair and created a display of memorabilia and photographs from past events. The display featured current Rotarians as well as past members who had been instrumental to the success of the club throughout the years. Every member in attendance spoke about why they joined the club and why they are still active. Everyone agreed that it feels good to give back to their communities. They also noted that the friends they made in Rotary had evolved into meaningful and lasting relationships.

Phil Morrow, who has been a member of the club for many years, was able to attend and provided the highlight of the evening by his presence and the fun events he remembered and shared.

The club plans to continue supporting their communities and looks forward to their 100th anniversary in 10 years.

In honor of the club’s first 90 years of service, Club President Brian Pirilla offered the following toast:

*Raise your glass to Belle Vernon Rotary  
Ninety years of “service above self” we be!  
Ninety years selling pancakes, oranges and the rest  
Ninety years exemplifying “The Four Way Test.”  
Ninety years giving to local causes and groups  
Ninety years supporting students and scouting troops.  
Ninety years of projects and bowling matches we won,  
Ninety years of parties, camaraderie and fun.  
Ninety years of members, too many have passed,  
Ninety years of fellowship and friendships that last.  
Ninety years of Rotarians looking ahead and what do we see?  
A bright future for Belle Vernon Area Rotary!*



Above: Club President Brian Pirilla, with wife Denise, proposing a toast to celebrate the Belle Vernon Rotary Club's 90 years of Service Above Self. Right: Phil Morrow, the club's oldest member, attended the event and entertained everyone with memories and anecdotes.  
Text & pictures courtesy Brian Pirilla



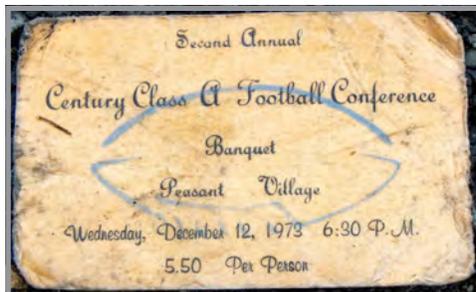
## Washington County Cleanup

Thank you and congratulations to the volunteers who attended the first Washington County Cleanup Day of 2023! The organizers estimate that over 2,000 lbs. of garbage was removed from Washington County roads in about two hours!

Thank you to WM for donating the disposal and thank you to the organizers and supporting

organizations: Fern Sibert Clean and Tidy Our County Inc., Sam Carroll from the Washington County Watershed Alliance, and the Rotary Clubs of Washington, McMurray, and Canonsburg Houston Southpointe.

Last, but not least, a HUGE thank you to all those that braved the weather to come out and make a difference! Text & pictures by Joe Piszczor



Top: Joe Piszczor from the RC of Washington with Fern Sibert from Clean & Tidy Our County and Sam Carrol from Washington County Watershed Alliance. Above right: Washington Rotarians Dawn Haber and Kathy Sabol. Above: It's amazing what you may find along the road...





Rotary District 7305 continues to support our fellow Rotarians in Ukraine as they do what they can to provide assistance to civilians who are in need of help. Above: Elderly people receive food and gloves from a charity organization on a snow-covered street in Kyiv. Photo by Jeff J Mitchell/Getty Images

## Winter in Ukraine

### My Fellow Rotarians

The Rotarians of Rotary District 7305 are "People of Action". Back in January District Governor Marie Fallon and I reached out and asked for your help with the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. At the time, the Disaster Response Grant funding from Rotary International had been exhausted. However, the need for aid had not stopped. We asked for contributions so that we could wire transfer money to our contacts in Ukraine. With that money they would be able to purchase generators, wood stoves, blankets, warm linens, clothes, and anything else that they may need.

As you always do, the membership of Rotary District 7305 responded in a big way. Between the club donations, the individual donations, and money from district 7305, we raised \$8,140 for the people in Ukraine. This money will be sent to District 2232 in Ukraine for them to purchase the supplies they need.

We cannot thank you enough for your generous contributions to this humanitarian relief effort. Your donations will help so many people who are in dire need of our help.

Thank you for your support

*Marie Fallon*

District Governor

*Al DeLucia*

PDG & D7305 TRF Chair



## Paul Harris Fellows

The Rotary Club of Greensburg recently recognized two well-deserving individuals. Makailah and Morgan from the Greensburg Country Club were named Paul Harris Fellows. Not only for what they do on a weekly basis for the Greensburg club, but also for what they do for District 7305 functions.

Friends, family, spouses, and colleagues make so many valuable contributions to your life. You can give back by donating \$1,000 to the Foundation's Annual Programs Fund in their honor, which will earn them Paul Harris Fellow Recognition.

You also may give another person recognition points. Paul Harris Fellows accumulate points when they make personal contributions in addition to their initial gift of \$1,000. As donors increase their recognition levels through new gifts, they accrue points. These points do not expire and can be transferred to other donors' accounts. If 1,000 points are transferred to one person, that individual becomes a Paul Harris Fellow.

If you want to recognize someone, but you are unsure about how to do it, please talk to your club's Foundation Chair.

**WE STAND WITH**

**UKRAINE**



## District 7305

### IMPACT REPORT

PROJECT UPDATE

7/1/2022 THRU 3/15/2023

**Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>):**  
53,730 Pounds Displaced

**Water (H<sub>2</sub>O):**  
3,985,627 Gallons Saved

**Landfill:**  
1,791 pairs Displaced from Landfills  
147 bags



### Rotary Networking Event

The Rotary Clubs of McMurray Rotary, Bethel-St. Clair, and Upper St. Clair-Bethel Park Breakfast recently collaborated with the Peters Township Chamber of Commerce on an after hours networking mixer.

In addition to exposing the attendees to what these three clubs are doing in their respective communities, the event was also raising funds for Horses with Hope: Discovery, Growth and Learning Programs. Their mission is to apply the power of equine interactions and activities to improve the physical, mental, emotional, and social quality of life for the Pittsburgh region's children, youth, and adults with physical and behavioral needs. Check out their website here to learn more: [horseswithhope.org](http://horseswithhope.org)

In all, about 75 people attended the event that was held at the 1781 Club in Finleyville (formerly known as the Scenic Valley Golf Club).

*The after hours networking mixer with the Rotary Clubs of McMurray, Bethel-St. Clair, and Upper St. Clair-Bethel Park Breakfast was a success with about 75 people attending.*



*The Rotary Club of Ambridge medical equipment shed is filled with items that are looking for a new home. If you know of anyone who could benefit from a free loan of medical equipment, please let PDG Walt Sickles know. Text & picture by Walt Sickles*

### Free Medical Equipment

One of the Ambridge Rotary Club's service projects is that to acquire all kinds of medical equipment, store it and then loan it to anyone in need. The loan is at no cost of any kind, and for as long as loaner may need it.

The club currently has a large supply of medical equipment and would love to find new homes for as much of it as possible. After all, it isn't doing anybody any good sitting in a storage shed.

The current inventory includes:

One high back power wheelchair, one low back power wheelchair, one drive Scout power scooter, three electric home hospital beds, two gel mattresses, five wheelchairs, one power wheelchair lift for a pickup

truck, 15 walkers, five rollators, ten potty chairs, four toilet seat risers, six shower benches, three tub chairs, one Hoyer lift, one Philips Respironics Innospire Mini. portable compressor nebulizer, six canes, three sets of Crutches, one shower wall handle, two bedside rails, one IV stand, one sitz bath, and four grabbers.

In addition to the equipment available, the club is in need of an electric Stair-Chair to fill a recent request. Please contact them if you know of any that are available.

To make pickup or delivery arrangements, please contact Ambridge Rotarian, PDG Walt Sickles at [walt.rotarydg1314@yahoo.com](mailto:walt.rotarydg1314@yahoo.com). You can also call or text him at 724-462-6929



## Attracting New Members

On Thursday March 16, the Upper St. Clair-Bethel Park Rotary, Breakfast Club, hosted its first membership event in support of Global Links. Designed to build community awareness of the Rotary club, engage with potential new members, and complete a service project, the event was successful on all fronts.

Over a dozen Rotarians, working side by side with five potential members, packed 100 Hygiene kits for Global Links, a non-profit charity founded in 1989 dedicated to connecting surplus medical supplies to the public. It was a great team effort that gave the Upper St. Clair-Bethel Park Rotary a way to showcase their direct impact in the community that they serve.

Visitors from three local townships were in attendance. Also present was District Governor Marie Fallon and her husband; Pittsburgh East President-Elect (and PDG) Tom Fallon.



The Rotary Club of Upper St. Clair-Bethel Park Breakfast invited non-Rotarians to a recent service project. In addition to serving next to some local Rotarians, the visitors got to know more about what Rotary does in their community and beyond.

Guest Alisa James, a 20-plus year resident of Upper St. Clair said “I really never understood just what the Rotary did, but this is exactly the kind of volunteer organization I’m looking for, and I’m excited to learn more.”

From the USC Farmers Market to the Annual Chicken BBQ fundraiser, the Upper St. Clair-Bethel Park

Rotary, Breakfast Club, plays a big role in supporting the local community, both through volunteer activities and through grants. To learn more, visit [uscbprotary.org](http://uscbprotary.org) or contact Club President (and Assistant Governor) Sally Morrison, at 412-951-7543

*Text & picture courtesy of Mary Kirk*



## Belle Vernon Interact Banquet

On March 23, the Belle Vernon and Frazier Interact Clubs met for their 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet at the Sons of Italy in Perryopolis. At the event, joined by members of the Belle Vernon Rotary Club, the Interact Clubs celebrated the past year of community service. In all, there were over 100 students and Rotary guests attending the banquet.

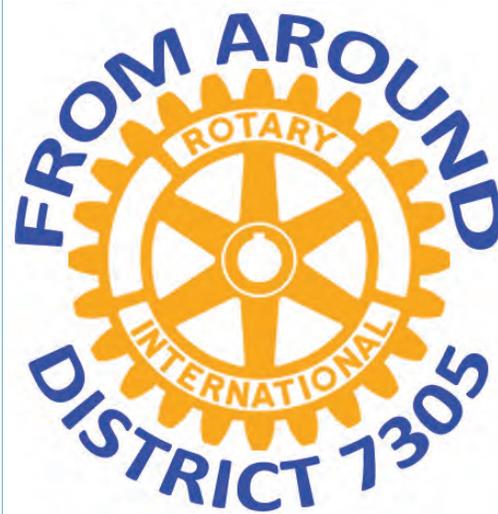
Current officers of the Interact clubs include Belle Vernon Area President

Christina Dinh and Frazier President Jensyn Hartman.

Each club presented a list of community events that the members participated in during the year. In addition, many members were given certificates for distinguished service and new members were introduced.

During the program, Belle Vernon Rotary President Brian Pirilla presented donations to both clubs for their help at the Rotary Pancake Dinner held in February.

Each club also chose a Community



Person of the Year to be honored. The Belle Vernon recipient was Michael Rozell and Devan White was the Frazier recipient. They both made remarks and thanked the students for the honor.

The Belle Vernon Rotary Club is very proud of the Belle Vernon and Frazier Interact Clubs!

*Text & picture by the Belle Vernon RC*





## RI Convention in Melbourne

There is still time to sign up for the Rotary International Convention in Melbourne, Australia. And, for those of you who want to add something extra to the experience, there are plenty of things to do before, during, and after the convention.

You can relive the grandeur of by-gone days on a Tall Ship. The ONE & ALL is the host vessel of Rotary D9510's 'Youth Sailing Challenge' project transforming the lives of teenagers seeking their direction in life.

Voyages are from Docklands Wharf sailing down the Yarra River towards Port Phillip Bay, observing Melbourne landmarks from a unique vantage point. Guests will have an opportunity to talk with the crew, some of whom are alumni of Rotary's Sailing Challenge. A commentary of points of interest will be in English.

### **Inclusions:**

- **Daytime sails**

2.5 hours duration, morning tea or light lunch served.



*The Rotary International Convention in Melbourne, Australia offers plenty of side activities for the adventurous Rotarian. Sailing on the ONE & ALL Tall Ship and a private walking tour of the Melbourne Zoo are just two of the exciting adventures that are available for the convention attendees.*

- **Sunset cruises**

3 hour duration, light evening meal served from the galley, and also appreciate the magical city lights as they return to the wharf. Local wines and beers from cash bar.

If your thing is exotic animals, you can take the day tour to the Melbourne Zoo. Explore, learn and discover some special behind-the-scenes secrets. The guided walking tour takes approximately 2 hours and afterwards you can explore the zoo at your leisure!

Meet koalas, see kangaroos, head underground into the wombat's burrow, and watch native birds soar on this amazing tour.

### **Inclusions:**

- Private air-conditioned coach
- Informative English-speaking guide
- Entry to Melbourne Zoo
- 2-hour private guided Australian Bush tour.

Did you know that Australia has its own rainforest? And, of course, there's The Great Barrier Reef. Discover one of the most beautiful regions of Australia, north of Cairns. Here, at the meeting point of an ancient rainforest and the Earth's largest living coral structure you will slow to a unique rhythm found only in Tropical North Queensland. Based in the central port of Cairns, a highlight includes swimming and snorkeling on the Great Barrier Reef.

### **Inclusions:**

- 3 nights' 4-star CBD accommodation
- Return Cairns Airport transfers
- Full Day Outer Barrier Reef cruise including lunch and return hotel transfers.

To sign up for the RI Convention, visit [convention.rotary.org](http://convention.rotary.org)

For more information about the many activities the Host Organization Committee has planned for you, and to learn more about what Melbourne, the state of Victoria, and the rest of Australia has to offer, visit their website: [rotarymelbourne2023.org](http://rotarymelbourne2023.org)

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**POLIO IN NUMBERS**

*Wild virus confirmed cases in 2023*  
**Global Total: 1 (1\*)**  
*Wild virus detected from other sources in 2023*  
**Global Total: 16 (63\*\*)**  
*As of March 21, 2023*  
 \* Total on the same date in 2022  
 \*\* Total for all of 2022

**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?

**Women's History Month**

In the US, Women's History Month is celebrated during the month of March. It is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society that has been observed annually in the United States since 1987.

The actual celebration of Women's History Month grew out of a week long celebration of women's contributions to culture, history and society organized by the school district of Sonoma, California, in 1978. Presentations were given at dozens of schools, hundreds of students participated in a "Real Woman" essay contest and a parade was held in downtown Santa Rosa.

A few years later, the idea caught on within communities, school districts and organizations across the country. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first presidential proclamation declaring the week of March 8 as National Women's History Week. The U.S. Congress followed suit the next year, passing a resolution establishing a national celebration. Six years later, the National Women's History Project successfully petitioned Congress to expand the event to the entire month of March.

International Women's Day, a global celebration of the economic, political and social achievements of women, took place for the first time on March 8, 1911. Many countries around the world celebrate the holiday with demonstrations, educational initiatives and customs such as presenting women with gifts and flowers.

The United Nations has sponsored International Women's Day since 1975. When adopting its resolution on the observance of International Women's Day, the United Nations General Assembly cited the following



Women are essential in the fight to eradicate polio. Photo by Tribal News Network

reasons: "To recognize the fact that securing peace and social progress and the full enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms require the active participation, equality and development of women; and to acknowledge the contribution of women to the strengthening of international peace and security."

**Women as Polio Workers**

An integral part of reaching every last child with repeated vaccination has been the increased role of women at different levels of the polio eradication programme. Hiring women in traditional contexts is imperative as in many areas, only female health workers have access to the households and can build trust and convince mothers to vaccinate their children. Female health workers have been featured increasingly as the true heroes of the polio eradication programme. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) has continually developed or adapted local strategies to engage women in the critical moment of the caregiver's decision on whether to vaccinate children against polio.

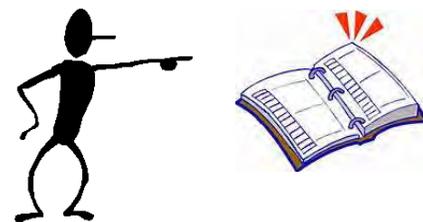
The GPEI is committed to increasing the number of female front-line workers, while providing them with the tools, training and protection they need to conduct

their work effectively. In some of Pakistan's highest-risk areas, for instance, more than 90% of vaccinators are women, while in Afghanistan's highest-risk areas, women now account for 37% of social mobilizers – up from 6% during 18 months.

Female health workers and social mobilizers are instrumental in building trust in their communities and encouraging vaccination, and the GPEI is committed to recruiting more women for the programme. In Pakistan, women currently (2017) make up more than 56% of front-line workers nationally, and in Nigeria, over 90%. In Afghanistan, where insecurity and strict gender roles in many areas restrict women's work and movement outside the home, currently 40% of front-line workers in urban areas are women. Pakistan and Nigeria have committed to ensuring that at least 80% of all front-line workers are women while Afghanistan has committed to having women comprise at least 50% of polio workers in urban areas by the end of 2018. The GPEI continuously monitors countries' performance in engaging more women as polio workers and reports on progress in its semi-annual status reports.

*Text from history.com and GPEI*

# SAVE THE DATE



## SAVE THE DATE – APRIL 29

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY FOR DGE JOHN HARTMAN  
DETAILS FORTHCOMING



## SAVE THE DATE – JUNE 23-25

DISTRICT 7305 CONFERENCE  
STATION SQUARE



## SAVE THE DATE – RYLA IN JUNE

RYLA LA ROCHE - JUNE 18 THRU JUNE 23.



RYLA OUTDOOR ODYSSEY - JUNE 25 THRU JUNE 30. BOSWELL, PA

## SAVE THE DATE – AUGUST 7

DISTRICT GOLF OUTING  
INTRODUCING DG JOHN HARTMAN  
WESTMORELAND COUNTRY CLUB

