



District 7545 Newsletter

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**This month's Rotary theme:
Community Economic and Development**



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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CORNER

With temperatures cooling and the leaves beginning to fall we are entering one of the most beautiful times of the year here in West Virginia. And with the change in seasons come new opportunities to support our local communities, right in line with this month's Rotary theme: Community Economic Development.



Carol and DG Dan McCarthy



Do we have projects that support the economic development of our communities? If not, this might be a good month to explore that possibility. If so, perhaps it's time to evaluate whether the projects we are doing truly reflect what our communities feel will have the greatest impact on economic development.

Whatever the situation in your club and community, use this month to take that fresh look at the impact you're having.

Speaking of impact, there are three articles in this edition of the Newsletter that provide opportunities for each of us to consider impacting beyond our local communities. The first of which we are taking action on at the district level by supporting recovery efforts in Ukraine. The other two involve supporting recovery efforts from the devastating flooding in Pakistan and the destructive impact of Hurricane Ian in southwest Florida. Please consider supporting these efforts either directly or through contributions to our Rotary Foundation Disaster Response Fund (<https://my.rotary.org/en/disaster-response-fund>).

Finally, October is also the month in which we celebrate World Polio Day. October 24th to be specific. Polio eradication remains Rotary's #1 external priority and we must all stay committed to this effort if we are to defeat this dreaded disease.

The recent discovery of a case of vaccine-derived polio in New York State highlights the fact this disease can still be spread to unvaccinated populations. We must complete the work we started back in the 80's to eradicate this disease. We really are this close:

Supporting this effort, it was recently announced that the Bill & Malinda Gates Foundation has extended their 2:1 match of Rotary's contributions through 2026, the year we currently predict the world will be declared polio free.



I challenge all our clubs to conduct a polio fundraiser this month in support of World Polio Day and to register your event at <https://poliocampaign.rotary.org/register-your-event>. I challenge all Rotarians to give what they can to support our ongoing efforts to eradicate this disease. Give directly at <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate> or contact our District Polio Plus Chair Greg Cartwright at

gregcartwrightrotary@gmail.com and join Carol and me as members of the District 7545 Polio Plus Society.

Shout out to the Clarksburg Rotary Club for this billboard contribution to our Polio eradication efforts.

Enjoy the fall colors!

Yours in Rotary Service,

Dan



MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

“Hope is not a strategy.” You’ve undoubtedly heard that phrase before. It applies to our membership growth efforts as well.

Hoping our members will invite guests that will become Rotarians is not a strategy. The consistent moderate growth we are looking to achieve will only come if we have a deliberate strategy for new member identification, introduction to Rotary, onboarding into our clubs and then engagement in club activities and events.

How do you go about developing such a strategy? I’m glad you asked because that is exactly the purpose of the ongoing Membership Action Plan (MAP) series of webinars being offered by our Zone right now.

This series of webinars features tried and true strategies for attracting and retaining members. The first session on “Creating a Membership Pipeline” aired in August. The second on “Connecting with Prospects” aired in September. If you missed them, you can still view the recordings by visiting <https://www.rizoness33-34.org/membership-action-plan/>. Future MAP sessions will air on the second Monday of each month from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm eastern.

We are off to a slow start this year in terms of net membership growth. Here’s an indicator of our progress to date against our target this year. While a net gain of 50 new members in a district of close to 2,000 members may not seem like a lot, it will take all of us developing effective membership strategies to get there.



DMC/PDG Sean Sawyer

D7545 Membership
Net Growth





As an example, the Bluefield Club recently held an invitation only event for targeted new members in their community. At last count, their efforts have resulted in over 20 new members.

Let me know what your club is doing to grow your membership. I look forward to hearing your ideas.

COMMUNITY SERVICE SPOTLIGHT

There are so many wonderful ways that the clubs in District 7545 serve their communities! It is great when we see clubs having fun and showing that Rotary can be fun at the same time. It makes Public Image very easy when we are serving our communities and visible as Rotarians serving as People of Action. The Rotary Club of Summersville is a good example in their support of the Nicholas County Potato Festival.

An active service club, The Rotary Club of Summersville is known for their annual dictionary project, scholarships, donations to the Nicholas County Animal Shelter, financial assistance to maintain the Summersville Lake Rescue Boat, winter coats for children in need, wrapping presents for the Summersville Christmas Store, litter pickup twice a year, and hosting a Valentines Party at a local extended care facility. While they have fun getting together for these activities, the community also gets to see them having fun in other ways.

They and their very visible tent are at just about every community event. They hosted refreshments at

“Music at the Pavilion” in downtown Summersville and sponsored a game for the Summersville Area Chamber of Commerce Back to School Bash. They recently served at the Mountain Mama Regatta. On September 10, 2022, they held their most unusual community event: The Norman Rexrode Memorial Potato Auction. Yes, a potato auction that is part of the 52nd Nicholas County Potato Festival. This large

festival promotes potato farming in the area and the Rotary Club is front and center.



Community Service Chair
Jane Stout



Be creative with your service projects, it keeps members engaged. Have fun and be visible in the community when you do!

PUBLIC IMAGE TIPS

Looking for additional Public Image resources? Be sure to check out our Rotary Zone 33's Public Image page: <https://rizon33-34.org/z33pi>. The Zone also has a YouTube page (Rotary 33 TV) where you can find previous Public Image Master Class videos that you can watch at your convenience (including such topics as Advanced Social Media, Canva, DACdb, and much more). Speaking of Master Classes, the next one is October 25, 2022 and the topic is "Creating a PR Plan for Club and District Service Projects." These classes are open to all Rotarians and the zoom link can be found on the Zone 33 public image page. If you have any questions about promoting your club's public image, do not hesitate to reach out to me at executivedirector@SouthCharlestonChamber.org



DPIC Amanda Ream

FOUNDATION FEATURE

You are invited!

You are invited to attend our second annual District Rotary Foundation Celebration on Friday, November 4, 2022 at 5:30 pm (cocktail hour cash bar) at the Edgewood Country Club at 1600 Edgewood Drive, Charleston, WV. Cost is \$45 per person for dinner which will begin at 6:15 p.m.

We will be recognizing the clubs who led the way last year with their contributions to the Rotary Foundation. There will also be some other special presentations. Our guest speaker will be Past District Governor Vanessa Irvin from District 7730 in North Carolina.

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- 1) Pay online with credit card on DACDB (no credit cards can be taken the evening of the event), OR
- 2) Bring check/cash evening of the event

Please go to the event on the DACDB calendar to register by Friday, October 28, 2022. You can also use this link to register: <https://dacdb.com/index.html?EventID=77629029>.

I hope to see you there.



DRFC/PDG Terry Mathias



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More than 100 years ago Rotarians took bold action to ensure a better future and established The Rotary Foundation. **Why?** To ensure Rotarians would have funding to make the world a better place.

Today, District 7545 Rotarians are taking bold action through the “[Imagine Your Rotary Legacy](#)” campaign to raise a Million Dollars or more for The Rotary Foundation. How?

- ❖ Outright gift of \$10,000+
- ❖ Three Year Pledge of \$10,000+
- ❖ Planned Giving/Estate Gift of \$10,000+

FUN FACTS OF THE MONTH

FIRST NAMES OR NICKNAMES

From the earliest days of Rotary, members have referred to each other on a first-name basis. Since personal acquaintanceship and friendship are cornerstones of Rotary, it was natural that many clubs adopted the practice of setting aside formal titles in conversations among members. Individuals who normally would be addressed as Doctor, Professor, Mister, the Honorable or Sir are regularly called Joe, Bill, Charley or Jerry by other Rotarians. The characteristic Rotary club name badge fosters the first-name custom.

In a few areas, such as Europe, club members use a more formal style in addressing fellow members. In other parts of the world, mainly in Asian countries, the practice is to assign each new Rotarian a humorous nickname which relates to some personal characteristic or which is descriptive of the member's business or profession. A member nicknamed "Oxygen" is the manufacturer of chemical gas products. "Trees" is the nickname for the Rotarian in the lumber business, "Building" is the contractor, "Paper" is the stationery or office supply retailer. Other members might carry nicknames like "Muscles," "Foghorn" or "Smiles" as commentaries on their physical features.

The nicknames are frequently a source of good-natured fun and fellowship. But whether a Rotarian is addressed by a given first name or a nickname, the spirit of personal friendship is the initial step which opens doors to all other opportunities for service.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

DISTRICT 7545 ROTARY ALUMNI NEWS

Who has participated in one of the following Rotary Foundation Programs?

Rotary Youth Exchange
Group Study Exchange
RYLA
Rotaract
Interact
Rotary Volunteers
Rotary Peace Fellows
Rotary Ambassadorial (or other) Scholars



District Alumni Coordinator
Rick Phalunas

If you have, you are a Rotary Alumni. If you know someone who has participated in one of these Rotary Foundation Programs who is not a Rotarian, let our District Alumni Chair Rick Phalunas know (rphalunas@gmail.com) and he will reach out to them and connect them with our District Alumni Group.

October 9-15 is Rotary Alumni Reconnect Week. During this period Rotary Clubs all across the globe are inviting Rotary Alumni to extend, or to renew their connection to Rotary. In District 7545, our objective is to identify at least one Rotary Alumnus or Alumna per Rotary Club who has participated in one of these programs with whom we can be in touch.

For Rotarians who are Rotary Alumni, we want to invite them to participate in Rotary Alumni activities in our District; and for non-Rotarian Alumni, our objective is to renew their connection with Rotary by inviting them to participate in our service projects, be a program speaker, or to be a guest at a Rotary meeting.

If you would like to be more involved in reconnecting with our Rotary Alumni, and/or you would like us to schedule a program about Rotary Alumni, please let me know!

ROTARY CLUB OF CHEAT LAKE

Cheat Lake Rotarian Dan Miller recently returned from Zambia where he was on a volunteer assignment for USAID to train Zambians in fish farming practices. During his visit he met with the local Rotary Club, saw Victoria Falls, came in close contact with African wildlife and took a ride on what must be the world's biggest swing.

Talk about an interesting club program right here in our district!



MORGANTOWN NORTH ROTARY CLUB

Morgantown North Rotary Club completed an extensive cleanup project at the Star City Riverfront Park this summer. Here's a couple of photos. Check out their Facebook page for more. You might even spot past ICA Becky Hunn in one of them.

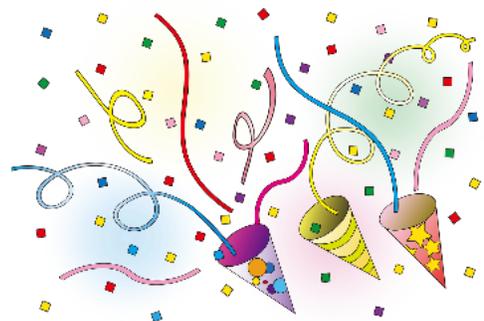


By the way, ask a Morgantown North club member about their potato patch and the contributions they are making to area food banks as a result.

Let us know what your club is doing in the community so we can feature you in upcoming newsletter editions!

ROTARY CLUB OF LOGAN

The Rotary Club of Logan celebrated their 100th anniversary on October 2nd this month. In doing so, they joined an elite group of only 15 clubs in our district that have reached that milestone. Congratulations!



DISTRICT 7545 SUPPORT TO UKRAINE

Leveraging RI's recently opened special fund for Disaster Response grants to Ukraine to groups of districts wanting to work together to have greater impact, District 7545 is partnering with District 7620 through the Metro Bethesda Rotary Club (MBR) and multiple other districts around the U.S. to provide support to Rotary Clubs in Ukraine.

An RI Disaster Response grant, a special temporary fund established by The Rotary Foundation that currently stands at about \$10 million, is the funding mechanism for this effort. It was created from funds donated by Rotarians specifically for support to Ukraine. RI approves the lead District; usually a specific club like MBR, which in turn coordinates the support and submits necessary reports.

Earlier in the year, MBR coordinated a similar project with its home District 7620 for \$57,000. Funding including \$25,000 from RI, \$25,000 from individual donations and \$7,250 from D7620.

MBR partnered with the Lviv International Rotary Club in Ukraine and with a local non-profit, United Help Ukraine (UHU). Medical aid was ordered and packed by MBR, shipped by UHU and distributed within Ukraine by the Lviv International Rotary Club.

Our participation enables greater access to RI Disaster Response funds and has contributed to MBR's receipt of a September grant of \$375,000 in additional supplies. Monthly rounds are planned until the December 31 RI deadline for this effort is reached.



NEWS FROM OUTSIDE OUR DISTRICT



We are making great progress towards eradicating polio, however recent news reminds us that **polio anywhere is a threat everywhere**. Polio is being detected around the world in places where it hasn't been found in decades. In the United States, an unvaccinated man was paralyzed by polio. In the UK, poliovirus has been detected in sewage samples. In Malawi, a child contracted polio. And Mozambique announced its first polio outbreak of wild poliovirus in 30 years.

The time for urgent action is now. A new vaccine has been deployed to stop outbreaks. Malawi, Mozambique, and nearby countries are conducting immunization campaigns to stop the spread of the virus. With our partners and advocates like you, we continue to encourage communities worldwide to provide vaccinations.

As we approach World Polio Day, 24 October, you can **help us make an impact** and stop the spread of polio. You can take action by:

- [Donating to PolioPlus](#)
- Creating a fundraiser for PolioPlus using [Raise for Rotary](#) (in Australian, Canadian, or U.S. dollars)
- Creating a fundraiser on the [End Polio Now Facebook page](#)
- Raising awareness by sharing content from the World Polio Day Toolkit, which you can find on our [World Polio Day webpage](#)

World Polio Day will help us provide the resources needed to protect children from the U.S. to Mozambique and around the world. Join us so that no child suffers the paralyzing effects of polio ever again.

Rotary International 2024-25 President Meet and Greet

with
Stephanie Urchick

Sunday, October 30, 2022

at LeMont-Pittsburgh, PA
1114 GRANDVIEW AVE. PITTSBURGH
412-431-3100

- Event 5:30-7:30
- \$60 per attendee
- Cocktail Attire
- Heavy Appetizers
- Cash Bar

**Proceeds benefit Rotary's
Disaster Response Fund**



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FLOODING IN PAKISTAN

If you haven't been following the flooding situation in Pakistan, its scope and scale is difficult to comprehend. It's one of the worst environmental disasters ever.

One-third of the country is under water. Over 1,600 people have died (over 500 of which were children) and over 33 million have been impacted, 8 million of which have been displaced.

Torrential monsoon rains that began in mid-June and continued through August have triggered the most severe flooding in Pakistan's recent history, washing away villages, livestock and agricultural exports that sustain the livelihood of Pakistan's population. An estimated 3.4 million children are in need of assistance and at increased risk of waterborne diseases, drowning and malnutrition.

Rotary's partner organization, ShelterBox, has deployed an emergency response team to Pakistan.

ShelterBox is an international disaster relief organization which provides emergency shelter and other aid items to families around the world who have lost their homes to disaster or conflict. Experienced in responding to flood-hit areas with over 75 deployments to areas affected by flooding since 2000, they are asking for our financial support in responding to this unprecedented disaster.

Donations can be made at their website www.shelterboxusa.org or by mail to P.O. Box 5055 Santa Barbara Ca. 93150

Learn more about ShelterBox at <https://www.shelterboxusa.org/> and about our ShelterBox-Rotary partnership at <https://www.shelterboxusa.org/home-page/partner-with-us/rotary/>





HURRICANE IAN RECOVERY EFFORTS UNDERWAY

Ranked as the 5th strongest storm to hit the U.S., Hurricane Ian hit Southwest Florida on September 28th with maximum sustained winds of 150 mph and a storm surge that reached 18 feet in places. Rescue crews have been moving door to door to check on victims of the storm. The latest death toll appears close to 90 and it is estimated there is \$25-40 billion in insured losses alone.



While it is hard to capture the devastation caused by this storm, the pictures included here give you some sense of the conditions with which Floridians impacted by the storm are dealing.

Rotary District 6960 is coordinating support efforts in Southwest Florida. They have established a disaster recovery fund and welcome financial assistance from clubs and individual Rotarians.

Find out more and contribute at www.Rotaryfl.org.



YOUTH PEACE IN ACTION GETS A NEW LOOK

Did you know that young people ages 14-24 are the world's largest, fastest growing demographic and they are eager to be peacebuilders? Youth Peace in Action (YPA), an initiative of Immediate Past Zone 33-34 Rotary Director Peter Kyle was created with this in mind.

YPA was initiated during the 2021-22 Rotary Year. The initial concept was for young people to complete a My Peacebuilders Foundation course, become certified peacebuilders and then develop and complete a peace project in their local community.

Working with schools, Interact Clubs, sponsoring Rotary Clubs, and others during that first year:

- Over 300 schools, clubs and organizations signed up
- Over 7,000 students, teachers and community supporters enrolled
- Over 1,500 peacebuilders certified



We learned a lot that first year, and the decision was made to modify the program somewhat for the 2022-23 year to make it easier for schools and clubs to participate. What's different? Rather than linking the certification process directly to peace projects as in 2021-22, the revised format allows schools to utilize the My Peacebuilders Foundation course and the associated certification process independent of accomplishing a peace project, and Peace projects can be initiated and completed independent of completing the certification process.

These changes are expected to allow a greater number of schools to participate in developing young peacebuilders as well as more clubs to support the development and completion of peace projects.

Whether your club sponsors an Interact Club or has another local youth organization you support, consider sponsoring a YPA Peacebuilding project. The cost is minimal: My Peacebuilders course materials are now being provided at no cost to participating high schools and clubs desiring to sponsor a Leading Peace Project need only invest \$500. Sign-ups end October 31st so act now if your club wants to take advantage of this program..

For more information see <https://www.youthpeaceaction.org/> or contact our district YPA coordinator Sam McDaniel at sjmac1@comcast.net.

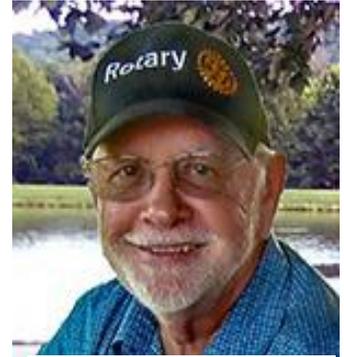
ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

RLI is for every Rotarian, not just for the club's leadership. If you want to learn more about the meaning of Rotary and what Rotary is doing in the World, you should attend RLI.

October 15 Pierpont C&T College, Fairmont - Part I
October 22 WV State University, South Charleston - Parts I & II

Become an RLI graduate and plan to complete all three Parts. If you can't attend an in-person RLI event you can register for a virtual RLI. To see a list of in-person and virtual RLI events, go to RLI33.com.

If you need more information about RLI or need assistance in registering for an event, please don't hesitate to contact me at hfaulk1@yahoo.com or 304-894-4838.



PDG Harry Faulk
RLI Chair

And from District 7600... District 7600 is pleased to offer two opportunities for you to take RLI this fall from the comfort of your own home! We are offering Part III virtually on October 11 and 12, 2022. We will start each evening at 5:00 pm eastern and wrap up around 8:00 pm each evening. As a special bonus, we will be holding a RLI graduation ceremony at our District Conference on Saturday, October 15 during the luncheon. Those who complete the training October 11-12 will receive their graduation certificates at that time. For those not attending the District Conference, certificates will be mailed to you.

In addition, we are offering Parts I, II and III on Saturday, October 29, 2022, beginning at 8:45 am and ending at 3:45 p.m. Again, the program is offered via Zoom. Registration for both events is open on DACdb. Additional information on these opportunities is available at RLI33.org.

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE

Both of the District 7545 outbound students have filed their monthly reports for September, their second month in their host countries.

Margot (Germany) reports that she is doing very well and making lots of friends. Her host family only speaks German at home which helps her learn the language.

Natalie (Mexico) has also made several friends and has helped her host Rotary club with their project to prepare bags for the homeless in their community.

Both young ladies are doing well but are finding that language is the most difficult hurdle, especially in class. I'm sure both will adjust quickly and become experts in the language of their host countries.



PDG Dennis Shreve
Youth Services Chair

Young people have a way of adjusting to the language fairly quickly. Big thank-you to the Kingwood and the Elkins Rotary Clubs and District 7545 for making it possible for these young ladies to experience their dream.

How about students in your community? Isn't there some young person (age 15 – 19) who would love to have a year-long adventure in another country learning the language and culture while making lots of new friends? It costs the sponsoring club very little. Just some time to find an interested young person and purchasing a blazer for the student. The sponsoring club can help with other costs if they want but are not required to do so. The parents are responsible for travel and insurance and the host Rotary club in the foreign country is responsible for housing, feeding and nurturing the student. These Long-term exchanges (10 – 12 months) are life-changing!

Applications for Long-Term Exchange are available on the Ohio-Erie website and are due by December 15th. If you know of someone who is interested, please let me know at dmshre12@gmail.com, 304-669-9666. I'm happy to talk to the students and answer any questions they might have. I'm also happy to talk to you or your club about Rotary Youth Exchange

The website for Ohio-Erie is: www.oerye.org

UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

District Foundation Banquet , Edgewood County Club, Charleston	Nov 4, 2022
President-elect Training Seminar , TBD	Feb 24, 2023
Membership Summit , TBD	Feb 25, 2023
District Conference , Stonewall Resort	Apr 28-30, 2023
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) , Jackson's Mill	May 12-14, 2023
District Leadership Installation , Flatwoods	Jun 23, 2023
District Training Assembly , Flatwoods	Jun 24, 2023



Mark your calendars!

2022-23 LEADERSHIP

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UPCOMING DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISITS

Club	Date/Time	Location
Cheat Lake	10/11/2022 7:30 am	Cranberry Hotel, Morgantown
Morgantown North	10/12/2022 7:00 am	Erickson Alumni Center, Morgantown
Morgantown	10/13/2022 12:00 pm	Hotel Morgan, Morgantown
Fairmont	10/13/2022 6:00 pm	Brickside on the Green, Fairmont
South Fairmont	10/13/2022 6:00 pm	Brickside on the Green, Fairmont
Huntington	10/17/22 12:00 pm	DoubleTree by Hilton, Huntington
Tucker County	10/20/2022 12:00 pm	Riverfront Wood Fired Pizza, Thomas
Canyon Rim	11/3/2022 6:15 pm	Gaines Estate, Fayetteville
Charleston Vandalia	11/9/2022 7:30 am	Edgewood Country Club, Charleston
Wood County	11/10/2022 7:30 am	Vienna Community Building, Vienna
Lewisburg	11/14/2022 11:15 am	Dutch Haus Restaurant, Lewisburg
Bluefield	11/15/2022 12:00 pm	Clover Club, Bluefield
Kimball	11/15/2022 5:00 pm	Ya'sou Restaurant, Kimball
Barboursville	11/16/2022 12:00 pm	Delta Hotel, Barboursville

White Sulphur	11/17/2022 7:30 am	New Vision Baptist Church, White Sulphur
Milton	11/17/2022 12:00 pm	Giovanni's Pizza, Milton
Spencer	11/28/2022 12:00 pm	Roane County Library, Spencer
Point Pleasant	11/30/2022 12:00 pm	Pleasant Valley Hospital, Point Pleasant
Peterstown	12/1/2022 6:30 pm	Peterstown Fire Hall, Peterstown
Parkersburg	12/5/2022 12:00 pm	Blennerhassett Hotel, Parkersburg

Club Presidents: Contact District Secretary Carol McCarthy at designsbycarol@gmail.com if your club is not yet scheduled for a visit

HELPFUL LINKS

District 7545 Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryDistrict7545/>

Zone 33/34 Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/rotaryinternationalzones33.34/>

District 7545 website: <https://www.rotarydistrict7545.org/>

Zone 33/34 website: <https://www.rizoness33-34.org/>

Deadline for October Newsletter is October 31st

Send items to Newsletter editor Donna M. Tennant, DT2078@aol.com

Articles received after this deadline will be used the following month

