

# DISTRICT PULSE



**Rotary**  
District 7545



*District 7545 Club, Madison, WV*

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## **NOTE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

October signals the beginning of Fall and changing colors. It is also Rotary's month of Economic and Community Development which is a time to celebrate the ways we help our local communities thrive. We also look ahead to World Polio Day on October 24, when Rotarians across the globe join to raise awareness and support the fight to end polio. I encourage every club in District 7545 to take part—whether through a fundraiser, service event, or simply sharing Rotary's story.

I continue to greatly enjoy my District Governor club visits and look forward to those upcoming. I was especially heartened by visits to two smaller clubs in different parts of the State that had experienced some membership challenges. The Rotary Clubs of Peterstown and Ceredo-Kenova presented warm, welcoming family atmospheres and it is not surprising then that each one experienced consistent growth over last few years, increasing their annual membership from what used to be in the single digits.

Finally, although there are many state-wide festivals this month, our State's largest single-day event occurs on Oct 18, when thousands of people gather on the New River Gorge Bridge in Fayetteville. The evening prior, the Canyon Rim Rotary Club supports the Taste of Bridge Day comprised of local food vendors to raise funds to benefit local community organizations dedicated to the arts, education and social services.

Thank you for all that you are doing to support District 7545!

Yours in Rotary Service,

Rick



# DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISITS

The following clubs are scheduled for visits by the District Governor during the next two months.

- Ripley & Point Pleasant: 10/1
- Wood County: 10/2
- Cheat Lake: 10/7
- Morgantown North: 10/8
- Morgantown: 10/9
- South Charleston: 10/16
- Brooke County, Weirton, & Weirton Heights: 10/23
- Summersville: 10/29
- Lewisburg: 11/3
- Logan: 11/5
- Tucker County: 11/10
- Charleston Vandalia, Barboursville, Ceredo-Kenova, & Milton: 11/12
- Buckhannon Upshur: 11/18

It's never too early to get the 2026 District 7545 Conference on your calendars! We'll be convening May 29 - 30, 2026 at Camp Dawson in Kingwood, WV. Spread the word and keep an eye on the district pulse for more details in the coming months!



# DISTRICT 7545 REPRESENTATIVES AT THE 2025 ZONE 33-34 SUMMIT

This past month, representatives from District 7545 headed to Jacksonville, Florida to attend the 2025 Zone 33/34 Summit. As always, it was a great event filled with helpful information, fellowship, and a bit of fun.



Picture left to right: PDG Dan McCarthy, Emerging Leader Sarah Woodrum, Carol McCarthy, PDG Ranjit Majumder, Pat Macak, Indira Majumder, DGE Julie Sawyer, PDG Sean Sawyer, DG Rick Macak, and Emerging Leader Brandon Palmeri.



# ELKINS ROTARY CLUB HEARS FROM TUCKER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



David “Coop” Cooper, Past District Governor and Chief Executive Officer for the Tucker Community Foundation, spoke with the Rotary Club of Elkins. The Tucker Community Foundation was founded in 1988, in the aftermath of the flood that decimated Parsons as well as many other communities in Tucker County and the surrounding counties.

After its beginning in Tucker County, the Foundation now serves communities and organizations in ten counties - Barbour, Garrett (Maryland), Grant, Mineral, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Preston, Randolph, Tucker and Upshur.

One of the keystone projects for the Foundation is scholarships. The number of scholarship applications for the current year nearly doubled over the previous year, moving from 130 to almost 200 for the current year.

One of the Foundation’s largest fundraising events of the year is Run For It. . Since its inception in 2007, Run For It has raised a total of \$3.2 million, with \$532,000 being returned to Randolph County organizations.

To learn more about the Tucker Community Foundation, or to make a gift to support the Foundation’s work, visit [www.tuckerfoundationwv.org](http://www.tuckerfoundationwv.org). Additional information can also be found on Facebook - Tucker Community Foundation.

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## WORLD POLIO DAY IS OCT 24TH

World Polio Day highlights the global efforts to end polio worldwide. These efforts had their origin as a Rotary initiative to immunize children in the Philippines which ultimately led to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) in 1988 to eradicate polio worldwide.

When the GPEI began, polio paralyzed more than 1,000 children worldwide every day. Since then, nearly 3 billion children have been immunized.

Only two countries remain who have not stopped polio transmission: Pakistan and Afghanistan, the current focus of the GPEI’s efforts.

Every year on 24 October, we observe World Polio Day to raise awareness of the importance of polio vaccination and to celebrate the many parents, professionals and volunteers whose contributions make polio eradication achievable. To ensure a polio-free future for everyone, efforts must continue to maintain high immunization.



# COME JOIN US AROUND THE TABLE

WRITTEN BY PAT MACAK

Since July, Rick and I have been visiting clubs at a fervent pace and enjoying every one. Each is unique in its size, venue, meeting time, and personality. Even the meals are different. The breakfast at the White Sulfur Springs club was amazing and definitely worth getting up early for! We have never had a lunch we didn't enjoy. Recently we had the opportunity to attend an evening meeting at the Rotary Club of Peterstown.

It definitely left an impression on us. Three ladies from the local DAR organization use the weekly meal preparation as their club's fundraiser thereby providing a great partnership between the two community organizations. These ladies are doing what they love and the meal was a wonderful testament to their passion. However, beyond the delicious meal, we noticed something different. There was a strong vibe of family in this group of 14. When we walked in, one long table was beautifully set. Each person who came through the door was warmly and enthusiastically welcomed. Only after everyone had arrived, did the meal begin. All of this reminded me of a Thanksgiving meal.

As we all sat around the table, Rick and I noticed the variety of ages sitting together and the teasing and laughing going on. At one point, membership was being discussed. I noticed Beverly Pence sitting across from me, a fresh young face intently listening. I asked how long she had been a Rotarian. She indicated about two years. I then asked her, "What brought you to the club and what keeps you in the club?" She said she was new to the community and didn't know anyone. She met Herb McClaugherty (the "Goat Man") and was asked without hesitation to come with him to a Rotary meeting. Beverly stays because the club gives her a sense of belonging, a family she never had, and a feeling of home. Beverly is engaged in the club, proud of the projects she has participated in, and she was attending the RLI the next day.



This is what Rotary should always be about. The Rotary Club of Peterstown is growing one person at a time, maintaining membership, and making a difference -- not only in the community but within the lives of its members. And, by the way, we had the privilege of being there for the dedication of their Rotary Peace Pole whereby they are promoting peace, too. Well done, Rotary Club of Peterstown!

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## CEREDO - KEDOVA CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

Congratulations are in order for the Rotary Club of Ceredo - Kenova for reaching their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary! This momentous achievement was further celebrated with the induction their newest member, Amy Dickerson.

Pictured left to right: Amy Dickerson, President Dave Amos, AG Ginny Jaskot, DG Rick Macak and DGE Julie Sawyer on the occasion of the club's 100th anniversary on Sep 21, 2025.





**FALL 2025**  
**ROTARY DISTRICT**  
**7545 RLI LEARNING**  
**OPPORTUNITY**

**PART I**

**OCTOBER 11, 2025**  
**WEIRTON, WV**

**DISCOUNTED RATE OF**  
**\$60!**

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**RLI IS FOR**  
**EVERYONE!**

**AS ROTARIANS, YOU ARE ALL LEADERS, SOME IN YOUR COMMUNITY,  
SOME IN YOUR PROFESSION, AND SOME IN LIFE IN GENERAL...**

**AT RLI, OUR PURPOSE IS TO GIVE YOU THE NECESSARY TOOLS AND SKILLS TO  
BE BETTER ROTARIANS. AS IN EVERY ENDEAVOR, THE MORE YOU KNOW ABOUT  
ANYTHING, THE MORE INTERESTING IT BECOMES. ROTARY IS MOST ASSUREDLY  
ONE OF THOSE AREAS THAT THE MORE YOU PUT INTO IT, THE MORE YOU GET  
OUT OF IT. RLI CAN MAKE THAT POSSIBLE FOR YOU.**

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