

## Rotary Foundation and Fellowship Events

Rotarians in District 7280 have organized all sorts of activities to promote fellowship and to support Rotary Foundation programs. Much of the information in these charts was taken from monthly governor newsletters, and it's sketchy at best. Any Rotarian is welcome to elaborate on these topics. In the meantime, a quick look through the charts gives the reader an idea of how Rotarians in our district have enjoyed themselves while helping others.

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In the late 1980s, Rotary International embarked on a fundraising effort like no other it had done. The goal was to raise \$120 million for **Polio Eradication (PolioPlus)** worldwide. Not only did Rotarians worldwide raise nearly double that amount, Rotarians in our district rallied considerable sums for the cause. Various efforts since have also raised much-needed funds. Jack Nicklas and Trueman Mills were instrumental in the early fund-raising years. PDG Lee Ahlum (while district governor) and Henry “Hank” Anna (before becoming district governor) both participated in Polio National Immunization Days (NIDs): Lee in January-February 2003 in India and Hank in November 2004 in Nigeria.

<b>Polio Eradication (PolioPlus) Participation</b>		
<b>Year</b>	<b>Contribution</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1987-88	\$831,000+ reported at district conference	
2002-03	\$435,420 reported in June newsletter	Fundraising highlights: (1) The Gala Celebration at the Splash Lagoon on May 8, attended by 80 Rotarians, raised \$4000 toward polio eradication. The event was organized by Erie, Elk Valley, Kearsarge, Presque Isle, and Wesleyville. (2) Corvette Raffle, won by Joe Mancuso (Cranberry Township), raised over \$25,000 toward polio eradication. (3) “Stamp Out Polio” Game: Pittsburgh v. Cincinnati in August raised over \$1900 toward polio eradication.

<b>Polio Eradication (PolioPlus) Participation</b>		
<b>Year</b>	<b>Contribution</b>	<b>Comments</b>
2003-04		“ On page 48 of the December issue of <i>The Rotarian</i> is a listing of the top contributors to the PEFC [Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign]. Note that under Zone 28, District 7280 is third with per capita giving of \$261.64. What is more important is that there are only twelve other districts listed with a higher per capita giving in the entire Rotary world of 530 districts. That puts District 7280 in the top echelon of giving!” <i>January 2004 governor’s newsletter</i>

Many Rotary districts have a tradition of celebrating Rotary Foundation Month (November) with a **Foundation Dinner**. District 7280 joined in this custom in 1996. Such dinners include receptions, sit-down meals, musical entertainment, and keynote speakers who challenge the audiences to recommit to the ideals of The Rotary Foundation. These dinners are usually considered fundraisers with, for example, \$25 of the ticket price going to The Foundation.

<b>Foundation Dinners</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
November 9, 1996	Slippery Rock University Club, Slippery Rock
November 20, 1999	Treesdale Country Club, Mars
2002-03	In each of the six divisions in the district

Details are few about these district-wide **Valentine Parties**, but in 1994 they were described as an “annual” event.

<b>Valentine Parties</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Highlights</b>
Feb 14, 1987	Hilton Hotel, Pittsburgh	“RI President M.A.T. Caparas Day” where other dignitaries included RI President-Elect Charles Keller and where Dennis Iaquina (Kearsarge) and Luise M. Barsi (DuBois) received Paul Harris Fellow recognition from RI President Caparas
Feb 1992	Clarion	

<b>Valentine Parties</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Highlights</b>
Feb 13, 1993	Clarion	Identified theme songs from the Big Band Era
Feb 12-13, 1994	Clarion Holiday Inn, Clarion	Saturday outing planned by Clarion Rotarians, Ed Featherstone (from RI) giving update on The Foundation, wine and cheese reception and dinner, and Sunday brunch

<b>Rotary Volunteers</b>			
<b>Year</b>	<b>Rotarian</b>	<b>Rotary Club</b>	<b>Mission</b>
1989	William B. Coulter	Kane	Performed dental work: treated the Vietnamese "boat people" in the Philippines
1990	George R. Hart	New Wilmington	Consulted as ears, nose, & throat specialist in St. Lucia, West Indies
Various years	George R. Hart	New Wilmington	Consulted as ears, nose, & throat specialist in St. Lucia, West Indies and at a Navajo Hospital in Arizona
1993	William B. Coulter	Kane	Performed dental work: treated Vietnamese in Hong Kong
1994	William B. Coulter	Kane	Performed dental work: treated the Q'eqchi Indians in Guatemala
1995	William B. Coulter	Kane	Performed dental work in Kenya
1996	William B. Coulter	Kane	Performed dental work in Guatemala

**District Baseball Events** include the “Stamp Out Hunger” Pirates games. The idea was that a part of the price of each ticket was rebated by the Pirates to the participating Rotary districts. District 7280 donated this money to the Rotary Foundation and/or used portions for the district’s project in Eben-Ezer, Haiti. In addition, all fans attending the game were encouraged to bring foodstuffs for donation to area food cupboards.

<b>District Baseball Events</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Game</b>	<b>Benefit to Rotary Foundation</b>
1982	Pittsburgh v. Phillies	
1991	“Stamp Out Hunger” Game: Pittsburgh v. ??? @ Three Rivers Stadium, Pittsburgh	Preliminary reports showed over \$20,000 would be paid by the Pirates to The Rotary Foundation.
1992	“Stamp Out Hunger” Game: Pittsburgh v. Atlanta @ Three Rivers Stadium, Pittsburgh	Five Rotary districts participated, with over 6500 Rotarians and their friends attending and over \$20,000 paid by the Pirates to The Rotary Foundation.
1993	“Stamp Out Hunger” Game: Pittsburgh v. ??? @ Three Rivers Stadium, Pittsburgh	
August 11, 1994	“Stamp Out Hunger” Game: Pittsburgh v. Montreal @ Three Rivers Stadium, Pittsburgh	Three Rotary districts participated with over 3000 Rotarians and their friends attending and \$9300 raised for the Foundation, including \$960 from the Pittsburgh Pirates organization based on our share of the tickets sold.
August 2002	“Stamp Out Polio” Game: Pittsburgh v. Cincinnati	Over 1000 Rotarians and guests attended. From tickets sales and first pitch drawing, raised over \$1900 for the Polio Eradication Campaign.

<b>District Notables</b>	
<b>Rotarian</b>	<b>Description</b>
G. William Blank	In 1979, was appointed to the Research Advisory Group to handle all items of inquiry that will be mailed out worldwide affecting various programs of RI.
PDG Jesse E. “Bob” Burns	In 1972, was recognized for 50 years of perfect attendance.
Fillmore Campbell	In 1981, honored for more than 50 years of “outstanding membership and attendance.”

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<b>Rotarian</b>	<b>Description</b>
PDG John Chiprean	<p>In 1979, was appointed to the Environmental Projects Committee to investigate opportunities for involvement of Rotary clubs in environmental projects and programs..</p> <p>In 1980, was appointed to the Balloting Committee at the International Convention.</p>
John Fabian	<p>As of August 1994, attended 33 international conventions. Also, had well over 100% attendance at regular Rotary meetings because he attended club meetings around the district in addition to the regular Sharon club meetings. For example, in September 1983, attended his club's regular meeting at noon, checked into the local hospital, had a special diet supper, received permission to attend a Rotary meeting that evening in nearby Mercer, checked back into the hospital, and was operated on the next morning. Passed away in ?2004.</p>
PDG Brad Keith	<p>In 1982, represented RI President Stan McCaffrey at district conference in District 775 (part of South Carolina).</p>
PDG Merton Merring	<p>In 1983, "stepped in at a moment's notice and fulfilled the Governor's duties in fine fashion" while DG R. Bruce Shannon was ill.</p> <p>In 1984-85, was elected to the zone Nomination Committee for Director Zone 8 USCB.</p>
Cal Neithamer (Erie)	<p>After District 7280's first student exchange with Yugoslavia (1989-90), helped the student's father, Vlado Juricic, establish a Rotary club in Zagreb in 1991.</p>
R. Jack Nicklas	<p>In 1979, was appointed to the Research Advisory Group to handle all items of inquiry that will be mailed out worldwide affecting various programs of RI.</p>
Charles "Passy" Passavant	<p>In 1974, was recognized for 50 years of perfect attendance and became a Paul Harris Fellow.</p>
Michael Chalmers Pollock (Grove City)	<p>In 1975, was recognized for 50 years of perfect attendance.</p>

<b>District Notables</b>	
<b>Rotarian</b>	<b>Description</b>
PDG Terry Powell	<p>In 1972, was appointed the General Secretary to the International Contacts Committee of the thirteen-district association managing the Rotary Youth Exchange program for the member districts.</p> <p>In 1980, appointed by RI President Rolf Klarich as a member of the Consultation Group for the United States, Canada, and Bermuda, one of five such regional groups that review the entire field of RI activity as it relates to the geographic areas from which the members of the groups are appointed. The group studies special projects and reviews Rotary publications in relation to the respective region.</p> <p>In 1982, represented RI President Stan McCaffrey at district conference in District 747 (part of New Jersey).</p> <p>In 1984-85, was named as a member of the RI Consultative Committee on Vocational Service.</p> <p>At the International Assembly in Kansas City in March 1992, spoke at the request of RI President Rajendra Saboo.</p>
PDG Glennis Rickert (1938-39, Kane)	<p>At the Changing of the Guard ceremony in 1992, donated his gold PDG pin to the district to be passed to each “new” PDG, with Ted Walwik being the “first new” PDG to receive the pin and to start the tradition.</p> <p>In 1994, speaking to an English class, explained the secret of life: You live in a house with shingles on it. If a shingle comes off the roof and the water comes down and drops into the house, you’re not very comfortable.... A life is like that. You are a house, and you are protected in various ways.... Let’s say you smoke cigarettes — it’s like taking a shingle off your roof. If you keep it up, it’s like not putting a shingle back on your roof. The rain, wind, and storms enter your house and wreck it. So, the secret of life is... keep your roof shingled. Prevent your body from deteriorating. One way is to eat properly; the other is not to indulge in things that are harmful. The secret of life is to take care of your body, mind, and spirit and to have proper attitudes.</p> <p>Passed away on May 18, 2000, at age 105.</p>

<b>District Ideas – Not Sure Whether They Succeeded</b>		
<b>Year</b>	<b>Organizer</b>	<b>Description</b>
1976		Bury a time capsule to be opened in 100 years. Knox club buried one (the governor's newsletter doesn't say where though).
1990	District	Rotary Overseas Vocational Exchange (ROVE) with northern Germany (District 185) where young Germans who have finished their apprenticeships were looking to continue their education in another country. Our district was approached to participate.
1994	John Sample (Grove City)	Couples Exchange with Rotary Club of Elgin, Scotland: Two-week visit alternating yearly between the districts.

<b>District Trips</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
1964	Toronto	To attend international convention via the S. S. North American on a eight-day cruise.
1976	New Orleans	To attend international convention: "The District will be represented at the International Convention in New Orleans by over fifty-five Rotarians and Rotary Anns, the largest delegation in at least twelve years." ( <i>June 1976 Governor's Monthly Letter</i> )
1983	Toronto (by bus)	To attend international convention?
1998	Amazon River and Iquitos, Peru	To see the water well our district sponsored for a clinic in Iquitos and to visit Dr. Luinea Smith, the American doctor from Minnesota who requested the water well be drilled. The group also delivered textbooks for 40 children in the Indian village of Huarmi Isla in the Picaya-Samaritan Reserve.

<b>District Dinners</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
1965	Various (Warren, DuBois, Franklin)	To greet Past RI President Herb Taylor and promote the Four-Way Test among high school students.
1974	Joint Hickory and Sharon club meeting	To greet RI President Bill Robbins (43 clubs represented by 256 Rotarians attended).
1979	West Middlesex	To greet RI President Clem Renouf with District 665 (Ohio) (401 attended).