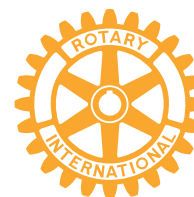




BE THE INSPIRATION

Rotary
District 7280



District Governor's Message

July was a busy but enjoyable month. It is hard to believe a month of my year as Governor is already over. I've been to our largest club and some of the smallest clubs in the District. Although each club is different, we have a common bond. As I begin my second month of official visits, I have come to a number of realizations about our clubs, the District's geography, and our membership. Some of which you may find interesting and others you may not. In no particular order, they are:

- There is a President, PA. No, not a President of PA but a town called President. I want to go there. I have a feeling I'll be disappointed but I still want to go.
- The cheapest gas by far in our footprint is at the Country Fair in Shipperville, PA. Nearly 20 cents cheaper than anywhere else. No idea why, but I stopped twice in one week.
- Nothing is close to Port Allegany.
- When creating my official visit schedule, it seemed logical to start with clubs close to home (see observation above... it's all relative) which I often visited as an AG or neighboring Rotarian. I thought it would be better to start the year in confines familiar and comfortable to me. I realized I felt at home in clubs I had never visited.
- Ask Rotarians to help and they will.
- We often underestimate the value we bring to our community and the world through Rotary.
- Our members do not like long newsletters (some don't know we have a newsletter I fear).

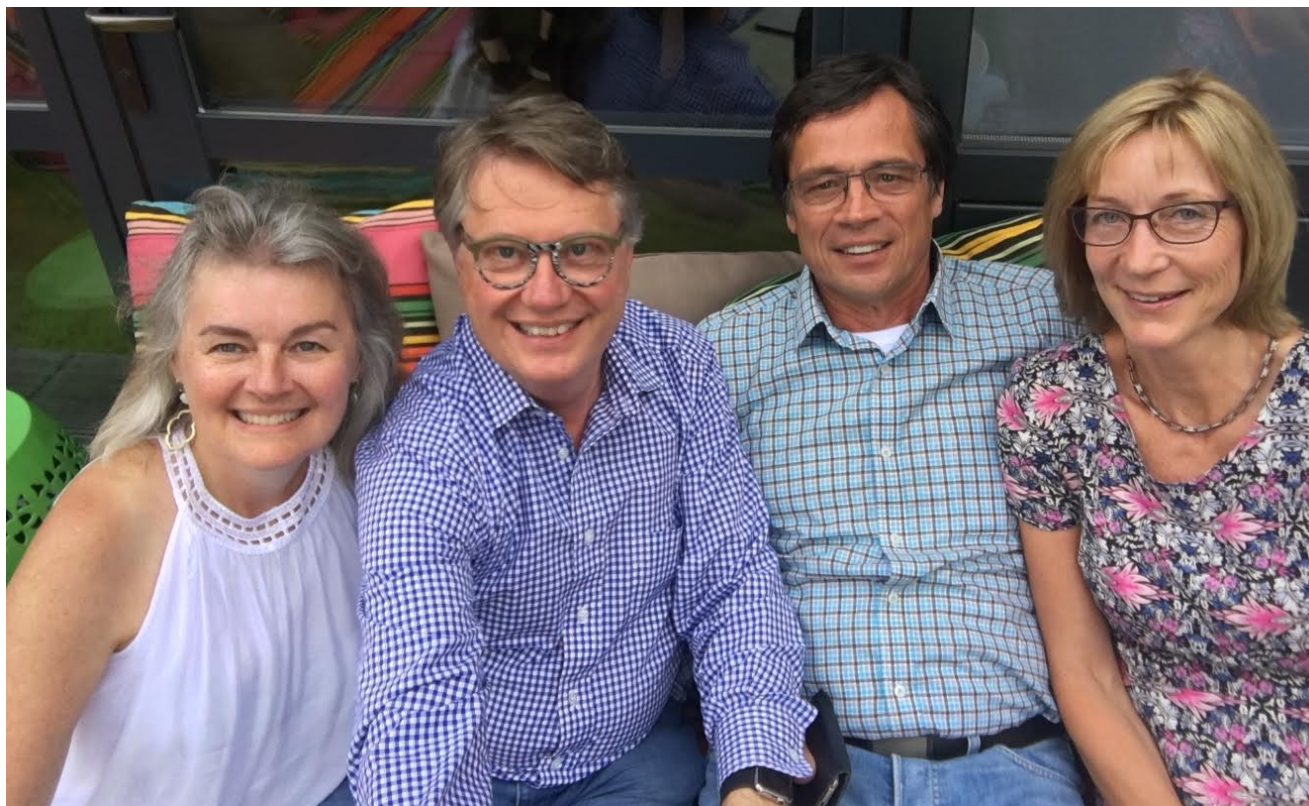
August will bring more travel and visits as summer starts to wind down and my daughter heads back to college. I look forward to helping her kick off a new Rotaract club at Mansfield University, but will, of course miss having her home and in the office. On my visits, I have been taking notes and promise to keep the newsletter relatively concise, share great ideas I find and assist you to have a successful year. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

"Be The Inspiration"

Scott

Photo caption:

Clarion Rotarian Jim Crooks has maintained a lifelong friendship with Olle Ahlmark, a high school student he met in Falun, Sweden while an exchange student. They recently spent a holiday together in New York City. From left: Lydia and Jim Crooks and Olle and Marie Ahlmark.



My Rotary Story

By Jim Crooks, Rotary Club of Clarion

It was 1968. I was 16, and there was a Rotary exchange student from Sweden named Amy Yngve at our high school. She was fun, smart and cute! We became friends and she challenged me to consider becoming an exchange student with Rotary. Back then it was very competitive process. But soon enough I was accepted into the program for Sweden, my first choice!

My host city in Sweden was Falun, Amy's hometown. It was about 3.5 hours from Stockholm. Amy was a great help in my adjustment and we remain friends to this day. Although the first several months were difficult --especially learning Swedish and feeling lonely -- I soon developed friendships, especially with one guy named Olle Ahlmark. We became great friends and he was responsible for my year being so successful. While in Sweden, I had three great host families and although I have lost all of my host "parents," I remain in close contact with my Swedish siblings. Eight have been to visit me in Clarion.

Over the years Olle and I have seen each other many times. Both of our families, including seven children, once traveled west for two weeks together. Recently, along with our spouses, we spent a week together traveling to New York City, to Pittsburgh for an Eagles concert, and we had a wonderful time with an Amish family for dinner in Knox.

We have hosted five wonderful exchange students and have thoroughly enjoyed it. In addition, our oldest son and daughter were Rotary exchange students to Venezuela and Argentina. Those experiences have profoundly changed their lives.

I joined Rotary after graduating from college in 1977, and have enjoyed the friendships and service to the community over the years. I am so proud to have been a very small part in eradicating polio and bringing fresh water to so many in need.

Rotary is what you make it. For me, it has been one of the greatest blessings in my life.

Jim Crooks
Rotary Club of Clarion

We'd like to hear your personal "Rotary Story!" Contact Kathy Corcoran, District Public Image Chair, at corcoran7667@gmail.com to get started.

Announcements:

District Governor Nominations for 2021-2022

All District 7280 clubs are invited to submit District Governor nominations for the 2021 – 2022 Rotary year by Friday, August 17, 2018. Information shall be submitted in the form of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the club naming a candidate. The resolution shall be certified by the club secretary. Also, any club may suggest a candidate who is a member of another club, so long as the suggesting club first obtains the concurrence of the candidate's club.

The candidate must have been a Rotarian for seven years and served a full year as a club president. The candidate must agree in writing to having their name submitted. The two documents need to be submitted together and mailed to 2018-19 DG M. Scott Bayline via US mail at 412 Hillside Ave, Port Allegany, PA 16743.

In accordance with District and Rotary International By-Laws, ONLY club-suggested candidates are eligible to challenge the Nominating Committee's Decision.

Fall Workshop

Mark your calendars for the Fall Workshop on November 3, 2018. Club's will receive Foundation Recognition for 2017-18 Rotary year and hear from several speakers as well as get to mingle with other 7280 Rotarians. More details will follow.

CLUBS	AMOUNT	CLUBS	AMOUNT
Bessemer/Mohawk		Meadville A.M.	\$100.00
Bradford		Mercer	
Butler		Mt. Jewett	\$100.00
Butler A.M.		New Castle	
Chicora-East Brady		New Wilmington	
Clarion	\$100.00	Oil City	
Corry		Port Allegany	
Cranberry Township		Portersville-Prospect	
Cranberry Twp. Sunrise		Presque Isle (Erie)	
DuBois		Punxsutawney	
Edinboro		Rich-Mar	\$100.00
Ellwood City	\$100.00	Sharon	
Erie	\$100.00	Sheffield	\$100.00
Evans City		Slippery Rock	
Franklin	\$100.00	Smethport	
Greenville		Titusville	
Grove City	\$100.00	Warren	
Hermitage		Wesleyville	
Kane	\$100.00	Zelienople	\$100.00
Kittanning	\$100.00		
Leechburg	\$100.00		
Linesville	\$100.00	TOTAL COLLECTED	\$1,400.00
Meadville		CLUBS PARTICIPATING	14
		Report #1 7/31	

Vocational scholarship collected as of 7/31/2018

CLUBS	AMOUNT	CLUBS	AMOUNT
Bessemer/Mohawk		Meadville A.M.	\$300.00
Bradford		Mercer	
Butler		Mt. Jewett	\$350.00
Butler A.M.		New Castle	
Chicora-East Brady		New Wilmington	
Clarion	\$1,140.00	Oil City	
Corry		Port Allegany	
Cranberry Township		Portersville-Prospect	
Cranberry Twp. Sunrise		Presque Isle (Erie)	
DuBois		Punxsutawney	
Edinboro		Rich-Mar	\$1,100.00
Ellwood City	\$480.00	Sharon	
Erie	\$3,140.00	Sheffield	\$180.00
Evans City		Slippery Rock	
Franklin	\$820.00	Smethport	
Greenville		Titusville	
Grove City	\$720.00	Warren	
Hermitage		Wesleyville	
Kane	\$1,080.00	Zelienople	\$880.00
Kittanning	\$400.00		
Leechburg	\$340.00	TOTAL COLLECTED	\$11,190.00
Linesville	\$260.00		
Meadville		CLUBS PARTICIPATING	14
		Report #1 7/31	

District Governor Project money collected as of July 31, 2018

District Grants

Go to RotaryDistrict7280.org then under the programs tab go to District Grants. The criteria, forms, and descriptions are there for your club to apply. Deadline is August 31. While you are there, take a look around at our new webpage.

District Conference Minute

Come join us in Erie May 17-19, 2019 at the Sheraton Bayfront for the District Conference. Come relax, enjoy the bay, explore all Erie has to offer, and celebrate “Be The Inspiration” with us.

Rooms are available at a Discounted Rate and can be reserved at the following link:
<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1807060966&key=2E3A51D0>

District 7280 Calendar

July - October 2018	District Governor Official Visits
Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018	Nominating Committee - location/time TBD
September 26-30, 2018	Celebration Zone - Bayfront Convention Center, Erie PA
October 21, 2018	Advisory Board - location/time TBD
November 3, 2018	Fall Workshop, Sharon, PA
January 5, 2019	District Finance Meeting - location/time TBD
January 2019	International Assembly - DGE Ken Fleeson San Diego, CA
February 2019	PETS Orientation - Multiple
March 8-10, 2019	PETS & AG Training, Penn Stater, State College, PA
April, 2019	District Assembly
May 17-19, 2019	District Conference, Sheraton Erie Bayfront
June 1-6, 2019	110th International Convention, Hamburg, Germany
June 2019	Zone 33 Foundation Training
July 2019	District Governor Ken Fleeson's official visits
November 19-22, 2019	Zone 33-34 Leadership Summit, Atlanta, GA
May 15-17, 2020	District Conference
June 6-10, 2020	111th international Convention, Honolulu, Hawaii