

District 7530 Newsletter



In 2017-18, we'll answer the question "What is Rotary?" with RI President-elect Ian H.S. Riseley's theme, Rotary: Making a Difference. "Whether we're building a new playground or a new school, improving medical care or sanitation, training conflict mediators or midwives, we know that the work we do will change people's lives — in ways large and small — for the better."

IMPORTANT DATES

2018 District 7530 Annual Conference, April 27-29 , Weirton, WV
Keep up-to-date through the District web site at: RotaryDistrict7530.org
Facebook: @RotaryDistrict7530

(May want to contact Dave for Registration information.)

2018 Rotary International Convention, June 23-27, Toronto, Canada
For Registration: www.riconvention.org

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For more information: www.rizones33-34.org

Rotary Leadership Institute

RLI is a great way to learn more about Rotary and meet fellow Rotarians from different clubs within the District. The Rotary Leadership Institute is a multi-district, grassroots leadership development program of member districts organized into regional divisions. RLI is not an official program of Rotary International and is not under its control. RLI seeks to have Rotary Clubs in its member districts identify those Rotarians who appear to have the potential for future club leadership (not necessarily as club presidents) and provide those so identified with a quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills so important in voluntary organizations. We are in the planning stages to possibly provide a local RLI for the southern region of District 7530. One location of interest is Buckhannon. If you feel you would be interested in attending a regional RLI sometime in late spring, (possibly the month of May), please contact Bonnie Branciaroli at bonniesuemark@gmail.com

KINGWOOD ROTARY GOLF BASH

Kingwood Rotary will sponsor a Rotary Golf Bash on Saturday, February 24 at the Kingwood Volunteer Fire Dept. Doors open at 12:00 noon. Drawings for a golf prize will take place every ten minutes between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm. All prizes will include a gift receipt from Dick's Sporting Goods and may be exchanged for any other store merchandise. The Grand Prize (TaylorMade RBZ Irons, TaylorMade M2 Driver, TaylorMade M2 4W, and TaylorMade Golf Bag) will be drawn at 4:00 p.m.

Food will be provided by Mt. State BBQ. Admission is \$25.00. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door. The Kingwood Fire Dept. is located on Brown Avenue in Kingwood. Advance tickets or additional information may be obtained by calling Ray Thompson at 304-288-0869.

Come to Kingwood on February 24 for a great afternoon of fellowship and golf prizes. Additional prizes will also be available. Help support the Kingwood Rotary Club. Proceeds are used to fund high school scholarships. Checks for purchasing tickets may be mailed to Ray Thompson, 436 E. Main St., Kingwood, WV 26537.

Morgantown North Rotary Associate Membership

Morgantown North is trying several new approaches to membership, one of which is the institution of an associate member category. After careful consideration, we decided to offer this to a select few, hand-chosen people who can bring something of value to the club, but may not yet be ready for full membership.

I'm happy to report that on January 10, we brought in our first two associate members, and they seem to be as excited as we are. They are already active in the community, and well-positioned in their professions to help us with projects.

Here are the parameters we set up. An associate member pays \$40 in dues per quarter which covers their RI, district and club dues. They are legitimate members. We pay a set food cost for a buffet (included in our quarterly bills), but they simply pay \$5.00 when they attend a meeting. That's less than the actual food cost, but our goal was to keep it as affordable as possible, and we always have extra food.

Associate members have no voting rights and cannot hold office. We do not solicit them for Paul Harris contributions. However, we ask that they be active members, especially with our projects.

Associate membership is offered for a two-year period, at which time we hope they can move to a full membership.

And, here's one very important element. We made it very clear that current members could not opt to be associate members. You can move up, but you can't move down.

This is experimental, but we think it has great potential. For more information, contact Rebecca Hunn at hunnrebecca@hotmail.com, or at 304-278-5204.

Newburg News

The Rotary Club of Newburg conducted its annual Newburg Community Halloween Party at the Newburg Volunteer Fire Department for the youth of the community and surrounding area. The fire department provided food, snacks, and drinks for the evening as club members judged for best costume, youngest youth present, and numerous other categories. Club members donated prizes to be given to the winner in each category. Members enjoyed an evening of comradery with community members as well as each other. The smile seen on the kids' faces make it all worthwhile.

The Rotary Club of Newburg conducted the annual Newburg Community Christmas Gathering to give the youth a chance to meet and talk to Santa. A bag of candy was given to each child from Santa as well as many hugs. Santa was also reported to have visited the Westover United Methodist Church during their Christmas program and give out presents to their youth members as well.

The Rotary Club of Newburg entered a joint effort with the Newburg Volunteer Fire Department to provide a Kohler Generator for the fire department. This will aid them in the time of need to help support the community. The department may now be utilized as an emergency shelter for the public providing electric, water, heat, a dining area, and sanitation facilities. This was made possible thru donations of Rotarians, The Rotary Club of Morgantown, local businesses, and Greer Industries. Many thanks to these individuals and businesses in showing the true meaning of "Service Above Self".

Rotary is strong in District 7530!

Brooke County Rotary News

Our Brooke County Rotary Club has just finished their annual Adopt-A-Family program. Every Christmas, we donate to local families of grade school aged children to give them a Christmas. We work together to donate food, a tree, presents, clothes, decorations, and more. This year we were able to give three families a very lovely Christmas.

One of our next projects is a partnership with Weirton Heights to improve the local Brooke County soccer fields. For this project, we are going to be working on upgrading fields and also the guardrails surrounding the fields. Our goal is to also improve the restrooms, concessions, etc at the fields. Other projects include making arrangements for a 2nd Oktoberfest event. Our club has decided this is going to be our annual fundraiser. It brought us a lot of success last year and we are looking forward to having it again. We are also working on our scholarship program with Brooke High School. One high school senior will be chosen to receive a college scholarship on behalf of Brooke County Rotary. As always, we are eating well at our meetings at Station Grille in Wellsburg. If you or anyone else would like to join, we meet every Thursday at 12 noon.

Sincerely,

Gerald Henwood
President of Brooke County Rotary



WEIRTON HEIGHTS ROTARY CLUB
ANNUAL
Mardi Gras Fundraiser
Saturday, February 10, 2018
*The Event will be held at Williams Golf & Country Club;
Doors will open at 6 PM; Music by "Groove Doctors";
Dancing, Hors d'oeuvre & other surprises*

Help us...help our youth stay active!
Make our youth's dreams come true with a Soccer Complex at the TSU fields on Colliers Way

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Overall Event Sponsor: \$10,000 (includes up to 25 admission tickets)	Gold Level: \$1,500 (includes up to 8 admission tickets)	
Diamond Level: \$5,000 (includes up to 15 admission tickets)	Silver Level: \$1,000 (includes up to 6 admission tickets)	
Platinum Level: \$2,500 (includes up to 10 admission tickets)	Bronze Level: \$500 (includes up to 4 admission tickets)	
Music Sponsor: \$2,000 (includes up to 10 admission tickets)		
Individual Tickets: \$100		

Weirton Heights Rotary Club recently announced their 2018 date of the annual Mardi Gras fundraiser. Slated for Saturday, February 10, the event will be held at the Williams Golf & Country Club. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the evening will include music by the "Goove Doctors", dancing, hors d'oeuvre and other surprises. Proceeds from the event will help local youth stay active by helping fund the new soccer complex at the TSU

fields on Colliers Way. Sponsorship levels are available and tickets are \$100 each. Please contact Jack Fowler for ticket and sponsorship information. jack.fowler.lef3@statefarm.com

Morgantown Club News

The Rotary Club of Morgantown has been busy this fall, we teamed up with the Morgantown Service League to provide over 70 coats to children in the Monongalia County Head Start program. Many of these children come to school without coats, hats, gloves or boots and we were able to make sure they are dressed for the winter. Our goal for next year is to provide all 400+ students with warm coats.

We provided a Christmas party for 37 foster children who have been taken from their homes for either, neglect or abuse and provided them with clothes and toys. The party was held at the Goshen Baptist church, they had a wonderful dinner provided by the Staff at Sundale Nursing Home, and then who appeared from the North Pole was none other than Mr. and Mrs. Santa Clause. Our club has provided for children during the holiday for many years and when you see those little faces light up with the hope and cheer that is provided that day, it is worth doing it repeatedly.

We also provided mattresses, and a microwave for a family at Scotts Run, along with clothes, a tablet, an X box, a bicycle and a scooter. Sometimes we don't think about all the needs we have in our communities until the spirit of the holiday opens our hearts and minds.

The club was able to donate to the Empty Bowls program, the local soup kitchen and to the Newburg fire department to help with a generator, for those times when the community is without heat or electric.

Dave Raese teamed up with WVU hearing center to start a hearing aid foundation, it is called the Hugh Lindsay Hearing Aid Foundation in memory of Dr. Lindsay for his years of collecting hearing aids and his dedication to finding ways to provide hearing aids for those who are not able to afford to hear. Dr. Lindsay was a long time Rotarian who dedicated his time and energy to many Rotary projects.

The Friends of Decker's Creek approached the club for cleanup along the trail in Sabraton, several Rotarians came out to help with that event and the club joined the foundation with a donation and commitment to continue efforts to clean up along the Decker's Creek area in Morgantown, along with beautifying the area with benches.

We have filled back packs at the Scotts Run Settlement House for the local schools and helped prepare area seniors homes and yards for the winter. Our club tries to stay busy and help our community as much as possible.

Two District Clubs Join Forces to Fight Polio

The Rotary Club of Parkersburg and the Rotary Club of Wood County held a combined World Polio Day celebration on Tuesday, October 24. Special Guest John Cena, Rotary World Polio Ambassador, even made a surprise visit via the Internet! (See photo.)

A total of 33 Rotarians and 16 guests were on hand to enjoy a tailgate-themed dinner at the local Country Club. The two clubs set a goal of raising \$750 to contribute to the fight to eradicate

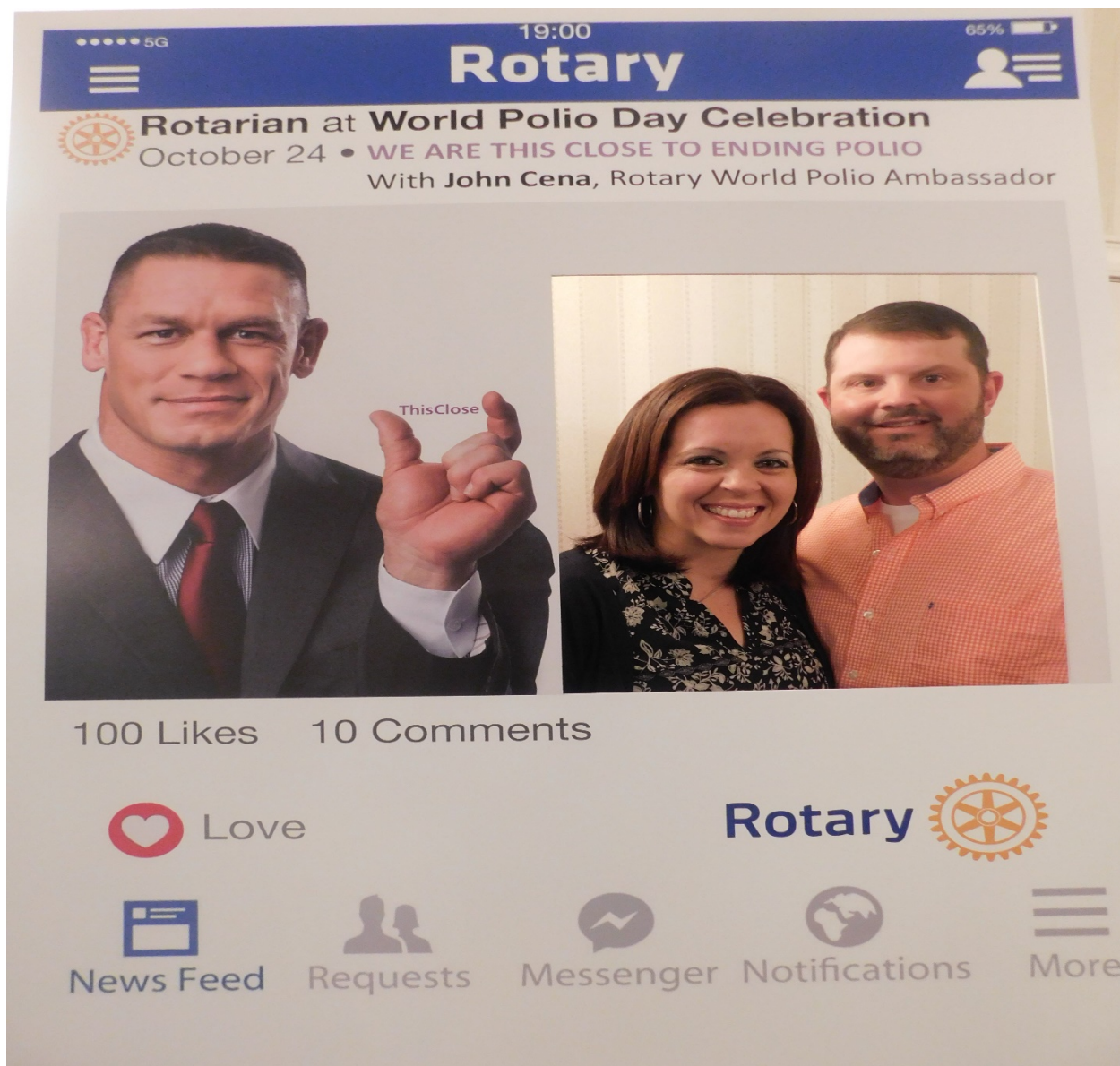
polio.

Rotary Club of Parkersburg president, Jill Parsons was happy to report that the two clubs raised a total of \$1,150, with more contributions still coming in by other club members who weren't able to attend the event.

Stacy DeCicco, Rotary Club of Parkersburg member who is director of the United Way Alliance of the Mid-Ohio Valley, shared a new on-line giving portal that allows attendees to see in real time how contributions add up at an event compared to a goal. The two clubs used the portal and could see the "thermometer" racing for the goal of \$750 as attendees arrived and their donations were captured.

Imagine the excitement when the projected goal was within a few dollars, then the upward momentum of the thermometer as the clubs surpassed it!

Once submitted to Rotary International, the donations will be matched 2:1 by the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#), which means at least \$3,450 will go toward the fight to eradicate polio from the Wood County and Parkersburg clubs!



Wood County Rotary Club President Sharon Anderson and her husband Terry get their photo with John Cena.

DuPont and Parkersburg Rotary Team-Up in Drug Free Schools Effort

PARKERSBURG, W.VA.— Dow-DuPont Washington Works employees and the Parkersburg Rotary Club teamed-up at Parkersburg South High School to enroll 150 students in the initial first testing day for the Drug Free Schools of America (DFCA) initiative.

"This was a very successful first test day at Parkersburg South because of the school's dedicated staff and the volunteers" said Bob Newell, DFCA Program Chair for Rotary and Co-chair of the Parkersburg Area Drug Free Community Coalition. "The program is not about catching students using drugs, it's about creating a drug free attitude that will stay with them after graduation and into adulthood."

Thus far, the Rotary sponsored Drug Free Schools effort has received widespread support from area businesses and community organizations including charitable donations to offset program expenses. Parkersburg and Williamstown High Schools are also sponsoring similar efforts to prevent drug use among students.

Drug Free Clubs of America is a voluntary program established in 2005, in which high school students with parental permission submit to voluntary drug testing. In all, nine high schools in West Virginia are participating in DFCA.

Drug Free Clubs of America is designed as a “full circle” approach to drug prevention. The strategy surrounds every different type of student with protection throughout their day. On test day, students are often surprised to learn that their membership in DFCA is something they now have in common with others to which they never felt similar. By bringing together school, parent, and community efforts, members benefit from an overall positive sense of belonging regardless if they are at school, at home, or out enjoying their community.

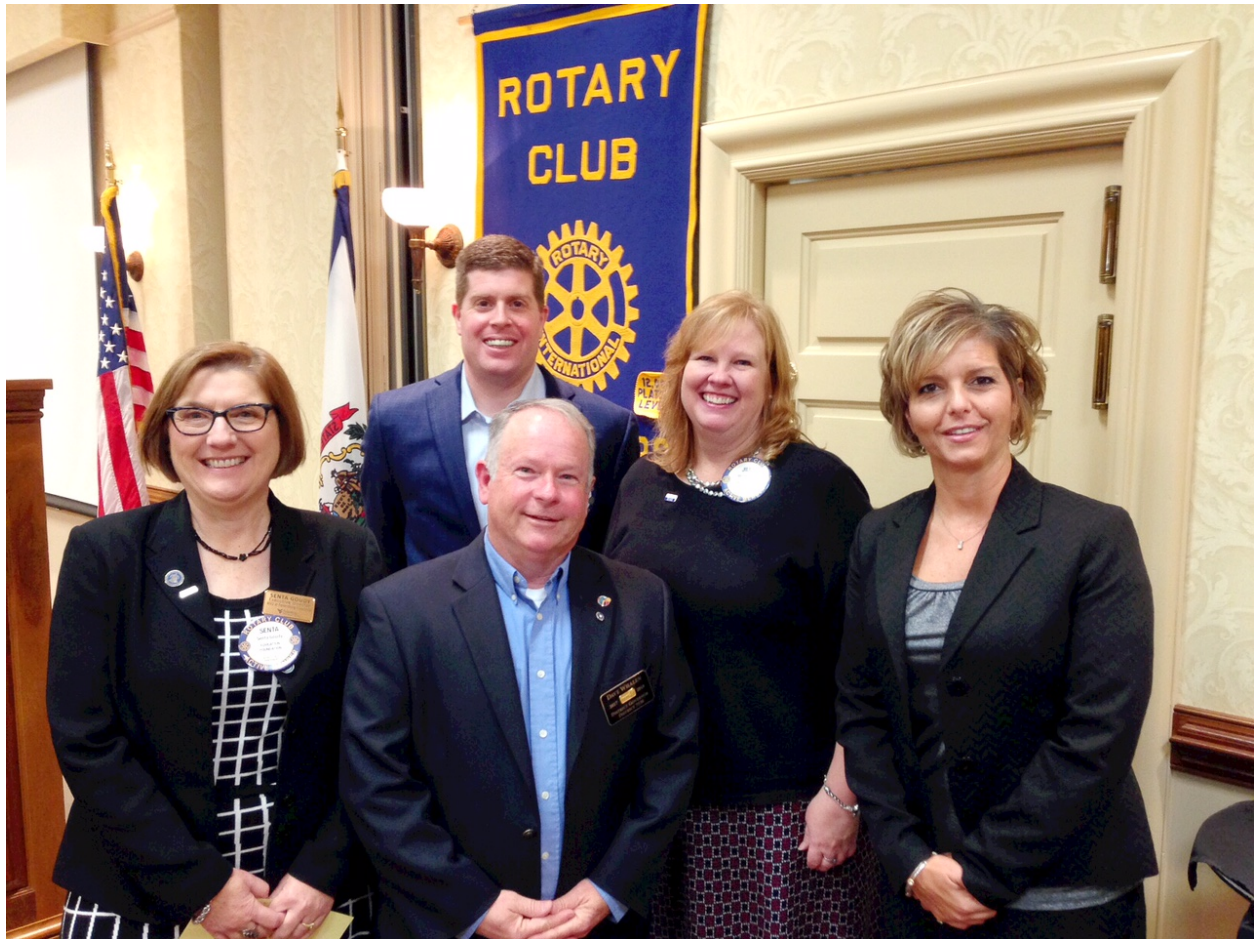
Newell emphasized that students can still join the club and applications are still being accepted. John Golebiewski, Vice Principal at PSHS is the schools liaison for the DFCA Chapter.



Parkersburg Rotarians and 11 Dow-DuPont Employees teamed-up to assist PSHS students on “first test day” as part of the voluntary Drug Free Schools of America project on September 26, 2017

Weirton Heights Club News

Rotary District 7530 Governor Dave Whalen paid a visit to the Parkersburg Rotary Club on Monday, October 2. Whalen was joined by club officers Senta Goudy, Andy Hartleben, Jill Parsons and Michelle Dailey following the meeting. Whalen, a former President of the Weirton Heights Club, complimented Parkersburg Rotarians for the many good works they do in Parkersburg and abroad.



Parkersburg Rotary Club Delivers 80 Pairs of “Shoe that Grows” to Zimbabwe Orphanage

When Parkersburg Rotarian Andy Hartleben returned from Rotary International’s Annual Conference held in Atlanta this past June, he came away with many ideas on how to amplify Rotary’s global mission with the help of his fellow club members. In August, Hartleben explained to the club that he wanted to raise \$2,500 to send 80 pairs of a “Shoe That Grows” to an impoverished country where kids need it most. Fellow Rotarian Jeff Matheny stepped up to the challenge by hand delivering the shoes in person during an October trip to the Fairfield Children’s Home, an orphanage in Zimbabwe. Matheny’s previous humanitarian visits to Zimbabwe, and an already established relationship with the orphanage, made this project a *perfect fit*.

The Shoe That Grows, is a sandal invented in 2008 by Kenton Lee that can adjust its size, allowing children in impoverished countries to grow up without having to go barefoot. Because of their unique expandable design he shoes can grow 5 sizes and last at least 5 years.

“The trip to Atlanta opened my eyes as to the various needs around the world, while at the same time, realizing there are workable solutions that we as Rotarians here locally, can impact lives globally,” stated Harleben.

According to the shoe’s manufacturer, Because International, *“There are over 300 million children who do not have shoes. And countless more with shoes that do not fit.”* Children without shoes are susceptible to injuries and parasites that infect humans through their feet. The problem with traditional shoe donations is that they are soon outgrown, which is exactly the problem that these new shoes would fix.

“This service opportunity has been tugging at my heart since the Atlanta trip. I instantly realized how much I take for granted with my own children. I am genuinely honored to be a part of a club that truly believes in the Rotary motto of *Service Above Self*,” Hartleben added.



District Leadership

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