



Rotary
International

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From establishing schools in Vietnam and delivering an ambulance in Nicaragua to rebuilding communities destroyed by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and from organ donor recognition to drug prevention education in the Pittsburgh region, Rotarians are business and professional leaders in your community, and are important people doing important things to make our world better.

Annual Report - 2005-2006



SERVICE Above Self

Message from 2005-2006 Governor Joel Nagel



The 2005-2006 year was one in which we can all be proud. We engaged local and global communities in so many different ways (both planned and unplanned). The Katrina Relief Campaign raised unprecedented amounts of money for victims of that catastrophe. Many Rotarians not only made financial contributions but rolled up their sleeves and went to work alongside Rotarians on the Mississippi coast, helping people of all walks to rebuild their lives.

Globally, Rotarians worked hard to bring clean drinking water to the one billion people who do not currently have access to clean water. Our "Clean Water for All" Campaign will touch the lives of many people all over the world. Our Nicaraguan initiative seeks to change the way aid and relief work are conducted and bring about systemic change by adopting a rural community and attempting to tackle many of its needs including health, poverty and education.

Locally we launched the Rotary/Gateway Teen Institute to teach anti drug leadership skills to young people before they get hooked on drugs. Our successful pilot summer camp in 2006 will lead to a successful model for anti drug partnerships around the country. There are so many other projects and achievements the past year that space can hardly contain them. District Rotarians raised more than \$400,000 in current dollars and received over \$2 million in future dollars from major donors and bequests. This level of giving made us the number one per capita district in the U.S., and our bequests will ensure that Rotary continues to be a major force for positive change in our community (both local and global) for many years to come.

If you are not already a Rotarian, I ask you to join me and the 1,400 "important people doing important things" that we call District 7300 Rotarians.

Message from 2006-2007 Governor Robert Rupp



I am looking forward to the opportunity to serve you. Rotary has had a tremendous first century of service, and the next century will offer even greater opportunities. Working together, we truly can make a greater difference in our communities and the international communities we serve.

Rotary is club-driven. My role is to support club activities and encourage and guide whenever necessary. We have developed excellent educational programs to assist club development. The President Educational Training will offer the presidents training to assist in developing their year's responsibility. In April, our District Assembly will highlight programs for the club's leaders. We will also have a Membership Workshop, Foundation Seminar, and Leadership Seminar.

Membership development will continue to play an important role. We have added four area representatives to assist in membership development. We will charter a new club in Plum Boro and begin the process to develop a new club on the South Side. The more new quality members our clubs have, the more we can accomplish for our communities.

The Rotary Foundation is the engine that runs many of Rotary's most important programs. The fuel that runs the foundation engine comes from the many Rotarian donations. Our goal is simple, \$100 per member for each club. A portion of the funds we accumulate as a district will come back to our district to use for our projects. We would also like Rotarians to consider becoming benefactors to the Foundation. Many members are beginning to allocate substantial gifts in their wills to help fund future projects.

District Highlights



Above: In a rare visit to Pittsburgh by a Rotary International President, Sweden's Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar told a gathering of 400 Rotarians that "I am convinced that people who know each other will not shoot each other. If every 17 year old student had the opportunity to be an exchange student, we would have no wars." His visit to Pittsburgh was part of the Rotary's centennial anniversary in 2005.



L-R: Joel Nagel, past governor
Dick Beck,
Frank Devlyn,
Jodi Beck
and Lou Piconi.



Above: Frank Devlyn of Mexico City, Chairman of the Rotary International Foundation, spoke at the district's annual fundraising dinner in November, held at the Priory in Pittsburgh. Stacy Smith of KDKA-TV was master of ceremonies. Totals announced that evening for hurricane relief and foundation gifts were \$317,911.

Top Award Winners at the District Conference in May



Receiving the top District 7300 annual awards at the District Conference, held at the world-renowned Greenbrier Resort in May were, left to right:

- **Cynthia Sinkala**, Burrell Club (Co-Rotarian of the Year);
- **James Sisley**, New Brighton (Club of the Year);
- **John Mock**, Turtle Creek (Co-Rotarian of the Year)
- **Robert Arbuckle**, New Kensington Club (Meritorious Service Award).

Highlights – National and International Humanitarian Outreach



Above and below: Rotarians sprung into action to travel south to assist victims in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Members of the Burrell Club gave up their Christmas/New Year's holiday to work in devastated areas, in partnership with District 2820 in Central Mississippi.



Above: International chair Sky Foerster presenting an ambulance to the Villa el Carmen community near Managua, Nicaragua in January. Right: DG Joel Nagel with a beaming Villa el Carmen Mayor Nestor Guterrez.



Graduate Study Exchange Teams Travel to and from Germany



Above: District 7300's GSE team which spent several weeks in Germany studying Germany's institutions, economy and culture, and observing how their own professions are practiced. L-R: Jennifer Pickle, Lena Andrews, team leader Sharyn Fleming, Alesia Keller and Rachael Link



Above: the GSE team from Dortmund, Germany, which visited Pittsburgh in April-May. L-R: Olav Niebuhr, Nicol Herholz, Verena Meinhold, Helmut Foerster, Joel Nagel and Sandra Haarmann.

School Continues Serving Vietnamese Orphans



Led by the Bethel Park Club, the "Village of Hope" school continues to serve the needs of orphans in Danang, Vietnam. Twenty-three district clubs originally invested in the project through grants. Inset: Judy Lorigan receives a hug from one of the students.



Forest Hills Club Champions "Pure Water 4 All"

Rotary's Pure Water for All is an international service project of the Forest Hills Rotary Club and its partners. The goal is to provide extremely pure potable water for families in lesser developed areas and for locations where the regular water sources have been polluted by disaster. The process involves simple ceramic technology that delivers sufficient quantities of disease free water for a family for less than three pennies a day. For more info: www.purewater4all.org.

A Vital Participant in Western Pennsylvania Communities

'Rotary Night' Celebrated at PNC Park



Above: the Rotary Club Duck joined DG Joel Nagel, the GSE team from Dortmund, Germany, and other friends of Rotary on the field at PNC Park prior to the Pirates' May 17 baseball game against the Cincinnati Reds. District 7300 was prominently featured on the ballpark's scoreboard.

ROTARY - GATEWAY



Rotary Gateway Drug Prevention Targets Teens

Gateway Rehabilitation and District 7300 formed a partnership to present a program that equips teens with the tools to identify and develop their talents to impact their communities through drug prevention, leadership and service. The newly christened Rotary-Gateway Teen Leadership Institute features a summer camp experience to help students who might be at risk to make good choices, support teen leaders who choose to stay drug-free and encourage teen leaders to promote positive choices among their peers.

The camp was held in July 2006 at the Moon Township campus of Robert Morris University. District 7300 has made a \$27,000 commitment to this great work.

Ducky Derby Raises \$56,500 for Rotary Charities



The annual Ducky Derby family event has become a major fundraiser for District 7300 clubs, spearheaded by the Pittsburgh Club, and raised a net of more than \$56,500 last year. DGE Bob Rupp puts on the Great Lawn near Heinz Field, while a STAT Med/Evac helicopter drops thousands of ducks to start the race in the Allegheny River. The top sponsors of the Ducky Derby are Bayer USA and Heinz Field/Pittsburgh Steelers.



Bayer



A New Club for Pittsburgh's North Side



Sponsored by the McCandless Club, a new club was established on Pittsburgh's North Side. The North Side Club president, Erin Conley, accepted the charter document from McCandless Club president Rev. Donald Green. The members of this club were sworn in by DG Joel Nagel at the Rotary International Foundation dinner in Pittsburgh on Nov. 7, 2005.

World Affairs Institute Symposium

The World Affairs Institute sponsored "Iran and the World – What Kind of Future?" – a presentation for Districts 7280, 7300, 7330 and 6650 – comprising an intense day-long conference on important international issues for high school students.

Interact Update



Bethel Park Interact Club

Bethel Park High School chartered an Interact club which is a service and social club for young people. Interact is a worldwide organization with 1,110 chapters in 115 countries.

Interact is Rotary's service club for students of ages 14-18. Interact clubs are sponsored by Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance. Students develop leadership skills and learn the value of hard work. More than 100 students and advisors attended the Interact conference in Green Tree on Oct. 3, 2005.

Highlights of Club Activities in 52 Western Pennsylvania Communities

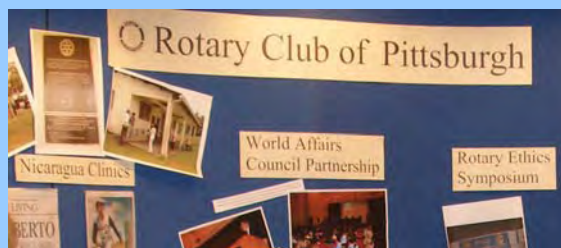


Clockwise, from upper left: Bob Arbuckle makes remarks at the dedication of the new \$44,000 community sign in New Kensington funded by Rotary; Beaver's community signs in the central business district, sponsored by Rotary, which won a local award; Pirates announcer Lanny Frattare accepting the "Centennial Service Award for Professional Excellence" award bestowed by the Bethel St. Clair Club; and Dr. Seth Spaulding with Dr. Mounzer Fatfat (right), who spoke at the Oakland Club about his work as Senior Advisor for Youth and Sports for the U.S. Department of State, American Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq.



McCandless Club Holds Annual Recognition Dinner

The McCandless Club hosted its 10th annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner at the Treesdale Country Club in February. Over the past decade, the dinner has honored individuals who have given of their time, talent and finances in support of churches and synagogues, human service agencies, fire and police departments and Hurricane Ivan flood recovery. Because of his personal commitment to blood and organ donation, club president Rev. Donald Green chose to honor blood and organ donors this year.



Pittsburgh Club Celebrates 95th Anniversary

The Pittsburgh Club, founded in 1910, celebrated its 95th anniversary with myriad activities, under the leadership of president Richard Dixon. They included involvement with the Ethics Symposium, Rotary/Gateway Teen Leadership partnership, receptions for new citizens, and scholarship awards to six college bound students of \$2,500 each. The club spearheaded the donation of an ambulance to Nicaragua, and through its Caring Habits program, provides volunteers for Pittsburgh City Schools to teach students how to implement caring for fellow man. Pittsburgh Rotarians ring the bell for Goodwill every year, and are major coordinators of the annual Ducky Derby Race. The club also publishes an impressive weekly newsletter, Live Steam.

Oakmont Supports Ongoing Dominican Republic School with Supplies for Orphans



Oakmont Rotary is providing supplies to an orphanage in the Dominican Republic with New Jersey District 7640 and Dominican District 4060. Support is provided through the Orchid Foundation, Inc. supporting the ongoing needs of 140 children in the Armando Rosenberg Hogar Escuela Orphanage in Sabana Perdida, the largest barrio in the nation's capital of Santo Domingo.

Fun Social Gatherings and Fundraisers



Top row: 150 Rotarians celebrate a lively Oktoberfest at the Teutonia Mannerchor, the historic German social hall in Pittsburgh. Left: the Steel Valley Club held a big band dinner dance as a creative fundraiser. Right: the Sharpsburg Aspinwall Club staffed a booth at the annual "Chief Guyasuta Days" in its community, including, L-R: Roy Yunker, Maryanne Barnes, John Arch, Dom Perrotti and Doug Arndt.

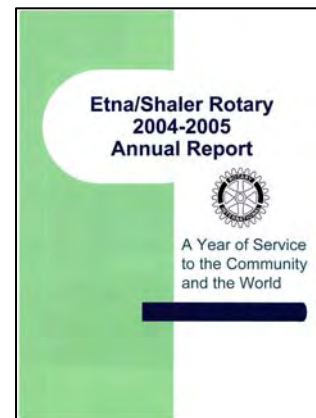


Expanded Public Relations Outreach



Left: Rotarians from a number of clubs answered telephones during on-air pledge breaks on several evenings for WQED-TV, Pittsburgh's public broadcasting system, providing valuable public exposure. Right: several clubs, including Etna/Shaler, produced printed annual reports or yearbooks summarizing the past year's activity, for distribution to VIP decision makers in their communities.

Bottom left: community newspapers continue to place value on the services provided by Rotarians throughout the region, and provide third-party credibility of Rotary's differentiation. Bottom right: many clubs, such as Elizabeth, are utilizing Internet websites to communicate key messages to their target audiences.



Volunteer of the Year

Recently the Bethel Park Rotary presented Jane Hoffman, representing the Bethel Park mayor's office; Kacie Gongas of Girl Scout Troop 1268; Jane



The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International Contribution Report –

1 July 2005 through 30 June 2006

Bequest Society	\$1,420,000.00
<i>(documented future gifts of \$10,000 and higher)</i>	
Benefactors	21,000.00
<i>(documented future gifts of \$1,000 to \$9,999)</i>	
Cash, Including Major Gifts	401,515.89
<i>Annual Giving</i>	335,553.89
<i>Restricted Giving (PolioPlus, Matching Grants,</i>	
<i>Ambassadorial Scholarships)</i>	64,472.00
<i>Permanent Fund</i>	1,490.00
Hurricanes Katrina and Rita Relief	108,777.00
District 7300 Match	70,000.00
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GRAND TOTAL	<u><u>\$2,021,292.89</u></u>

District 7300 Ranks as the Top U.S. District for Per Capita 'Annual Programs Fund' Giving

District	Per Capita	Location
7300	\$243.68	Pittsburgh Region, Pennsylvania
5000	\$229.79	Hawaii
5950	\$195.45	Minneapolis Region, Minnesota
6960	\$180.23	West Coast Region, Florida
5300	\$176.09	Nevada and Los Angeles Region, California
5030	\$170.48	Seattle Region, Washington
5330	\$168.96	Southern California
5170	\$166.15	Northern California
6900	\$160.84	Atlanta Region, Georgia
6930	\$156.46	South Florida

Growth in Per Capita Giving and Net Membership Lead All Rotary Districts From Nebraska to New York

With a per capita giving increase of 418 percent to the annual programs fund of the Rotary Foundation, and with 51 net new members as of year-end 2005, District 7300 led all districts in both categories in Zones 27 and 28. These zones span a large section of the Northern United States, from Nebraska to Western New York.

Leadership of Individual Clubs - Rotary District 7300

Club	President	Club	President
Aliquippa	Dennis Deceder	McKees Rocks	Richard Rizzutto
Allegheny Valley	Lee E. Crum	Millvale	Jeffrey Shaffer
Ambridge	Walter E. Sickles Jr.	Monroeville	Paul K. Campbell
Beaver	Victor G. Raskovsky	Monroeville Sunrise	Randall Berner
Beaver Falls	Roger Walsh	Moon Township	James Kerr
Bethel Park	Judith Lorigan	Mt Lebanon Sunrise	George Jackson
Bethel St. Clair	Bobbi Jo Haden	New Brighton	James Sisley
Braddock	Rev. Gaylord Gillis	New Kensington	Donna Robare
Bridgeville	Michael Hoy	North Boroughs	Rose Silhanek
Burrell Area	Jim Granville	North Side	Erin Conley
Carnegie	Eric Kish	Oakland	Sharyn Fleming
Churchill	Linda Bougelette	Oakmont	Lila de Klaver
Clairton-Glassport	Robert Wright	Parkway West	Robert Dornenberg
Crafton Ingram	Terry Marburger	Pittsburgh	Richard Dixon
Dormont-Mt. Lebanon	James D. Howell	Penn Hills	Michael Pirolo
Duquesne-West Mifflin	Joseph Covelli	Pittsburgh East	Helene Prince
Elizabeth	Mary E. Walos	Pleasant Hills	Jim Jones
Etna-Shaler	John Newhouse	Quaker Valley	Sam Oriskovich
Forest Hills	R. Phillip Hilf	Sharpsburg-Aspinwall	Wolfgang Bitteroff
Fox Chapel	Harry Lodge	Steel Valley	Don Green
Greentree	John Wahl	Swissvale	Gary Moidel
Hampton	Father Regis Farmer	Three Rivers	Christopher Beck
Highlands	John Adam Peters	Turtle Creek	Jim Davis.
Lawrenceville	Tom Fallon	Two Rivers	Carol Goehring
McCandless	Rev. Donald Green	Upper St Clair-Bethel Park	Pete Pearson
McKeesport	Barb Stuffer	Wilkinsburg	Rodney Hermann



2005-2006 District 7300 Officials

Joel M. Nagel, Governor

Robert F. Rupp, Governor-Elect

Jonathan Maurer - Immediate Past Governor

Karl Ohrman, Secretary

Bradley P. Lusk, CPA, Treasurer

Mark A. Miner, Public Relations Chair



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