



## HAPPY (ROTARY) NEW YEAR!

Yes, it is the start of a new Rotary year, and I'd like to take this opportunity to send out our first District 7530 newsletter of the year. THANKS to iPDG Michael and his team for a great year!

I'm your new District Governor (DG), and am humbled to serve as the leader of District 7530 for the next year! We have great Rotarians, great Clubs, and a great District! My primary goal as Governor is to help your Club succeed! I'm blessed to have a "world class" leadership team helping me which includes: Dave Raese (Morgantown), DG Elect; Dave Whalen (Weirton Heights), DG Nominee; Dennis Shreve (Harrison County), Treasurer; Assistant Governors (AGs) Dave Whalen, Darrell Cummings (Wheeling), Hal Foss (Parkersburg), Kim Harrison (Weston), David Cooper (Tucker County), Christel Shumate (Bridgeport), Lorraine Isner (Grafton), and Kervens Brun (Westover); Dave Cavender (Morgantown), Rotary Foundation Chair; Raymie Mason (Morgantown), Grants Committee Chair; Lois Nelson (Tucker County), Membership Chair; Jody Light (Buckhannon), Extension Chair; Mary Dean (Buckhannon), Training Chair; JR Wolfe (Morgantown North), New Generations Chair; Ranjit Majumder (Morgantown), Vocational Service Chair; Sharon Welsch (Moundsville), Public Image Chair; Rich Clemens (Buckhannon), Communications Officer (DACdb); and Craig Ray (Harrison County), Web Master. Additionally, we have a fabulous class of enthusiastic Club Presidents who are going to provide unbelievable leadership at the Club level.

Over the next several months, I'll be visiting all the Clubs in the District and will be learning more about your Club, how I can help your Club succeed, and talking about my goals for the District. I hope to meet those of you I don't know then! See my schedule, below.

Please feel free to contact me with any comments, suggestions, questions, concerns, or to volunteer for a District committee. I can be reached at: [DGMike7530@aol.com](mailto:DGMike7530@aol.com), (304) 594-9004, or follow me on Twitter as @DGMike7530.



Having just returned from the International Convention in Sao Paulo, I'm really excited about this Rotary year and all the opportunities its going to present to us for "Service Above Self!" This year's Rotary theme is "Be a Gift to the World." All of us District 7530 Rotarians have some "gift" to give – we can give of our talents, our knowledge, our abilities, our effort and time, our dedication, our money, and our devotion. Through Rotary we can take these gifts and make a genuine difference in the lives of others and in our world. Our time is now; it will never come again. ***Be a Gift to the World!***

DG Mike

## **DISTRICT GOVERNOR CLUB VISIT SCHEDULE**

Tuesday, 7/7/15: Cheat Lake (My "home" Club) (breakfast) and Bridgeport (dinner)  
Wednesday, 7/8/15: South Fairmont (breakfast) and Clarksburg (lunch)  
Thursday, 7/9/15: Harrison County (breakfast) and Morgantown (lunch)  
Monday, 7/13/15: Elkins (lunch) and Westover (dinner)  
Tuesday, 7/14/15: Kingwood (breakfast) and Buckhannon (lunch)  
Wednesday, 7/15/15: Morgantown North (breakfast) and Tucker County (lunch)  
Thursday, 7/16/15: Fairmont (lunch)  
Tuesday, 7/21/15: Weirton Heights (breakfast)  
Wednesday, 7/22/15: Weirton (lunch)  
Monday, 7/27/15: Parkersburg (lunch) and Newburg (dinner)  
Tuesday, 7/28/15: Wheeling (lunch) and Cameron (late afternoon)  
Thursday, 7/30/15: Wood County (breakfast)  
Monday, 8/3/15: Spencer (lunch)  
Wednesday, 8/5/15: Grafton (lunch)  
Thursday, 8/6/15: Brooke County (lunch)  
Wednesday, 8/12/15: Weston (lunch)  
Wednesday, 8/19/15: Braxton County (lunch)  
Wednesday, 8/26/15: Moundsville (lunch)  
Wednesday, 9/16/15: Ripley (lunch)  
Wednesday, 9/23/15: Point Pleasant (lunch)  
Wednesday, 9/30/15: New Martinsville (lunch)

## **BUCKHANNON CLUB SPONSORS "ALMOST HEAVEN BBQ BASH" TO END POLIO**

On June 20<sup>th</sup>, the Buckhannon Club sponsored its first annual "Almost Heaven BBQ Bash" in downtown Buckhannon in conjunction with West Virginia Day. Despite less than ideal weather, the event drew more than 40 professional BBQ teams from around the country to compete for the Kansas City BBQ Society-sanctioned West Virginia state title, as well as many spectators and visitors. All net proceeds were donated by the Buckhannon Club to Polio Plus to help End Polio Now. Mark your calendars now for next year's Bash scheduled for June 18, 2016!

## **SUSTAINING MEMBER CHALLENGE**

District Foundation Chair Dave Cavender has put together a CHALLENGE for clubs to meet in terms of Foundation giving. Every Club which obtains 100% Sustaining Member status (every Rotarian in the Club donates at least \$100 to Our Rotary Foundation) will be given enough Foundation "points" by the District to award one Paul Harris Fellowship. It's up to the Club to decide how best to award the PHF. So far, Braxton County has accepted the challenge – any other takers????

## BROOKE COUNTY CLUB CELEBRATES CHARTER NIGHT

Members of the Brooke County Club, their guests, and DG Mike and Sally celebrated on June 18<sup>th</sup> the chartering of the Club in 1989. Several charter members were in attendance. Incoming President Heather Stone highlighted the many achievements of the Club in the Brooke County community and outlined her goals for 2015-2016. Cheat Lake member Russell Koon gave a presentation on Disaster Aid USA, which resulted in the sponsorship of a “Family Disaster Pack” by the Club. Koon advised that an emergency response trailer will soon be stationed in northern West Virginia to assist Rotarians in responding to disasters.



## CHEAT LAKE CLUB KICKS OFF NEW RAIN BARREL FUNDRAISER

Cheat Lake Rotary is in the midst of a new fundraising project – the selling of sponsorships for rain barrels. Local businesses or people can sponsor a plastic rain barrel for \$200 and arrange to have it modified, painted, sculptured, and beautified for display with their corporate logo as it travels around Morgantown for public education on stormwater runoff. The public will have the opportunity to “vote” for their favorite barrel with donations as the barrels make their way around the community, including stops at the Morgantown Mall and Morgantown Farmers’ Market. The barrels, which will become modern art, will eventually be auctioned off at the Club’s Dream Benefit elimination dinner on September 11<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will assist the Cheat Lake Club in funding its ongoing portfolio of local and global projects, including those associated with clean water. Contact President Dan Miller, (304) 225-2245 or [dmiller@potesta.com](mailto:dmiller@potesta.com) for further details.



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

7/17 – 19/2015	Rotary Leadership Institute, Cary, NC ( <a href="http://www.rli33.org/">http://www.rli33.org/</a> )
7/18/2015	Westover Club Cruise-In, Westover, WV
7/18/2015	South Fairmont Club Christmas in July, Marion County CVB, Fmt
9/11/2015	Cheat Lake Rotary Dream Benefit, Lakeview Resort, Morgantown
10/20 – 25/2015	Rotary Zones 33 & 34 Institute, Destin, FL
5/13 – 15/2016	District 7530 RYLA, Jackson's Mill, Weston, WV
5/28/2016 – 6/1/2016	Rotary International Convention, Seoul, Korea
6/18/2016	Buckhannon Rotary Almost Heaven BBQ Bash, Buckhannon, WV

## ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES 2015 - 2016

**July** - Open  
**August** - Membership  
**September** - Basic Education & Literacy  
**October** - Economic & Community Development  
**November** - The Rotary Foundation  
**December** - Disease Prevention & Treatment  
**January** - Vocational Service  
**February** - Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution  
**March** - Water & Sanitation  
**April** - Maternal & Child Health  
**May** - Youth Service  
**June** - Rotary Fellowships

## HELP WANTED!

We specifically need a couple of volunteers, one who will work with our Webmaster to update our District Web site and one who will manage/administer our District Facebook account. Contact DG Mike to volunteer.

We also have many positions open on District-level committees. If you have an interest, please contact DG Mike.

## ROTARY LICENSE PLATES

Several people have asked about Rotary license plates. Rotary license plates are still available through the West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles.



You can download an application and instructions from the following address:

<http://www.transportation.wv.gov/dmv/Forms/DMVLICENSEPlateApps/Rotary-International-License-Plate-Application-WF.pdf>

## OHIO COUNTY AND WHEELING CLUBS MERGE

Effective June 30, 2015, the Ohio County and Wheeling Clubs merged and will be known as the Rotary Club of Wheeling, with a charter date of May 1, 1915. The Rotary Club of Wheeling is not only the District's oldest Club, having just celebrated its centennial, but is also its largest with over 100 members. This merger leaves the District with just 30 Clubs, which makes us one of the smallest Districts in the world, both in terms of number of Clubs and number of Rotarians.

## VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH HAS CHANGED TO JANUARY

District Vocational Service Chair Ranjit Majumder notes that Vocational Service month has moved from its traditional November to January. He has provided the following general plan for his committee: 1. Each Club should select a Vocational Service committee; 2. Each Club should select at least one Vocational/Community service project for the year; and 3. Each Club should develop a Service Project Plan. The Plan should include: A. Goal/purpose; B. Brief description of the project (cost if needed) with time to complete; C. Results/outcome. Each Club's project results will be published in the District Newsletter. The top three projects will have the opportunity to be recognized and presented at the 2016 District Conference. Projects should address the concepts of ethics, classification of occupations in the community, mentoring, shadowing, and occupational information sharing. Vocational Service month is also a great time to recognize a non-Rotarian in your community who exhibits the ideals of Rotary through his/her vocation.