



CRUISIN' WITH JIM

Allegheny, Beaver, and Westmoreland Counties
Southwestern Pennsylvania, USA

Sybil and I did some cruising in the month of July. After a vacation to Myrtle Beach, SC the last week of June, it was off to our first official visit at the Churchill/Wilkins Club on July 1 at noon and the Wilkesburg Club President's night at 6:30 PM. By the time the end of July



Jim Kunkelmann cruises the District

rolled around, we had made 11 official visits and attended three President's Nights. We also had the privilege of opening the Rotary Gateway Teen Leadership Institute on Sunday July 27. Wow! Where did July go?

The first major event of the year, the district golf outing was a great success. Sold

out! 144 golfers attended, chaired by PDG Bob Rupp, and helped by members of a great committee. It's been very rewarding cruising the District. You can't imagine how many wonderful Rotarians we have met in just one month. And to have the chance to hear about the many service projects and fund raiser that all of you are doing.

August 15 is Membership and Extension Month. I want to thank Kathy Crawford for all her hard work in starting a new Club on the South Side of Pittsburgh. I am committed to chartering this Club in the 2008/2009 Rotary year. This group of Rotarians-to-be meet Tuesdays at noon on the Southside. If you know any prospects for this new Club please advise Kathy Crawford.

I want to thank all of you for being the best Rotarian you can be and I challenge you to Make Dreams Real.

*Jim Kunkelmann
District Governor*

PS: Take a guest to your Club meeting this month.

District calendar

September 11 - Celebration of Service, LaMont Restaurant, 5:30.
November 19 - Rotary Foundation dinner, Sheraton Station Square

Club calendar

August 23 - Duquesne West Mifflin Club, Classic Car Cruise, Century Square, West Mifflin, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

The Foundation Corner: District Simplified Grants and the new grant structure

The *District Simplified Grant* is a relatively recent innovation of the Grant Program. RI simply decided to let the District use the District Designated Fund. As everyone knows, this DDF comes from 50% of what we send in contributions to the annual giving drive three years earlier, plus a share of the earnings of the Permanent Fund. The *DSG* money is 20% of that DDF.

In the last two years, our *DSG* money was less than \$15,000, yet we were able to fund eight projects in each of the two years. This year, it is a whopping \$33,500 – and that is where I found that it is not as simple as it seems.

Anything over \$25,000 will require a spending plan plus a publicity and promotion plan for the project. To date, we have nine projects totaling more than the available amount. Despite the nine applications we have, the door has not closed. The District has a deadline of September of this year. We will judge each application according to their adherence to the eligibility requirements imposed by RI.

These eligibility requirements were distributed to each Club two separate times. Any application received after the deadline may be considered for the following year. Next year's DDF is \$87,000 and the *DSG* is 20% of that.

So what does this clutter of information mean? To be considered, apply early – as early as November or December. It is really a two-year time frame: one year of planning, another year of implementation. The nine applications received so far, and those that are forthcoming, will be evaluated by the Committee once the fund is received.

What about this new grant structure? From what I gathered from downloading the *FUTURE VISION* of Rotary presented at the convention in LA, here is the gist:

In 2013, R.I. will start giving two things:

1 – District Block Grants; and 2. RI Global Grants.

District Block Grants is patterned after the current *DSG*, but instead of 20%, it is increased to 50%, meaning more money for District local projects. It's more important then that each Club familiarize and utilize the *DSG* model now. With regard to the RI Global Grants, RI decided to put the matching grant program into the World Fund like what RI is doing for the GSE funding. That is good news. That will leave more funds out of the DDF to use for other programs like the Ambassador and Teacher Grants. Our District is lucky that we have a sizeable endowment to support these areas. (Incidentally, we funded 4 Matching Grants this year: Nigeria, Uganda, India, and Haiti.)

You say, so what? That's five years away! But read this: This Rotary year, 2008-2009, RI will select 100 Districts to be on a Pilot Project for three years. Should our District be selected as one of this 100, the Block Grants and RI Global Grants will start in 2010-2011 instead of 2013.

In the end, the more you give, the more will come back to you. Support **EREY!**

PDG Joe Ravano, Chair

The Rotary Foundation Committee

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District golf outing results

The District 7300 Golf Outing took place this year on a perfect golfing day. The temperature was 74, low humidity, and there was a nice breeze. When we golfers go to Golfers Heaven the weather will be similar to this day.

We had 144 Rotarians and guests tee off at Edgewood Country Club to attack one of the nicest courses in our area. The course condition was perfect and everyone found the greens to be tricky but fair. In 18 holes of golf there were very few level putts.

DG Jim and Sybil Kunkelmann served as wonderful hosts for the evening banquet. Everyone attending the outing walked away with a handful of gifts. The real lucky attendees were the winners of the numerous Chinese auction items, or better yet the 50/50 of over \$1,200.

It's simply amazing how well golf outings go over in our District. There have to be over 20 events between the Clubs and District, and they all seem to do well. One of the non-golfing guests told me she wants to take up golf just to participate more in the fun. There sure were some great conversations and fellowship going on all day. Best of all, the proceeds will go to eliminating polio from this world.

Help Wanted

District Secretary/Administrative Assistant to Governor

Are you or someone you know passionate about Rotary and Service Above Self? A people-person who enjoys public service and has excellent computer skills? If so, District 7300 is seeking a self-starter who can work with minimum supervision, and who has demonstrated organization and communication skills. If you have excellent interpersonal skills, can formulate spreadsheets, handle mail-merge, correspondence and reports, and would like to work 15 to 20 hours/week, contact Cindy Sakala at (724) 339-2224 or sakala1@verizon.net. Working from home is a possibility.

July 2008 Attendance Report

The following are the top 10 clubs reporting on time

Beaver Falls	100%
Crafton-Ingram	93%
Sharpsburg-Aspinwall	92%
Moon Twp.	88%
Quaker Valley	86%
Green Tree	82%
Aliquippa	78%
New Brighton	73%
Penn Hills	71%
Carnegie-Collier	71%
Dormont/Mt. Leb/Castle Shannon	71%
McCandless	71%



Celebration of Service



Thursday, September 11, 2008

LeMont Restaurant

5:30 PM - Cash Bar

6:30 PM - 7:00 PM - Program

**7:00 PM - 8:30 PM - Networking and
hors d'oeuvres**

Tickets \$30

Please make reservations by September 8, 2008

Call Terry Dougan at (412) 471-6210

Or send email to pgrotary@choiceonemail.com



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District 7300 Foundation Dinner
An Evening of Fun & Fellowship

Dinner
Dancing with "Pure Gold"
Chinese Auction featuring Rotarian Artists

Sheraton Station Square
Wednesday, November 19, 2008

**Prizes for the top 3 clubs with most members in attendance*
**One Paul Harris to each club having pledged & met their*
1st installment to the Bill Gates pledge

Reservations through PDG Kathy
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