

EARLY BIRD WEEKLY



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Last week was a joint meeting Club Day with our beloved Noon Club joining us for breakfast.

Oh, and it was an ACTUAL BREAKFAST served by [Caballero's Catering](#) with real live (figuratively speaking) bacon, eggs, fruit, pastries and hot drinks.

Our own Rachel Powell kicked us off by sharing our Community Service Committee's successes and activities in 2021.

First up for her was her favorite and most recent Christmas Families. This year we joined together as Rotarians, did shopping and wrapping, and served 50 households with Christmas dinners and gifts for kids.

For the first time in a long time we were back out for a Highway Cleanup (one of Kelly Dundas' ideas from way back when SOLV was a big thing). We didn't get as much of the road as Rachel had hoped but more garbage than she expected.

This year's Freshman NHS Welcome BBQ became an ice cream social (COVID restrictions). Surprisingly, getting students to take an ice cream bar was actually hard!

We had our Pancake Breakfast again, finally, after missing a year. Though lightly attended it was warmly received.

We did a cemetery cleanup at Friends Cemetery which included a huge pile of green flower holders that were cleaned and pressed back into service.



A few of us spent a day on the hill getting our loved, departed friend, Tina Enemoto's property mending fences and cleaning up shrubs while she was being taken from us by cancer. It was a dismal weather day brightened at the end by a bonfire.

Brandy Penner, President Elect for Newberg's Noon Club, introducing some of its members.

Mike Caruso, Peace Chair, was their live presenter.

We started Peace Builders in Newberg with nine clubs in 2011 with two

of those being Newberg's two Rotary Clubs.

In the past ten years it's grown to thirty three clubs District wide representing 2/3 of all active Rotarians in the district. That's 2,000 of the 3,000 District 5100 Rotary members.

Peace Builder projects are wide and varied. One he keyed upon will be delivered by Denise Bacon.

Our Interact youth raised \$33,000. Enough to send 52 young Kenyans to school through the leadership of Kenyan Rotarian, Emily Bakhitah. The project was launched by the Seaside Interact club and carried forward by Newberg's Interactors.

On another note, Larry Strobel (Mac Rotary), has been working with the Jubitz Foundation on 500 Rotary Peace Poles in and outside the District.

Interactors from District 7305, Pennsylvania, held a conference last October with the theme, "May Peace Prevail on Earth." This would become the third Interact Peace Builder club on the planet (after Newberg and McMinnville).

The Interact Club of Johnstown, PA had been busy with their 12 Interacts of Kindness campaign. Some of their activities included 1,800 holiday cards to veterans, volunteering at the Humane Society, baking 900 cookies for first responders, bell ringing for Salvation Army, holiday meals, donuts and coffee for janitors, secretaries and security guards, donating to Rotary Foundation, and library boxes.

He wasn't so much bragging them up as he was illustrating the effectiveness of youthful enthusiasm and dedication to making their

world better by doing something for it.

Next up was Denise Bacon who was joining us via Zoom and speaking into Mike's mic from Mark's laptop speaker.

Who says you can't teach an old Rotarian new tricks. :D

Denise has been with Noon's Interact Club for six years. This year we continued the Kenyan boarding school project.

These kids are at school 7 days a week, for weeks at a time, with about 4 hours' sleep at night. When you want something bad enough, and it's that hard to get, you



just put all you have into getting the most possible out of the experience.

Mike made a side comment that our Interact Club is the only one in the district that got all the way through the pandemic without missing a beat. Denise confessed to bribing them with Door Dash to keep them engaged.

There are 52 kids from the entire district, 6 are from our club. Our cost is about \$600/year for tuition, uniforms, and transportation to/from school.

Christie tracked all the funds and kept everyone moving forward. She's busy getting kids ready for school so couldn't join during her term.

Laura was very grateful for our club's support in their international projects such as their 911 project meeting in Kathmandu.

The Peace Global Grant is for teaching 25 women advocates to deal with domestic violence.

That's all for today. Make 2022 the year you brag on Rotary and invite others to join us in the drive to let peace prevail.