

## **Rotary District 5970 Newsletter - February 2012**

### **James L. Patton –District Governor 5970**

#### **Rotary District Simplified Grants are Due**

PDG Dick Moeller, Chairman of the Grants Committee, wants to encourage clubs to submit their District Simplified Grant (DSG) applications within the next two weeks. To date, less than 6 applications are on file and the grant committee has over \$15,000 to award for local grants in our district. For more information or assistance, call PDG Dick Moeller of Waverly at 319-352-1747 or email [vrmoeller@gmail.com](mailto:vrmoeller@gmail.com)

#### **Presidents Elect Training on March 2-3, 2012**

**Registration needs to be completed immediately. Find information and registration at [www.ncpets.org](http://www.ncpets.org).**

To enhance the success of Rotary Clubs, Rotary District 5970, together with three neighboring districts, is hosting a multi-district Presidents-Elect Training (PETS) in Rochester, MN on March 2-3.

The presidents elected by the clubs to begin serving July, 2012, will be updated on procedures and ideas to help them have a successful year. During the training they will network with other presidents-elect and find motivation from the presenters and workshops.

#### **Rotary is Enhancing Its Public Image**

2012 will be the third year that Rotary District 5970 has worked with District 6000 (southern Iowa) to share more about Rotary with the public. In 2009-10, the Districts emphasized newspaper stories and ads across the state. In 2010-11, Rotary had a featured role in assisting Iowa Public Television with their telethon and seeing the faces of Rotarians at their best, sharing projects and ideas.

On **Tuesday, March 6, 2012**, Rotary will again join IPTV for the evening fundraising telethon. The effort of Districts 5970 and 6000 are supported by a Rotary International grant. **We need District 5970 volunteers – you and fellow Rotarians** – to meet at the IPTV studio in Johnston from 4:00-10:00 PM to be on the phone panel. Great food, fellowship with other Rotarians, an opportunity for service and heightened awareness of Rotary are all a part of this experience.

**If you can help that evening, please contact me at [jlpatton.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:jlpatton.rotary@gmail.com) and I will reply with more information.**

#### **RYLA Registration Has Begun for 2012**

The 2012 District 5970 RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) Conference will be held at Wartburg College from Sunday, July 15 through Friday, July 29, 2012.

Attendees need to have completed their high school sophomore or junior years and have a potential or proven leadership experience. Rotary Clubs in the district are encouraged to nominate and sponsor RYLA applicants.

Last year's RYLA Conference had thirty-eight participants and early indications are the 2012 Conference will exceed fifty. Check the District 5970 website for additional details.

#### **Rotary District 5970 Conference on April 27-28, 2012**

Save the dates April 27-28, for the 2012 Rotary District 5970 Conference. This annual event will be held at the Starlite Convention Center at the intersection of Highways 169 & 7 in Fort Dodge. Program and registration materials will be available on March 5, 2012.

The conference will feature club-recognition, youth exchange students, a Brazilian Fellowship Exchange, a tour of an historical district of Fort Dodge, sharing ideas on fundraising and membership, and noted leaders from the State of Iowa and Iowa State University.

### **Rotary Youth Exchange Students Selected**

On January 21, 2012, nine high school students were interviewed at Waverly, IA and selected to represent Rotary District 5970 as outbound exchange students for 2012-2013. The District Youth Exchange committee interviewed students and parents nominated by eight Rotary Clubs.

On March 10, in Waverly, the outbound students and parents will have an orientation and review expectations. The inbound and outbound students will be featured at the Rotary District 5970 Conference on April 27-28 to be held in Fort Dodge. Watch for details about the students' preferences of countries and plans.

### **New Rotary Club to be Chartered**

The Rotary Club of Cedar Valley, Iowa has scheduled their Charter Night for March 21, 2012. This will be the District's first "new generations" club because of the joint efforts of the Rotary Clubs of Cedar Falls, Waterloo Crossroads, Waterloo (Downtown) and Waverly and the leadership of Sue Beach and PDG Roger Kueter.

On November 20, 2011, the Cedar Valley Club was awarded provisional status with 17 members at the District Foundation Program. They now have surpassed the required 25 members to become a full Chartered Club. They meet weekly on Wednesdays at 4:45 PM at the Montage in Cedar Falls.

Wendy Knapp is the club president and has led them to complete several service projects. The club surprised and entertained the Foundation Day audience with a "Rotary Rap."

### **Ambassadorial Scholars are Selected**

Eric Waldstein, nominated by the Waverly Rotary Club and Tamara Marcus, nominated by the Cedar Rapids West Rotary Club have been selected to represent District 5970 as Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars in 2012-2013.

Eric has been teaching the past two years in Teach for America, and would like to study in England. Tamara is attending the University of Minnesota and has attended the World Food Prize youth Institute. She hopes to attend a school in India.

Ambassadorial Scholars are funded through Rotary International Foundation funds that return to our District annually from member support. One of our current scholars studying in England is Meganne Torkelson from Waverly, Iowa. Check out Meganne's blog at <http://megannek-rotaryscholar.blogspot.com/>

### **India has a Polio-Free Year**

India has gone 12 months without a new case of polio. We now begin the 3-year surveillance phase to name India polio-free. Our efforts now lay in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria.

In 2009, India reported 742 cases of polio and in 2010, 42 cases were reported. In 2011, one case was reported and the country will come off the endemic list as soon as the remaining samples from 2011 are cleared as negative.

New initiatives and emphasis are being implemented by the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the Center of Disease Control in Atlanta and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.