

Osborne To Keynote Vermillion Rotary Conference

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VERMILLION, S.D. – The Vermillion Rotary Club will host the Rotary District 5610 annual conference and celebration, themed "Be the Inspiration," Sept. 28-29 at the Muenster University Center in Vermillion.



The conference "Be the Inspiration" banquet being held on Friday evening will feature keynote speaker, Tom Osborne, former University of Nebraska-Lincoln head football coach and athletic director, sharing a message on leadership and service. Osborne excelled in every aspect of his professional career and consistently kept the focus on service.

The banquet will also include the presentation of the Roger Kozak Service Above Self Award. This award honors the memory of Roger L. Kozak, a longtime member of the Vermillion Rotary Club, served as district governor from 2009-2010, and distinguished himself as an exceptional servant leader.

This year's district governor is Dave Lorenz of Vermillion. Lorenz has been a member of the Vermillion Rotary Club since 2006, and was previously a member of the Springfield Rotary Club.

"Vermillion Rotary and the City of Vermillion are excited to host Rotarians from 41 clubs from the entire state of South Dakota, northwest Iowa, northeast Nebraska and southwest Minnesota. Rotary is the largest service organization in the world with over 1.2 million Rotarians in over 200 countries," said Lorenz, Rotary District 5610 governor.

On Saturday, Sept. 29, a Rotary Foundation Luncheon will be held. The luncheon features comments from polio survivor Nancy Shulenberger of Sioux City, Iowa, and an inspiring message from Greg Podd, past Rotary International vice president and past Rotary director.

Conference activities will wrap up with an official Vermillion Chamber and Development Company ribbon cutting at Rotary Park at 3:45 p.m., followed by a community service project from 4 to 5 p.m.

Vermillion Rotary Club is thrilled for the opportunity to highlight the community while hosting this year's conference. There will be great opportunities for attendees to experience Vermillion including several planned excursions and free time to explore Vermillion and all it has to offer.

For more information, visit vermillionrotaryclub.org