



CROSS CURRENTS-NEW FORMAT

DISTRICT 5580 GOVERNOR, HERB SCHMIDT 2016-2017



March-May 2017

Did you attend district conference? The district conference committee had a great program planned around the theme "The Great Spirit in Rotary". The venue was the beautiful Fortune Bay Casino Resort on Lake Vermillion near Tower, MN. And clubs, don't forget to donate an item for the silent auction to benefit PolioPlus. April was a busy month! PETS's were conducted the first week in April. The Membership committee is still working hard with clubs to help them meet their yearly membership goals. District matching grant applications for 2017-18 were due March 31 so the Grants committee can put a spending plan together for the Rotary Foundation before the April deadline. The Youth Protection Policy committee put finishing touches on implementation documentation that was presented at PETS. The RYLA committee has started preparations for the next RYLA camp in July. Interact, Rotaract and Youth Exchange are busy preparing for district conference. It's amazing all the work you Rotarians do as volunteers to benefit our youth and our communities!

As most of you should know by now our district secretary, Diane Collins, will be retiring June 30 of this year. Diane has been a pillar

for our district for quite a long time. She is the reason our district runs smoothly and generally without major problems. We're going to miss her but we know there are Rotarians out there who are willing to step up, learn from Diane and take over the reins to keep our district running smoothly. The district leadership is currently looking at ways of reducing the work load of this position in order to make it a truly part-time position. Diane has developed a job description for the district secretary which will be sent out to the district membership shortly. We encourage any of you with the skill set referred to in the job description to apply for this position. Please contact Diane, myself, Governor-elect Deb, Governor Nominee Blaine or Governor Nominee Designate Rick for questions or further information.

Congratulations to Rick Bricker from the Brainerd club who has been named our District Governor Nominee Designate and will be your district governor in 2019-20. Rick is a dedicated and passionate Rotarian with a wide range of local and international experience. Also, a big Thank You to Gloria Mink from the Brainerd club who has stepped up to monitor and keep our district website up to date.

A couple dates to remember: if you are working toward a Presidential Citation the required activities must be completed and entered in the Rotary Club Central database by June 30. Don't forget the International Conference in Atlanta, GA June 10-14. All registration and ticket cancellations have to be in by April 30. This is a great opportunity to experience the international flavor of Rotary in a home country environment. Hope you attended our district conference April 27-29!

Thank you for all you do to help make this world a better place.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Herb



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GUATEMALA SCHOOL PROJECT

From February 24 thru March 21, 2017 30 three teams of District 5580 Rotarians friends and family were in La Curvina, Monterrico, Santa Rosa, Guatemala to work on a school project. [read more . . .](#)

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