



# CROSS CURRENTS-NEW FORMAT

DISTRICT 5580 GOVERNOR, HERB SCHMIDT 2016-2017



JANUARY 2017

Happy New Year! We hope all of you had a really relaxing and enjoyable holiday season. Now that the holiday season is behind us we can be looking ahead to an exciting 2017.

So, what's coming up? Well, we're starting the year with Grants Management Seminars (GMS) in January, February and maybe March. And, there will be a "makeup" GMS at district conference. Don't forget, to qualify for a matching grant at least one person in your club has to attend a GMS and the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and the addendum have to be signed by the 2017-18 incoming president. Also, Mar 31 is the deadline for district matching grant applications. So if you have a project in mind now is the time to be working on details.

Then comes President-Elect Training Seminars (PETS). The format for PETS is being continually changed to offer the information the President-Elects tell us they need and want. In addition, this year Diane will be offering some secretarial training.

Looking ahead to April and district conference; the district conference committee has a really neat and a little different conference planned. The theme of the conference is "The Great Spirit in Rotary" and is meant to give us more insight into Native American and Indigenous Canadian culture. Please get registered early. We're expecting a larger than average turnout and space for some events may get limited. And, don't forget to bring a silent auction item from each club to support the Rotary Foundation.

May 4-7 the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) meets in Winnipeg. This is another opportunity for our youth to develop leadership skills, writing and public speaking skills and learn about diplomacy, international relations and the United Nations. If you are interested in sponsoring youth to MUNA please let the district office know for more information.

In June we have the International Conference in Atlanta, GA. This is a huge gala event that, in addition to being very inspirational and informative, will be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Rotary Foundation. To get a true feeling for the international nature of Rotary every Rotarian should attend at least one international conference. Because of the venue this conference will be as convenient and affordable as any international conference will get.

Bonnie and I have now visited 64 of the 67 Rotary clubs in our district. We continued to be awed by the all the work, resources and dedication our Rotarians put in for service to others. On January 17 we will be participating in Charter Night for the new Grand Forks Downtown Rotary club. The last club chartered was the FMPM club five years ago so this is really a unique and exciting event. The last week in January we plan on visiting the remaining two clubs in the district.

As you see, there are many opportunities the second six months of this Rotary year. Thank you to all of you for your service to others.

Herb Schmidt  
District Governor

### EDITOR'S NOTES:

This may be in the old format. District secretary, Diane Collins, is in the hospital and needs are prayers. Cards can be sent to:



Diane Collins, exec secretary  
Rotary District 5580  
1209 Springdale Drive  
Lake Shore, MN 56468

To: Club Presidents, Secretaries, Foundation Chairs (copy to Assistant Governors),

Hello and Happy New Year!

The **2017 GRANT MANAGEMENT SEMINARS (GMS)** have now been scheduled. If your club wishes to participate in the District Grants Program for the **2017-2018** Rotary Year, attendance is required at a GMS. We suggest that 2 people from each club attend (one being the President Elect), if possible. **Each GMS will run from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. There is no fee to attend, and each session will include all materials and lunch.** Following are the dates and locations for each session:

**January 28 - Bismarck, ND:** ND League of Cities Conference



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Room, 410 E. Front Avenue,  
Bismarck, ND.

**Blake Crosby: call or (preferably)  
text (701) 238-3505**

**January 28 – Park Rapids,  
MN:** CHI St Joseph Area Health  
Services, 600 Pleasant Ave S, Lower  
Level Conference Rm, Park Rapids,  
MN

**David  
Gottenborg: [gott2134@loretel.net](mailto:gott2134@loretel.net)  
or (218) 863 2134**

**February 4 - Fargo, ND:** Eide  
Bailey Training Room, 4310 17th  
Avenue So, Fargo, ND.

**Keith  
Brokke: [rotarian.keith@gmail.com](mailto:rotarian.keith@gmail.com)  
or (218) 371-9243**

**February 4 - Thunder Bay, ON,  
CAN:** Prince Arthur Hotel, 17  
Cumberland St. N., Thunder Bay, ON  
CAN.

**Roly Turner: [rotaryroly@tbavtel.net](mailto:rotaryroly@tbavtel.net)  
or (807) 683 3609**

**February 11 - Duluth, MN:** NE  
Minnesota Small Business  
Development Center, 11 E. Superior  
St., Suite 210, Duluth, MN

**Elaine  
Hansen: [ehansen@d.umn.edu](mailto:ehansen@d.umn.edu) or (218) 590-0577**

You must register to attend the session of your choice on or before **Tuesday, January 23, 2016**. To register, please contact the **(facilitator)** at the email address shown above for the site you wish to attend and we will gladly register you.

In the event no one from your club can attend any of the above sessions, we will also hold a GMS in Mountain Iron, MN on *Thursday, April 27, 2017, the day before the start of the District Conference*. More information regarding this session will be available at a later date.

Even if you have previously attended a GMS, your club is still required to attend a GMS to participate in Grants in 2016-2017.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact a facilitator shown above.

Regards,  
Keith Brokke  
D5580 DRFC

## ROTARY PEACE CENTERS

The [2018 Rotary Peace Fellowship](#) application is now available! Our [new online application](#) will streamline the submission and review process and help districts manage the increasing number of Rotary Peace Fellowship applications.

Users of the new application can expect:

- Better functionality and design

- A district dashboard for reviewing and endorsing applications and communicating with applicants
- Automated email communications from the platform
- Technical support and training from our platform provider, Embark
- A sign-in process that is separate from My Rotary and other Rotary databases and applications

Please note that the application is in English only, and we will no longer be able to accept PDF applications. As a Rotary leader, you play a key role in communicating information about the peace centers program to club and district leaders, who help identify and nominate candidates for the fellowships. We encourage you to use and share these resources:

- The [Rotary Peace Centers Program Guide](#) – information on eligibility requirements and finding qualified candidates



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- The [application video](#) — explains the steps to completing the application
- Webinars for applicants (Chicago time, UTC-6, for all listings):

## [All About the Rotary Peace Fellowship](#)

10 January, 09:00-09:30

## [Applying for the Rotary Peace Fellowship: Tips From Current Fellows](#)

24 January, 09:00-09:30

## [Rotary Peace Fellowships: How to Strengthen Your Application](#)

7 February, 09:00-09:30

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- Webinars for Rotarians (Chicago time, UTC-6, for all listings):

## [Rotary Peace Centers: The Important Role of Rotarians](#)

10 January, 10:00-10:30

## [Rotary Peace Centers: Turning Applicants Into Fellows](#)

7 February 10:00-10:30

## [Rotary Peace Centers: The important role of Rotarians \(French\)](#)

9 February, 09:00-09:45

## [Rotary Peace Centers: The important role of Rotarians \(Spanish\)](#)

9 February, 10:30-11:15

- The [Rotary Peace Centers Facebook page](#) — follow us and spread the news about our program

Candidates have until 31 May to submit applications to their district. Districts must submit endorsed applications to The Rotary Foundation by 1 July. Should you need technical support in this transition, please contact Embark at [support@embark.com](mailto:support@embark.com). General inquiries regarding the fellowship program may be sent to [rotarypeacecenters@rotary.org](mailto:rotarypeacecenters@rotary.org). We thank you for your dedication to the Rotary Peace Centers and your continuous support in educating the Rotary network about the

fellowships!

Sincerely,

Rotary Peace Centers

## **Interested in the adventure of a lifetime? Join one of two 5580 international service trips to Bolivia in 2017!**

Come and experience the colorful and vibrant culture of Bolivia and the beauty of the Andes Mountains.

**March 25th – April 8th** The first team will travel to Bolivia to participate in the building of an elementary school in the Andes mountain village of Guitarrani.

**June 11th – June 17th** The second team will travel to Bolivia for the grand opening and community celebration of the Guitarrani School.

Both teams will also visit water reservoirs, and medical clinics sponsored by our district in collaboration with Mano A Mano International as well as potential project sites.

Possible side trips include the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Machu Picchu in Peru and the incredible Salt Flats of Uyuni, Bolivia. Visit the world's largest statue of Christ, Cristo de la Concordia, in Cochabamba, and the Cretaceous Dinosaur Park in Sucre. Please contact Jill Zachary <[jill.zachary@lakeheadu.ca](mailto:jill.zachary@lakeheadu.ca)>, Thunder Bay Fort William Rotary or Karl Everett <[karl\\_everett@q.com](mailto:karl_everett@q.com)> of Duluth Harbortown Rotary for further information.



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## WEBSITE

The District 5580 website is in store for a new look. The new website design should make it easier to find the information you need in your clubs.

Features include:

- Dropdown menus
- Search bar
- Scrolling image with new updates
- Look and feel updates

All of the pages you accessed previously are still on the site, just updated to be navigated from the top menu. Simply hover your mouse over the top Menu areas to find specific pages.

Menu sections:

- District Information
- Rotary Foundation
- Avenues of Service
- Club Support
- Events
- Youth

Websites are always moving and changing, so expect to see other small updates throughout the year as well. With that, we welcome your feedback on this new site. If you have ideas or suggestions, please let us know through this survey <https://goo.gl/forms/XdZwqgGZN2VaRdip1>.

## RYLA

To: D5580 Club Presidents (copy to Club Secretaries and Assistant Governors),  
The 26th annual **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Program** is scheduled for **July 9-15, 2017** at the University of MN Crookston

Campus. Please make special note of the following information:

### IMPORTANT Dates

**MARCH 1, 2017** - Submit payment for all participants. Rotary clubs need to submit payment for the number of students they plan to send. The rate is \$475.00 per participant.

Please send ALL CHECKS to our District Treasurer: Elaine Hansen, Treasurer District 5580 Rotary, 906 Ridgewood Road, Duluth, MN 55804. Indicate in the memo this is for RYLA. Limited spots are available! No refunds are available after March 1.

**April 28, 2017 (NEW Application Deadline)** - Submit camper application forms, including health forms. Campers can apply online at <http://district5580ryla.org>.

1. Direct students to <http://district5580ryla.org> to fill out the application in the potential campers section.
2. Students receive an email with a copy of their completed application, which parents/guardians can then sign, and turn into your club representative.
3. The club representative must ensure all forms of the application are complete and submit them to Beth Althoff at [ryla5580@gmail.com](mailto:ryla5580@gmail.com) or mail them to 4251 33rd Ave S Apt. 308, Fargo, ND 58104 by April 28, 2017.

\*\*If you have alternates selected please let us know so we can help facilitate filling open spots.

Applications will be available online starting January 15, 2017. If you have

any questions or need more information about the procedures, please feel free to contact Beth Althoff [ryla5580@gmail.com](mailto:ryla5580@gmail.com) or 701-640-5718.

Please share this email with your club's RYLA Chair. You can review the Camp Chairperson Guidelines, available on the RYLA website <http://district5580ryla.org/rotarians/> for more information on recruiting students, selection and general timeline. If you have any questions or need more information about procedures, please feel free to contact Beth Althoff at [ryla5580@gmail.com](mailto:ryla5580@gmail.com) or 701.640.5718. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Please meet these **DEADLINES!**