

# Rotary Foundation Alumni Association



Rotary District 5710, Zone 29/27

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## District 5710 First to Charter Alumni Association

Congratulations to Rotary District 5710 for being the **first** district in zone 29 to charter an Alumni Association! The official charter was signed March 7 at the Foundation Alumni Reception in Kansas City. Many alumni gathered to celebrate the event and participate in the Ambassadorial Scholars Banquet that evening. District 6040 (NW Missouri) also just formed an Alumni Association, making them the **second** district in our zone to have an Association. We look forward to having joint activities and fellowship with members of their Alumni Association.



March 7, 2009

Official Charter

### Upcoming Events

Foundation Alumni Seminar  
Washburn University, Topeka  
August 8, 2009

Foundation Banquet  
November 14, 2009

Foundation Alumni Reception  
March 2010

Alumni Association Second  
Annual Meeting  
May 2010

### Did you know???

As of July 1, we will be in a new zone (27), and we will be the first to have an Alumni Association there. And, we are one of only 6 Alumni Associations in N. America!



## First Annual General Meeting

At the district conference on May 2, the Alumni Association held its first annual general meeting. During the meeting, the officers were officially elected and introduced:

**Gina Coffman**, president  
**Ryan Diehl**, vice president  
**Theresa Holderbach**, secretary/treasurer

Rotary bylaws were also reviewed and approved. It was discussed that two of the major functions of the Alumni Association are to

support those who go abroad through Rotary programs as well as to provide a link between Foundation alumni and Rotarians.

Rotary Foundation alumni include anyone who has participated in a Foundation funded grant. This includes all district alumni even if they currently live in a different district. One of the main initiatives of the Alumni Association is to help people reconnect.

During the upcoming year, the Alumni Association will:

1. Review the alumni contact spreadsheet and send it out to clubs to make sure information is accurate
2. Plan 4 annual meetings (see upcoming events)
3. Participate in GSE Team events and Ambassadorial Scholar interviews
4. Keep members informed about happenings through a quarterly newsletter

## Ideas for the Future

The Alumni Association is a complimentary piece to what is already happening in Rotary. It is consistent with the objectives of Rotary and its motto "Service Above Self." Looking ahead, we would like your input on the future of the Alumni Association! What would you like to see it do? Email Theresa, secretary, at [holderbach\\_theresa@hotmail.com](mailto:holderbach_theresa@hotmail.com) with any ideas or suggestions.

Here are some possible ideas:

1. Create a Facebook page to update events and get the word out
2. Put a link on the district website of past scholars/GSE team members
3. Bring more alumni to local club meetings and participate in Rotary service projects

**We look forward to seeing you at the Foundation Alumni Seminar on August 8!!!**