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District Governor Dave Anderson

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On Route 5520 ...

with DG Dave Anderson



Thoughts, thanks and wishes

Former District Governors have often told me over the years that the highlight of their Rotary lives was the period they served as Governor, and the best part of that year was the chance to visit each club and to meet with their fellow Rotarians. Having now completed the Rotary bylaw requirement to visit all 68 clubs in our district, I have come to the realization that these past five months have been not only the best part of my 20 plus years in Rotary, but also a major highlight in my life!

Over the years a number Rotary International Presidents have spoken of the 'Family of Rotary.' My travels through this year have brought this fact into sharp focus. We are a family! Every club I visited welcomed me with open arms, every Rotarian I met greeted me as a friend. Your hospitality and kindness was overwhelming. You made me feel a valued part of your family. I found it hard to leave after each visit!

Looking back at the warmth of your reception and your accepting me as family, makes me feel that there are so many more in our communities whose lives would be much better if they were also a part of your family. At each club I tried to express this by asking you to think of those you know, and invite them to share in your Rotary family. How many lives would be enriched through our friendship, how many things in our communities would be improved if we could extend our family and have others come to believe in "service above self."

I am particularly gratified to see clubs entering their activities on the District Calendar and reaching out to Rotarians from other clubs to join in their social, fundraising and community activities. Again, thinking and acting as a family and working together. Not only do you have your fellow local club members in your family, but you have over 2,600 family members in District 5520 and over 1.2 million family members spread throughout the World. I for one, am especially proud and thankful to be a member of your family!

As 2016 draws to a close, Maureen and I would like to extend holiday wishes to each and every member of our Rotary family and friends. It is especially hard to believe that our Rotary Year is nearly half over - How time flies! We hope to spend the remaining months assisting clubs, and especially re-visiting as many as we can to strengthen "our" family bonds. — DG Dave



Executive Secretary's Report

with Kathy Fuller

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Have you ever felt like all the tasks you were being asked to accomplish (particularly as a Club or District Officer in Rotary) were like facing Mt. Kilimanjaro, and you knew you had to make it to the top as quickly as possible?!? Allow me to set that stage for you:

¶ December 31 is quickly approaching and Rotary International Bylaws state that each Club should hold its elections by the end of the year for Rotarians who will take on the role(s) two years down the road. We're electing our 2018-2019 President this December. If you haven't yet done so, please prepare now for your Club's elections!

¶ Rotary International will be sending its semi-annual invoices shortly after January 1. If you have any membership issues, now is the time to get them taken care of.

¶ If you're Club is considering sponsoring a community or global grant in the 2017-2018 year, a mandatory annual training for the Rotary Foundation is being held on Saturday, December 10 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Register through the District website, www.rotary5520.org. It's free!

Likely that's enough to get you to the point where you're ready to holler, "I GIVE!" Now let me ask you:

How do you climb Mt. Kilimanjaro? Answer: One step at a time.

Need help with elections? Need help with your club's membership?? You want to sign up for the Foundation training, but you're having trouble??? Never fear: The District Executive Secretary is here!! Just send me an e-mail at kfuller5520@gmail.com, and I am glad to help! Final Question:

How do you eat an elephant? Answer: One bite at a time.

Happy holidays!

--Kathy Fuller, District 5520 Executive Secretary

Don't Miss Rotary Convention in Atlanta

Only six months left before you can finally participate in the **2017 ROTARY CONVENTION** in our own country: ATLANTA, GA, June 10 - 14, 2017 !!!

No excuses anymore: Enjoy almost in your neighborhood thousands of Rotarians from all over the world in this annual unique event...to experience it is to believe it!



From the cradle of the civil rights movement to the vibrancy of elegant Buckhead we can show off our country's hospitality to the fullest. Just imagine to visit the Carter Presidential Library, the High Museum of Art, the MLK Jr. National Historic Site, the gorgeous Botanical Garden, the World of Coca Cola, etc. etc.

Please consider registering early (with a discount) for this Convention and join several Rotarians from our own district who have signed up already. Much more detailed information is available and can be accessed at www.riconvention.org.

Get inspired to do more and celebrate ATLANTA 2017 ! Do not wait, after all it is YOUR convention in OUR country! -- **Peter Krebs, Rio Grande, Las Cruces, NM**

World Polio Day: How did your club celebrate?

How did your club observe World Polio Day?

The Rio Rancho Rotary Club sponsored "Pints for Polio" at a local brewery. Participants received a Rotary beer mug and reduced price brew for the evening. The club educated the community on the fight to eradicate polio, showed their many community service projects, met a few good potential new members, and had a great time. This one evening event raised \$1,000 for our fight against polio.

The Rotary Club of Silver City held a fund raising reception. PDG Kit Turpen spoke and showed a couple of inspiring videos. The club raised over \$3,400 for Polio Plus.

The Rotary Club of Los Alamos held a fund raiser with the local elementary schools called a "Purple Pinkie Polio Plus Project". School children who donated \$1.00 and had their pinkie painted purple to show support for Polio Plus. The club received excellent public relations in local media.

Let me know how your club observed World Polio Day. What did you do and how much did you raise?

Send a short email to earl@rioranchomagazine.com. Thank you for your participation. -- **Earl Waid**



George Basch: Taos Rotarian a saver of lives

George Basch of the Taos-Milagro Rotary Club is more than an adventurer, explorer and tax guru, but he also helps save lives — by the thousands. As a many-times climber of Mount Everest (at least up to the 17,500 feet above sea level base camp), he fell in love with the Himalayan peoples and learned of the tragedies of not only earthquakes but the four million who die each year because of wood cooking stoves that create serious breathing problems. So he founded the Paul Basch Memorial Foundation, named for his late son and fellow Mount Everest climber, which has now provided



more than 4,000 clean-air stoves to villages throughout Nepal. He found a supplier of the Envirofit cook stoves in Fort Collins, Colo., costing only \$150 each. It not only drastically reduced deaths from pollution, but freed up children to go to school instead of having to help transport wood every day for their old wood fire stoves. George said Rotary clubs from around the world contribute to his humanitarian effort, including those in Nepal. In fact, the club in Kathmandu, Nepal, did a survey among families who had received the clean-air stoves and found that the new stoves reduced smoke and harmful gasses by 90%, reduced the need for wood by 75%, and reduced cooking time up to 50%. Said George: "The Himalayan people who now cook on non-polluting stoves wouldn't give them up for a million rubles."

Alumni Relations: Don't forget parents of our "alumni"

Alumni relations is a job that requires some imagination. Many of our youngest "alumni" (RYLA and Foreign Exchange Students) move around faster than our data bases. But, there's another way of thinking about Rotary Alumni that may just help us build Rotary brand awareness and membership at the same time.

Let's think of Alumni as not just the interactors, RYLA graduates and Rotary Youth Exchange members but their families as well. By capturing their email information and including them in your newsletter distribution and club information, you will be educating them about Rotary and helping them spread the word about who we are and what we stand for. They may even decide that they want to join a Rotary Club.

- Put the parents of your outbound students on your Rotary "friends" mailing list.
- Ask your returning students to stay involved in Rotary as they move around the Country (or World). Rotary is for "life." Ask them to keep their My Rotary information current.
- Keep your lapsed Rotary members on your communications list. As we left the Rotary meeting today, Tom Simon and I met a former Rotary member who "has time now" and really wants to re-connect himself (and his wife) to Rotary.

--Katie Updike, District Alumni Chair

Foundation eTraining set for December 10

Changes in upcoming year a hot topic for Foundation chairs

Registration remains open for this impact-fact-filled Foundation eTraining conference set for Saturday, December 10, starting at 9 a.m. Particularly to Club Foundation Committee Chairs and Club President-Elects E(or Nominees) are changes to the methodology used in the District Grant Funding model for FY 18 (2017–2018) as well as the FY 18 Grant planning dates.

In the past, the model used for distributing the funds for District Grants has been relatively simplistic. The funds that support the District's matching grants program are a substantial portion of The Rotary Foundation (TRF) annual grant to District 5520. The total received by District 5520 is equal to 50 percent of the amount donated by District clubs to TRF three years prior to the funding year. Simply, during FY 2018, the TRF will return to District 5520 half of the money that the D5520 Clubs donated to TRF in FY2015. This portion of the District's grant funding model remains unchanged.

What will change for the upcoming Rotary year will be how the matching funds will be distributed to those clubs applying for a grant. This will be a major topic of the December 10 eTraining.

Until now, given the amount of funds available to D5520 for grants to support club projects throughout the district, clubs would submit their grant applications and, upon approval, receive from \$250 to \$2,000 in matching funds from D5520. There was no attention paid to the amount contributed by the club to TRF three years prior. So, a club that contributed nothing to TRF three years earlier could still apply for and get a District grant of up to \$2,000. Effective FY18 (i.e., 1 July 2017), the District Grant Fund Distribution model is being changed to "make it fair for all concerned."

Additionally, we will be discussing advancing the dates for clubs applying for District Grants so that the funds can be distributed much earlier in the Rotary year than we have done in recent years. The goal would be to distribute funds in the July-August time frame. This means that present incoming club senior management and boards of directors will need to be planning NOW for their club's projects and making an application for a district matching grant before they take office. Again, details of this schedule change will be discussed at the December 10 meeting. See you there!!

— **Dominic Bernardi, District 5520 Grants Sub-Committee Chair**

Foundation eTraining presenters

Christine Grodecki (The Rotary Foundation) will bring us up to speed with Annual Giving, Polio Eradication and upcoming changes to Global Grants to list just a few topics.

District Grant Subcommittee Chair **Dom Bernardi** will provide information on the new District Grant Fund Distribution Model that D5520 will be using starting 1 July 2017.

PDG **Rick Akins** will be provide information on how to be a Club Rotary Foundation Chair. This is a must for Presidents, Presidents-Elect and Nominees, as well as Club Foundation Chairs

Foundation Committee Chair **Tom Walker** will review the Annual D5520 Foundation Committee report for the 2015-2016 Rotary year. And he will take away some of the mystery in setting Club Foundation giving goals.

Travel & Friendship: Rotary has its global perks

Donna Pedace loves Rotary and she loves to travel. And she loves to do both at the same time. And she told her fellow Albuquerque Del Norte Rotarians last month that there is more to travel than the Rotary Friendship Exchange program that she heads up within our District 5520, hosting Rotarians from around the world—and enjoying the sights and culture of foreign lands with fellow Rotarians as well.

“Rotary has more than 85 special interest groups, from cycling to hang gliding, and a host of travel-related opportunities for people like me who have a passion for traveling. Travel is my vice in life,” she said. Donna recently returned from a RFE trip to Nova Scotia and the Maritime Islands. “We went to a Farmer’s Golf event that I never heard of, and would never have enjoyed if it wasn’t for our host Rotary families,” she said. “We are now thinking of putting on a Farmer’s Golf event with our Rotary friends in Estancia and Moriarty sometime next year.”

Donna noted that you don’t have to stay with Rotary host families to enjoy their hospitality. “When Bill and I travel, he prefers to stay in hotels, but we join up with Rotarians where ever we go, and see things we would never see, and do things we would never know to do. For example, when we met with Rotarians in Istanbul, we were invited to sit on a Persian rug and have dinner with 19 other Rotarians. We’d never have had that kind experience if we were traveling as a normal tourist.” she said. “Rotary does have its global perks.”

Back home, both she and Bill do host Rotarians in their home, many coming to the U.S. for the first time. “We have hosted 60 to 70 families and never had a bad experience. Well, we’ve had one or two odd experiences,” she confessed.

“Rotary has a very serious side, from doing projects and meeting every week, but there is a fun side of Rotary too.”



Donna Pedace

Non-Profits share golf proceeds

Del Norte Rotary Golf Tournament Director Mike Skolnick is all smiles after he presented checks of \$10,900 each to Zizi Fritz of YMCA of Central New Mexico, and Candice Gould of the Heart Gallery, two recipients of the proceeds from last August’s Charity Golf Tournament. The tournament netted a total of \$32,700 with the other third portion of funds going to the club’s Rotary Del Norte Foundation. Said Candice: “Rotary not only improves lives but truly helps change lives.”



Selecting a District Governor Nominee

Qualified candidates need to be nominated by February 10

Each year one of the most important responsibilities of a Rotary District is the selection of the District Governor Nominee. This selection must take place 24 to 36 months before the selectee will assume office as District Governor. PDG Tom Walker, as District Nominating Committee Chair, is soliciting the help of each club in recommending qualified candidates for District Governor to the District Nominating Committee. The committee will meet to select the 2017-2018 District Governor-Nominee at President-Elect Training (PETS), February 23-25, 2017 in El Paso. He suggests that each President lead their club in seeking out and nominating the best-qualified person for the office of governor.

At the time of selection, the nominee will be called Governor-Nominee Designate and will assume the title of Governor-Nominee on 1 July two years before serving as Governor. The Governor-Nominee must:

- Be a member in good standing of a functioning club in the district (RIB 16.070.1.)
- Have full qualifications for such membership in the strict application of the club membership provisions therefor, and the integrity of the Rotarian's classification must be without question (RIB 16.070.2.)
- Have served as president of a club for a full term or be a charter president of a club having served the full term from the date of the charter to 30 June, provided that this period is for at least six months (RIB 16.070.3.)
- Demonstrate willingness, commitment, and ability, physically and otherwise, to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the office of governor as provided in RI Bylaws section 16.090 (RIB 16.070.4.)
- Demonstrate knowledge of the qualifications, duties and responsibilities of Governor as prescribed in the RI Bylaws, and submit to RI, through its general secretary, a signed statement acknowledging a clear understanding of them. This statement shall also confirm that the Rotarian is qualified for the office of governor and is willing and able to assume the duties and responsibilities of the office and to perform them faithfully (RIB 16.070.5.)

Additionally, a governor must have attended the international assembly for its full duration, been a member of one or more Rotary clubs for at least seven years and must continue to possess the qualification in section 16.070 (RIB 16.080)

Clubs recommending a club member to the District Nominating Committee must submit the attached Governor-Nominee form and Information Sheet as well as a resume and a listing of the candidate's significant Rotary service and activities. These documents must be received by District Nominating Committee Chair PDG Tom Walker by **5:00 PM, Friday, February 10, 2017.**

News Briefs ... from the District Office

Changes to Rotary Grant Application Tool

In December, the Grant Application Tool on the Rotary.org website will be renamed the Grant Center and will feature a new look, more streamlined application process and for those of you who feel the need for speed like I do, faster load times.

Expect significant changes. For those of you with grants in progress, there are things that you can do to make your job easier. To begin with, generate a PDF of your full grant before a planned outage of the Grant Application Tool which is scheduled to take place on December 3-5 and again on December 12-13. Although Abby McNear, Rotary Grants Manager, reports that existing applications will be adjusted to fit the new structure, generating a PDF of your full grant will ensure easy access to the details of your grant in a familiar format. In addition, if you have documents uploaded to the current system that you don't also have saved on a local computer, I suggest that you download those documents even though it is reported that they will still be available in the new system.

In some cases, authorizations required for grants will need to be made by email to The Rotary Foundation's Grant Coordinator rather than on-line. If you can obtain authorizations on-line prior to the change, it will likely make the process quicker and easier.

It was repeated several times in notes from the foundation regarding these changes that vocation training teams, members and documents will not be displayed in the new application but will be retained by the foundation. Therefore, be sure to document this aspect of your grant, if included, prior to December 3rd.

As the District 5520 Global Grants Chair I will continue to monitor and learn about the Grant Center so that I can assist you with any questions that you may have along the way.

— Tom Simon, Global Grants Chair, tomrsimon@gmail.com



Can Do spirit!

The Albuquerque Del Norte Rotary Club lent its muscle power and "service with a smile" attitude on November 19 in helping the Roadrunner Food Bank organize its warehouse of food items to be shipped to food banks throughout New Mexico to handle their Thanksgiving needs to needy families. Some 20 volunteers, including Del Norte Club President Bob Rausch, moved some 12 tons of food in what turned out to be a "can do" service project.

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