

District 5610//Gearing Up

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DG Loren's Message

Greetings Fellow Rotarians,

Our official club visits are now completed and I need to say again what an incredible experience that has been granted to us. Thank you for your hospitality and graciousness.

You will recall that during my club visit, I asked us all to do three things: 1. Invite someone to Rotary; 2. Contribute at least \$100 annually to The Rotary Foundation; 3. Look for every opportunity to say, "Yes," to Rotary – to be active. How's that going for you and your club?

"If you think you are beaten, you are.

If you think you dare not, you don't.

If you would like to win and think you can't,

It's almost certain you won't.

If you think you will lose, you are lost,

for out of this world we find,

Success begins with a person's will,

and that's all in the state of mind.

If you think you're out-classed, you are.

You've got to think hard...arise!

You've got to be sure of yourself, before

you can ever win a prize.

Life's battle does not always go, to the

stronger nor faster woman or man;

But sooner or later the one who wins is

the one who thinks they can."

By Walter D. Wintle

We would love to hear some stories about new ideas coming forward, or new things taking place in our district. We are doing some remarkable projects in our district and around the world, however we can do more. I am certain that we are nowhere near our potential of goodness that we can/could accomplish.

I learned recently that we are interviewing only five students for outbound Youth Exchange next year. In a recent meeting, the question was posed to the high school principal, "when was the last time they had identified an outbound or had an inbound Rotary Exchange Student?" His response was that he was not aware that Rotary offered the program. Then his body language was filled with confidence in the program going forward as it wore Rotary's name. They will undoubtedly be participating in the future because they have been informed. Please spread the word.

Until next time, I remain sincerely yours,
Loren Boyens, District Governor

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D5610 District News // Events Schedule

Announcing the District-wide 4Way Test 6th Grade Essay Competition

It is time to start working on this great program for your community and your club. For this competition you need to present our 4Way Test to 6th grade students in your community and request that they write an essay describing what it might mean to them. It is usually best if you can get a teacher or several teachers interested in this and they would assign the essay to the class after your presentation. You need to set a deadline, collect the essays and choose the winner from your community. It would be nice to give at least a winners prize from your club. The winner from each club needs to be turned into the district (pmsutliff@gmail.com) by March 15, 2013 and from those submitted a District winner will be chosen as well as a second and third place. The winner will receive \$200, second \$150 and third \$75. We would also like to run a picture of the winners and to run their essays in the newsletter. This is a terrific way to expose young people in our district to our ideals and a great activity for your club in the area of Vocational Service.

—Pat Sutliff, PDG

Nominations needed for District Governor 2015-16

ATTENTION! It is time to be looking for a new District Governor Nominee to begin service in District 5610 in the 2013-14 Rotary year. This is a three year commitment and this person would be District Governor in the 2015-16 Rotary year. The candidate needs to be a dedicated Rotarian who has served as Club President and done work at the District level. This is a time consuming but extremely rewarding position.

The Nominee needs to be nominated by his/her club and the nominations are submitted to the District Nominating Committee consisting of the three most recent PDGs. The applications are reviewed, the candidates interviewed and a selection is made. If you have questions please contact: Pat Sutliff at pmsutliff@gmail.com This is one of those life-changing great experiences, please consider it.

—Pat Sutliff, PDG

District Website Information

Club leadership and District committee chairs should check their listing on the Clubs and Leadership pages to verify accuracy. Many listings have been updated. Use the “contact us” to send updates, which will go to Laura Goettsch, District Exec. Director.

Laura Goettsch, Executive Director

Laura began her duties as Executive Director on October 1, 2012. She welcomes requests for information, and concerns you may have.

All mail for the District may be sent to the address below or the District Governor. See the District website for additional contact information.

Contact information for District Executive Director is as follows:

PO Box 343, Denison, IA 51442

Cell: 712-269-6447

Email: goettschlaura@gmail.com

Upcoming Rotary Events

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| December 14 | 100th Anniversary, Sioux City Club |
| Jan-Feb-Mar | Rotary Leadership Training throughout the district, details to come |
| April 4-6 | President-Elect and Leadership Training & District Assembly, Mitchell Convention Center |
| May 1-31, 2013 | Rotary Serves! club projects |
| Mar 27-Apr 27 | GSE team visits from Norway |
| May 3-30 | GSE team goes to Norway |
| June 23-26 | RI Conference, Lisbon, Portugal |
| Sept. 12-14 | District Conference, Madison |



D5610 Committee News // RLI // GSE

Rotary Leadership Institute

In the coming months of January, February and March, the District will be having a Rotary Leadership Institute in your area. These three seminars are designed to provide more information on what Rotary does, how it affects you, how you can benefit and what you can do to change the world. We don't say "change the world" lightly because you truly have and will appreciate how you can change the world after attending!

More information will be coming from your Asst. Governors as locations and facilitators are put together. Have your club consider at least two or three members who would benefit from learning more about Rotary and how they can be a part of it.

Costs for attending should be carried by the club, at **\$35/per person or \$100 for 3 from the same club.**

—Larry Lyngstad, Janet Flanagan, and all the AGs

Locations and Dates:

Rapid City, SD (Coordinator: Doug Lind), at First United Methodist (unconfirmed)

January 12, 2013, February 2, 2013, March 9, 2013

Pierre, SD (Coordinator: Larry Lyngstad), Location tba

January 19, 2013, February 23, 2013, March 23, 2013

Watertown, SD (Coordinator: Waneen Polly), Location tba

January 26, 2013, February 23, 2013, March 23, 2013

Sioux Falls, SD (Coordinator: Chuck Hiatt), Location tba

January 19, 2013, February 16, 2013, March 9, 2013

Sioux City, IA (Coordinator: Janet Flanagan), Location tba

January 26, 2013, February 23, 2013, March 23, 2013

GSE with Norway in Progress

The Group Study Exchange Committee for District 5610 completed its second weekend of interviews for team members in Sioux Falls on Saturday, November 10th. The team is scheduled to leave for Distrikt 2275 on May 3 for a month long experience learning about the culture, education, and vocations of those who live in the western/northern region of Norway.

The four team members chosen were: Kandyce Wright, an Administrative Assistant for Lynn, Jackson Law Firm in Rapid City. She was sponsored by the Rapid City Rotary Club. Alicia Larson, an RN who works in the Behavioral Health Unit of McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls. Alicia was sponsored by Downtown Rotary Club of Sioux Falls. Sara Nelson, a Physical Therapist who works for Hegg Memorial Health Care in Rock Valley, Iowa. She was sponsored by the Rock Valley Rotary Club. Allison Struck, sponsored by the Yankton Rotary Club. Allison is the Statewide Backpack Coordinator for Feeding South Dakota. The Alternate Team Member selected was Chelsea West, GIS Coordinator for South Dakota Game Fish & Parks. She was sponsored by the Pierre/Ft. Pierre Rotary Club.

The team will be headed by Tracy Dahl-Webb of the Sioux Falls West Rotary Club. Preparing for the month-long trip will start after Thanksgiving, the team will focus on team building, group dynamics, learning about Norway and working on a presentation that will be made to Rotary Clubs as they travel throughout Distrikt 2275. The preparation will involve several face-to-face sessions and weekly conference calls. Previous GSE team experiences may be found at www.district5610toaustralia; www.district5610tojapan; and www.district5610toindia. For further information contact Chris Paustian, District 5610 GSE Co-Chair, cpaustian.paustian2@gmail.com.



D5610 Committee News // Polio

Polio Plus Support

Rotary International is asking for our continued support for Polio Plus by raising \$75 million over the next 3 years. Our District has responded by promising to contribute 20% of Deferred District Funds that we get back each year for Polio Plus. This is at about the same level that we contributed except one year during the Gates Challenge. Hopefully the Clubs and individuals can continue to contribute at about the same level as Polio Eradication is so close and funds are still urgently needed. Our Club has agreed to continue to give all our “Happy Bucks” to Polio Plus. Hopefully your Club will continue Polio Plus funding, however it is raised. Continued contributing is very important. Polio Eradication continues to make slow but steady progress.



The number of cases this year are down from 444 last year to 162 this year (year to date) Pakistan and Afghanistan have made substantial progress. Only 5 cases have been out of the endemic countries a huge step forward in Africa. However Nigeria has had more cases at 93 compared to 62 last year. More Sub Immunization Days are planned in Nigeria and President Goodluck has promised more government involvement utilizing the Ministry of Science and Technology to aid in strengthening the cold chain capacity (keeping the vaccine frozen has been difficult). WE ARE SO CLOSE. We must not cut our funding now.

—Willis Sutliff MD, Chair Polio Plus

Gates Foundation CEO meeting

I had an amazing opportunity yesterday as I attended a Nebraska district(s) wide Rotary meeting in Grand Island NE to hear Jeff Raikes, the CEO of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. He is a Nebraska native who was home for Thanksgiving. He worked for 27 years at Microsoft where he led the team that developed MS Office. He retired from that to become CEO of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Jeff (yes it seems like we can use his first name) spoke at the Rotary meeting describing the partnership between the Gates Foundation and Rotary International to eradicate polio from the face of the earth. Rotary members completed a \$200 million match from the Gates Foundation by giving \$228 million as of 12-31-11. Together Rotary and the Gates Foundation have invested over \$500 million to inoculate 2 billion children in developing countries.

Several compelling comments need to be added to all of our speeches about Polio Plus:

1. Yes, we are “this close” but if we do not complete the last 1% we are in danger of reverting back in some of these countries – it happened in Angola a few years ago but they are back of the polio free list.
2. Polio Plus is still the number one priority of the Gates Foundation – Their CEO believes polio eradication will be the next big milestone in global health (as per smallpox a few decades ago) and will be the crowning achievement for Rotary in the 21st Century (I would hope we would target another global problem like TB or clean water and get it solved in the 21st Century)
3. Youth are passionate to work on such projects – but they expect adults to lead the way e.g. An Interact Club from Ogallala NE was at this meeting raising money to send a team of high school students to India to help with polio inoculations.
4. When polio is eradicated we will save \$40-50 billion in healthcare costs globally
5. Finishing the eradication is the right and smart thing to do so let’s keep our tenacity high!
6. Jeff said, “We are 3/4’s of the way through a marathon which is the typical point where a runner “hits the wall” –we need to push on through our pain and get to the goal.
7. The “we are this close” campaign is using high profile advocates to help get the message out
8. We also need to use our political capital to be sure countries do not back away from investing in the eradication effort.
9. The plus in polio plus means we want to target other diseases beyond or related to polio
10. So let’s not give up when we are at the 99% level – we must eliminate all polio forever!

The emcee for the day ended the meeting by quoting William Arthur Ward: “Do more than belong: participate. Do more than care: help. Do more than believe: practice. Do more than be fair: be kind. Do more than forgive: forget. Do more than dream: work.”

—Charles M. Hiatt Ph.D., AG



D5610 Club News // Sioux City 100th



ROTARY CLUB
of Sioux City

requests the honor of your presence at the

100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION GALA

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2012

5:30 p.m. Reception, Silent Auction and Social Hour

6:30 p.m. Dinner

7:15 p.m. Program

Sioux City Convention Center

801 4th St. Sioux City, IA

THE PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE

Keynote Speaker

*Rotary International President Elect, Ron D. Burton,
a Special Anniversary Grants Presentation and
a Video Presentation of the Club's History*

PLEASE RSVP BY DECEMBER 4

\$40 per plate or \$280 per table of eight



D5610 Club News // Marshall Sunrise

Marshall Sunrise Foundation Banquet

At Marshall Sunrise Rotary's 10th annual Foundation Banquet, **Loren Boyens** presented a banner to the club for having reached 100% Paul Harris Fellow status. The accompanying picture shows Loren Boyens and some of the most recently named Paul Harris Fellows. Two other special awards were given this year. Club member **Eric Luther** (below left) was honored as the Rotarian of the Year for service to the club and **Craig Schafer**, a non-Rotarian, (right, and below right) was given the Citizen of the Year award. Craig Schafer's work in bringing back the section of beam from the World Trade Center that became Marshall's 9/11 Memorial "was kind of the thing that drew our attention," **Mike Rich**, Club President said.

However, Schafer has also been active in the Marshall community for more than 20 years, working in disaster-response training and serving on the local Red Cross Board of Directors. *(excerpted from Marshall Independent, Deb Gau, photo.)*

This is the fourth year the club has named a Citizen of the Year, named for outstanding contributions that reflect the Five Avenues of Service of Rotary even if the named Citizen is not a Rotarian. District Governor Nominee **Linda Peterson** was the speaker for the evening presenting skills that help make good leaders.



D5610 Club News // Mobridge

Mobridge Club Donates Food

For the past 3 months Rotarians have been bringing food items to Rotary each Monday. On Monday November 12 President **Harley Overseth** delivered bags of groceries that nearly filled his SUV to the Food Pantry of the Mobridge Thrift Center. Darci Enderson, the Food Pantry coordinator graciously accepted the donation from the Mobridge Rotary Club.



8th Annual Roses for Rotary

Starting September 10 Mobridge Rotary pre-sold 360 dozen roses at \$20 per dozen. The roses came in on October 16. Our project this year was to provide revenue toward purchasing chairs, tables, etc. for the community room in the new addition to the A H Brown

Library. On Monday November 5, **Peg Wunder**, Rotary Secretary delivered a check for \$4,000 to representatives of the library. The new addition to the library is slated to be finished by the end of the year.

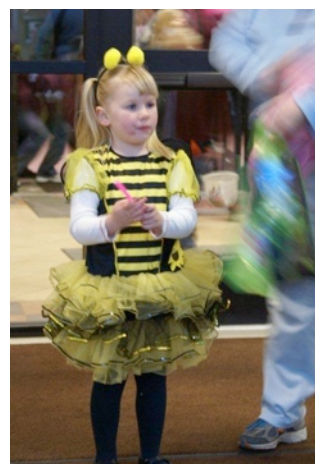


Annual Halloween Party

For 63 years Mobridge Rotary has sponsored Halloween Parties and a dance for children in the Mobridge area. This year 75 middle school students attend the dance held on Friday, October 26. Twenty came in costume and prizes were awarded. Lots of treats were served and many donated door prizes coupled with music with a DJ made for a successful party.

Approximately 196 children enjoyed games, treats complete with prizes on Halloween Night at the Annual Little Kid's Halloween Party held at the Commons of Mobridge-Pollock School. A number of high school students plus students from the Honors Society volunteered their time to assist with the games for the little kids. Many of the parents attending

thanked Rotarians for offering a unique evening for the small children and many attempted to pay but were told "This is Mobridge Rotary's gift to the little ones and there is no charge."



This space is for Rotary Clubs to celebrate important events with the District-wide Rotary membership. For happenings, announcements and sharing, go to the District Facebook page. If you "like" and "friend" the District 5610 Group, you will get lots of fast-happening news, and post your own events and photos.



D5610 Service Opportunities // Toy Drive

Christmas Toy Drive on Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation

Please find a letter regarding Cheyenne River Youth Project Christmas Gifts below. The Cheyenne River Youth Project received notice last month that they would not be receiving an annual Christmas Grant. They've received this \$5000 grant for the last seven years. The district leadership has accepted the challenge to replace this grant with gifts and/or cash.

—Jeff Meyer, Rushmore Rotary Club

The Cheyenne River Youth Project (CRYP) was established in 1988, to meet the needs of youth and their families on the Cheyenne River Sioux reservation in central South Dakota. Although rich in culture and history, the Cheyenne River Sioux reservation has the unfortunate distinction of being located on two of the poorest counties in the nation. Although poverty is exceedingly high and many social challenges like drug and alcohol addiction, neglect, violence and suicide often accompany such poverty, CRYP has taken a stand to help improve the lives of young people and families so they may overcome these challenges and lead healthy, happy lives.

The mission of the Cheyenne River Youth Project is to give the Lakota youth of the Cheyenne River Sioux reservation access to a vibrant and secure future through our culturally sensitive programs, projects and facilities – ensuring strong, self-sufficient families and communities. As the largest and most utilized after school program on the reservation, CRYP is an essential organization; vital to the community and currently serving over 700 youth annually and 300 families. With innovative programs focused on education, leadership, sustainable communities, culture and arts and more, the staff and volunteers of CRYP provide programs and services specifically through; the Main Youth Center with programs for children ages 4-12 and the Čokata Wičoni (“Circle of Life”) Teen Center for young people ages 13-18. CRYP also meets the emergency needs of the community through its Family Services Program and has developed the Wiyan Toka Win (“Leading Lady”) Garden that is cornerstone in its efforts to build a more sustainable food system on the Cheyenne River Sioux reservation, while fostering environmental stewardship.

As friends and supporters of the Cheyenne River Youth Project, we welcome you to join us in our efforts by becoming a volunteer in our facility or participating in one of our special programs including our Annual Christmas Toy Drive.

The Christmas Toy Drive is one of our signature and most beloved family services programs. Many children across the reservation go without new toys and other luxuries throughout the year. Even during the holiday season, many families often cannot afford to purchase gifts. However, with the support of friends like you, we can help bring joy and wonder to hundreds of children and teens.

Last year, nearly 1,200 children received 4-5 individually wrapped gifts each! The packages contained gifts that the children had specifically requested in their “Dear Santa” letters. In addition to the gifts, we try to provide a “family pack” gift that contains hygiene products, games for the family and even candy/fruit sacks if our resources allow us.

We welcome you to support this year’s event by doing one or more of the following:

- Make a tax-deductible donation by sending cash, a check or a money order to: The Cheyenne River Youth Project, P.O. Box 410, Eagle Butte, SD 57625.
- Donate a gift. See the most-requested-gift list on our website (www.lakotayouth.org), to request a specific “letter to Santa,” contact CRYP Family Services at (605) 964-8200 or via e-mail at julie.cryp@gmail.com
- Donate gift cards, gift bags, wrapping paper, tissue paper, tape, candy/fruit for the family packs or anything else that might assist in toy-drive preparations.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. If you have questions please feel free to contact my office or email me at julie.cryp@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Julie A. Garreau, Executive Director



D5610 Service Opportunities

WATER FOR LIFE: Village of LAS UVAS, HONDURAS

Le Mars Rotary is helping the Mission Honduras Le Mars organization to raise funds for the Water for Life mission to the village of Las Uvas, Honduras this spring.

In the spring of 2013, a group of students from Gehlan High School in Le Mars and from St. Thomas Moore High School in Rapid City will be going to the poor mountain village of Las Uvas, Honduras to help build a water system which will bring clean, drinkable water to its people.

As with many remote villages in Honduras, Las Uvas has no water system and the people spend hours each day finding and carrying water back to the village. Their water source is unreliable and it causes a high rate of diarrhea, sickness, and death. In fact, in Honduras 25 of every 1000 infants that survive birth die from water-related diseases. Diarrhea is often said to be the second leading killer of children in the world.

This 'Water for Life' project is being coordinated with the village of Las Uvas, so a signed agreement, and budget was prepared by the Mission Honduras Le Mars organization - www.missionhonduraslemars.org. Total cost of the project is \$26,000. Of that the two high schools will have to pay for one half, or \$6,500 each. The signed agreement and budget details can be provided to any District 5610 Rotary club interested in supporting this life-saving project.

If any Rotary club in District 5610 would want to help financially with this life-saving mission please contact Steve Harrington, president of Le Mars Rotary, at sharrington@wirelessworldus.com. Or call Steve at 712-898-8689 if you have any questions.

NOTE: There are a few spaces available if any Rotarian in District 5610 would like to participate in this international humanitarian project. Mission Honduras is a great opportunity to experience the work of Rotary in a third-world environment.

—Steve Harrington, President, Le Mars Rotary

ShelterBox rushes to identify unmet needs in the wake of Hurricane Sandy

ShelterBox has been working to identify emergency shelter needs in the United States, Haiti and Cuba in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

Sandy ripped through Cuba and Haiti before it reached the United States, destroying livelihoods and infrastructure with its high winds, heavy rains and flooding. The US Northeast is now expected to be impacted again with high winds, flooding and snow from Nor'easter Athena.

ShelterBox, which responds to disasters such as earthquake, volcano, flood, hurricane, cyclone, tsunami or conflict, has deployed highly trained ShelterBox Response Teams (SRT) to identify emergency shelter and other non-food needs in the three affected countries for the thousands of impacted families.

The organization typically delivers emergency shelter and other supplies, including disaster relief tents, water filtration systems, cook-stoves, blankets and other tools that help families survive and rebuild their lives in the aftermath of disaster.

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The organization is focusing on ensuring vulnerable families have adequate temporary shelter and other emergency supplies. As temperatures drop, ensuring families are protected from cold weather is a priority.

"We've been working with partners and other aid agencies in the area and have identified a need for warm blankets," said Ryan Lampasona, a ShelterBox volunteer leading the organization's response.

"We're working as quickly as possible and have just distributed the first of our blankets to special needs evacuees at Suffolk County Health Services."

In the next few days, the team will be focusing on the most impacted areas in New Jersey and New York to distribute blankets and identify other unmet needs.

Since 2000, ShelterBox has provided shelter, warmth and dignity following more than 180 disasters in over 80 countries. ShelterBox's American affiliate, ShelterBox USA is headquartered in Sarasota, Florida. Individual tax-deductible donations to ShelterBox USA can be made at www.shelterboxusa.org, 941-907-6036 or via text message by sending SHELTER to 20222 for a one-time \$10 donation.



D5610 Committee News // Grants

Paul Harris Society

With a pledge/contribution of \$1000 per year to The Rotary Foundation, you can become a member of the Paul Harris Society. This distinction is to honor those who make an extra sacrifice to provide resources for projects of TRF around the world and also at home.

Do you know that 50% of your donation comes back to our District to be distributed in the form of District Simplified Grants (community service projects)? This means "the more you give, the more you receive." Your club could be the recipient of dollars to do many local projects as a result of your gifts.

Grant Applications

It's that time of year to start your applications for District Simplified Grants. Each year we receive 50% of the money we gave to the Foundation three years ago that we use to pay for scholarships, Group Study Exchanges, etc. We use 20% of that amount for District Simplified Grants. This year it will be around \$11,600 and will be available to all of the clubs in our District.

In the past, we have matched what the club puts up for their project. Unfortunately, we have only had applications amounting to the amount of money available. I would like to see us have to figure out how to handle all of the applications we receive!

Applications in the past have gone for club projects in parks, water system in Haiti, improvements to a local youth baseball park. What project is your club working on that falls within the six areas of focus? If so, a District Simplified Grant might be just the boost you're looking for! Those six areas are: maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, water and sanitation, peace and conflict prevention/resolution, disease prevention and treatment, economic and community development.

Applications are due 12/31/2012 and are available on the district website, www.rotary5610.com, go to District 5610 tab and then grants. Go to the bottom and click on DSG Application Instruction. When you have completed your application email it to: westtwitero@q.com. If you have questions, you may call 605.381.3896.

—Shari West Twitero

New Grant Structure for Clubs

The Rotary Foundation is implementing a new grant structure, based on its Future Vision Plan, that will be available to all clubs on 1 July 2013. The following timeline outlines major events and related steps that can help prepare your club for this transition. Grant guidelines may change. Check www.rotary.org for the latest information.

2012-13 Train, Qualify & Prepare

July-December Attend your district Rotary Foundation seminar, Appoint a club Rotary Foundation committee chair

October-June Train and qualify your club by attending the grant management seminar held by your district, Submit project proposals for district grant funds to the district, Matching Grants by 31 March

January 2013-14 global grant and packaged grant applications opens to qualified clubs and districts

February-June Submit applications for 2012-13

Submit reports for all Rotary Foundation grants and programs on time

Prepare to apply for 2013-14 Rotary Foundation global and packaged grants

April Qualified clubs and districts begin submitting application for 2013-14 Rotary Foundation grants online

June RI Convention workshops

2013-14 Participate

1 July 2013 Begin using new Rotary Foundation grants



Join the social networks of Rotary, both global and local on our District page.



www.rotary5610.org
www.rotary.org



D5610 // Foundation // Grants

You have probably heard about the new grant process that is being implemented in conjunction with the Future Vision that Rotary has been developing for a few years. DO NOT BE AFRAID!! I am hearing excitement build in the District on the opportunities that are being presented. With the new grant process the District has more control over how the money is utilized and where it is being spent.

There are a lot of great projects in our District that need two things. One of them is money—that can come from the clubs, District Designated Funds (which is money that comes back to us based on our contributions to the Annual Fund, EREY (what does that stand for?) and Rotary International. The second one and the most important is YOU! You are the one who has the passion to make the project successful, to get others fired up about it and the one who will see the project through. And if you don't do it, who will? Think about the millions of lives that have been saved because they thought Rotary should start a polio vaccination program in the world and eradicate this disease from the world. What about the thousands of lives that have been affected in Haiti because they have more money to spend on food instead of fuel because they use a solar oven? These projects were started because somebody wanted to help someone less fortunate than themselves and it turned into saving someone's life. That can be you. Maybe it's not thousands or millions that you affect but what if it's just one who goes on to do the same thing!

EREY—Every Rotarian Every Year. What charity do you know where 100% of your contributions go to help those less fortunate? The only one I know of is The Rotary Foundation! Each year we receive half of the money given to the Foundation three years ago. The other half goes to the World Fund that is used for Global Grants, Peace Fellowships, etc. Our District has the opportunity to access those dollars and we have and we will continue to do that.

PLEASE READ THIS

When you joined Rotary you took on a responsibility to not just show up for meetings. You have chose to join an organization that is changing the world! I don't say that lightly because you are! Last year our District gave only about \$50 per member to the Foundation. EREY asks for a commitment of \$100 per year. As you reflect on the many blessings you have received this year I hope that giving away \$100 to help save the world is a way you can share those blessings. And if you don't feel that way, why did you join Rotary?

Club Memorandum of Understanding

As part of the new grant system that will be implemented clubs who want to participate in projects will need to have a plan and sign a Memorandum of Understanding. This is not a difficult process but basically helps the club put a more formalized plan in place for funding and reporting on any grants they receive. We are in the process of putting this training together and will be letting you know when these meetings will be. The minimum participants will be the club president and president-elect. Other members will be encouraged to participate so everyone is aware of the process. Look for this announcement.

—Bruce Nearhood, District Foundation Chair

District 5610 Raffle Prizes needed!



We are once again asking Clubs across the district to donate some great prizes for the 2013 Rotary Raffle that benefits Rotary International Foundation and then ultimately comes back to help our own clubs.

Please contact Linda Rabe rabe@rapidcitychamber.com 605-431-2886 right away so your donation can be printed on the raffle ticket (printing in January)! You don't want to be the Club that was left out!

Let's briefly review how the raffle works: A \$10 donation to Rotary International from anyone (Rotarian or not) buys one ticket and a chance at the great prizes. If you are a sustaining member and have given or will give \$100 during this Rotary year (7/1/12-6/30/13)



A Message from RI about Vocational Training Teams

As you know, vocational training has long been a core element of Rotarian service. Under the new grant model known as Future Vision, the Trustees took the original premise of Group Study Exchange and added a formal training component to create vocational training teams (VTT). VTTs foster the transfer of knowledge and skills in an effort to help communities in need for the long term. In addition, pilot districts have found that a VTT also offers an opportunity to interact socially and advance cross-cultural understanding.

As you prepare to make the transition to the new grant model in 2013, now is a good time to start thinking about what types of vocational training activities your district would like to do, keeping in mind that the planning time needed will be considerably shorter under the new model.

Vocational training can be supported with both district and global grants. Using a district grant, you can sponsor a wide range of vocational training activities, from a traditional GSE to a formal training program. District grants place no restrictions on the number of travelers, their age, or the length of travel. Your district can also use district grants to send a group of Rotarians to plan a future project.

Using global grants, you can support vocational training activities that align with one or more of the six areas of focus, have a measurable impact on communities in need, and provide training that is essential to ongoing efforts. The teams must consist of at least two members (either Rotarians or non-Rotarians) with at least two years of professional experience in the designated areas of focus and a Rotarian leader who has expertise in the area of focus, international experience, and general Rotary knowledge. In certain cases, the Foundation may grant permission to designate a non-Rotarian as team leader. There are no restrictions on the age of participants. Global grant VTTs may also be a component of a larger humanitarian project.

Global grant VTTs are funded using cash and/or DDF contributions from the grant sponsors and are matched by the World Fund, allowing clubs and districts greater leverage of their contributions. I encourage you to review the [areas of focus policy statements](#) that articulate the purpose and goals of each area, outline specific eligibility criteria, and highlight elements of successful projects. These statements will help you to determine whether a vocational training activity is eligible for a global grant.

Before applying for grants, your district must be qualified through [Member Access](#). Once qualified, your district can begin qualifying your member clubs, which will allow them to apply for global grants beginning in January 2013.

I encourage you to take a look at the following resources and learn more about our Foundation's new grant model.

- * Review [Preparing Your District for Rotary Foundation Grants in 2013](#).
- * Download the [vocational training teams fact sheet](#).
- * Read the recently updated [Grant Management Manual](#), which provides a wealth of information, particularly about global grants.
- * Learn about the new grant model through e-learning modules available in [Rotary's e-learning center](#), particularly the module focused on [vocational training teams](#).

If you have questions, email the Contact Center at contact.center@rotary.org. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to The Rotary Foundation.

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