

District 5610//Gearing Up

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DG Loren's Message

Fellow Rotarians!

I was elated to learn about a recent story in the "New York Times" regarding the success of Rotary's Polio Plus efforts in India. Here's a link to the story:

<http://latitude.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/02/01/lessons-from-indias-successful-war-on-polio/?emc=eta1> It is a heartwarming

recap of just how immense this effort has been in spite of some very difficult circumstances. An example of those potential circumstances occurred in Pakistan, back in December, when some Polio Plus volunteers were killed as they were going about their work. Here's the link to Rotary's official announcement about the incident.

http://www.rotary.org/en/serviceandfellowship/polio/announcements/pages/12dec18_annc_polioworkers.aspx

We are so proud of the work of our Assistant District Governors, DGE, DGN, along with our Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Chair, in getting the RLI training very active in our entire District. RLI Session I was offered in January all across District 5610. About half of our clubs participated in the session which is going to be a real boon for those individuals and their respective clubs. The disappointing part is the clubs that are choosing not to participate. Those clubs are missing out on a great opportunity to further train their younger members who possess leadership potential, as well as provide an awareness of Rotary that is difficult to find at the club level. Please make every effort to have your club involved by personally inviting your best young candidates to attend. The upcoming Session II is in February and Session III is in March in the five areas of Rapid City, Pierre, Watertown, Sioux City, and Sioux Falls. The dates are on the District website and newsletter.

We need your help. We need more Club Extension; starting new clubs. I believe it is the best way to grow membership. We have been on task to start new clubs across our District and can assure you, it is a challenge. We have an obligation to provide the "Rotary opportunity" to as many people as we can. As "seeds" have been planted, we are hoping that some of them will "sprout." With your help, we will continue looking for opportunities to start new clubs.

Our Interact Clubs are continuing to grow and flourish. All of our clubs were given the opportunity and encouraged to offer Interact to their high schools. It is a wonderful exercise for young people to learn leadership skills as well as provide community and international service. As we have visited with many of our Interactors, they feel so good about their involvement and the fact that they are able to make a difference. On February 21, at the Avera Hospital Auditorium, a former U.S. Representative for SD, Stephanie Herseth-Sandlin will speak to our Interactors and anyone else who chooses to attend. In addition, the Interactors are supporting the international project called Win-Give who take backpacks and school supplies to children in Guatemala.

In the area of International Service, many of our clubs have come up alongside another club in collaboration. These efforts have included not only financial support, but traveling to another land for the purpose of helping others. Collaboration and cooperation is a good thing. Hopefully, our District will continue with these types of activities. Until next time, I remain sincerely yours,

Loren Boyens, District Governor

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D5610 District News // PETs // Raffle

PETS

The 2013 President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) will be held April 4-5, 2013, with the District Assembly to be held Saturday, April 6, at the Mitchell Convention Center in Mitchell.

This Training Seminar is required of all 2013-2014 Club Presidents*. Club Foundation Chairs are also asked to attend the seminar. District Trainer, Melissa Beck, and the incoming District Governor, Nancy Moose, are busily preparing for an interesting, educational, and helpful seminar, designed to help you make the most of your year as Club President. Rotary has so much to offer that you'll want to know more about all the resources available. We're also planning time for visiting and socializing—an important part of learning about and from those who are active in Rotary.

This year's PETS is more important than most because on July 1, The Rotary Foundation is moving to a new grant model (formerly known as "Future Vision") that will provide more control and flexibility to clubs than in the past. However, to take advantage of that control and flexibility, clubs need to have their Foundation Chairs attend a grants seminar.

To help us learn more about the new grant model, the PETS speaker this year is Pam Russell, a past district governor, the Zone 26 Future Vision Transition Coordinator 2011-2013, and District Rotary Foundation Chair 2010-2013. She's interesting and knowledgeable and will make PETS worthwhile for both President Elects and Foundation Chairs.

We look forward to seeing all President Elects at the Seminar. Watch for registration information to be available by the end of January.

**Rotary International stresses that the current president of any club whose President Elect is unable to attend the Seminar will continue in that position.*

District 5610 Raffle Prizes needed!



We are still in need of a raffle prize from some of the Clubs for this year's 5610 District Raffle. Your participation is greatly appreciated and needed. The more prizes we have the more excitement it creates for the District raffle. Raffle tickets will be mailed to your club the middle of February and the drawing for all the great prizes will be at this year's PETS on April 5, 2013 in Mitchell, SD. No one needs to be present to win!

Please let me know as soon as possible if your club plans on participating!

Contact **Linda Rabe** rabe@rapidcitychamber.com **605-431-2886** right away so your donation can be printed on the raffle ticket! 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) you get ten tickets. Thinking about becoming a Paul Harris Fellow? That would be worth 100 tickets!



D5610 District News // GSE // Events Schedule

GSE Team Prepares for Norway

Your GSE Team to Norway has been hard at work preparing to be excellent ambassadors of District 5610 while visiting District 2275 in Norway this coming May. The preparation thus far has included research and review of information on both 5610 and 2275. A few of the topics studied thus far:

Ecology, geography, social issues, government, history, demographics, healthcare systems, economics, and food. The team has learned a lot about Norway but also about our district as well! While many additional topics are still on the docket, preparation will now begin on the presentations that will be made to the clubs in Norway as well as some language training. I have been told “Uff da” is not a sufficient amount of Norwegian. I have always found it to cover any manner of situation!

The team is grateful to the GSE Committee that has given us this wonderful opportunity. We would like to especially thank Chris Paustian for all of his work with us and to Bert Olson for stepping up since Chris needed to back down for a bit while his wife is recovering.

—*Tracy Dahl-Webb, Team Leader*

L-R: Kandyce Wright, sponsored by Rapid City Rotary, Chelsea West, alternate, sponsored by Pierre Rotary, Allison Struck, sponsored by Yankton Rotary, Alicia Larson, sponsored by Sioux Falls Downtown Rotary, Sara Nelson, sponsored by Rock Rapids Rotary, Tracy Dahl-Webb, Team Leader, member Sioux Falls Rotary West.



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 Executive Director.

Laura Goettsch

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Upcoming Rotary Events

Jan-Feb-Mar	Rotary Leadership Training throughout the district
February 7	Foundation training, Rapid City
February 12	Foundation training, Sioux Falls
March 4	Foundation training, Canby
February 21	Interact Event, Sioux Falls
April 4-6	President-Elect and Leadership Training & District Assembly, Mitchell Convention Center
May 12-18	Rotary Serves! week district-wide
Mar 27-Apr 17	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

Rotary Leadership Institute

In the months of January, February and March, the District is conducting 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! See the following brief reports on the first sessions.

Costs for attending are carried by the club, at **\$35/person or \$100 for 3 from the same club, per session.** —
Larry Lyngstad, Janet Flanagan, and all the AGs

Locations and Dates:

Rapid City, SD (Coordinator: Doug Lind), January 12, February 2, March 9, 2013
Pierre, SD (Coordinator: Larry Lyngstad), January 19, March 2, March 23, 2013
Watertown, SD (Coordinator: Waneen Polly), January 26, February 23, March 23, 2013
Sioux Falls, SD (Coordinator: Chuck Hiatt), January 19, February 16, March 9, 2013
Sioux City, IA (Coordinator: Janet Flanagan), January 26, February 23, March 23, 2013

Rotary Leadership Institute Recaps

Sioux City, January 26 meeting venue at Briar Cliff College was excellent. We expected 11 people and drew 8 from 4 different Rotary Clubs. With our facilitators we had a total of 10. Still an energized group. We received excellent feedback and some "very goods" and generated contagious enthusiasm and some great ideas. In our group we would like a stronger comfort level talking about the Foundation. We hope to learn a little more about club 5610 experiences to share at our next meetings. The photo captures a productive break-out session to create Service Projects.



Areas 3 & 5 held a successful RLI on **January 26 in Watertown, SD**. Rotary Clubs: Canby, Marshall Noon, Marshall Sunrise, Minneota, Watertown. There were four facilitators and eight others to total 12. We have not yet sent out the feedback forms, but felt like there were good vibes at the session and we apparently have at least three additional Rotarians who will join us on Feb. 23 for Part II. One unexpected outcome of the meeting was that we are planning a training session to be held in Canby for working on the new grant model.

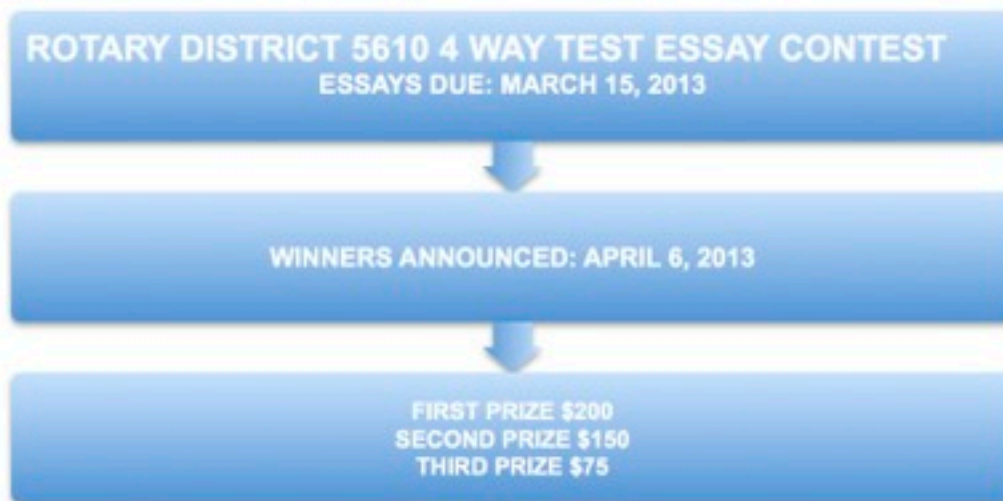
We had a great day in **Sioux Falls on Saturday, January 19** with 17 attendees and four facilitators. Two great suggestions emerged: 1. Allow more time for networking with other club members. 2. Allow time for sharing work, hobbies and leadership experience. There is a keen interest in learning more about Rotary among the attendees.

Rapid City held its first RLI training session January 12. Cold day, but we had 9 of the 12 pre-registered show from three Rapid City clubs and Rotaract club. Bruce, Jeff, Tom and Linda did the session facilitating. The evaluation comments were positive, all liked the format and content. Tom proposed that we break into our clubs for the service project segment, and that was great, as we may have designed some new projects!

We had a small group in **Pierre on Saturday, January 19**. We had three or four participants, depending on how you count them. We also had three facilitators, who participated in the discussion when they were not on-tap to facilitate discussion. We began with a vocational talk by everyone in attendance. Comments for "What characteristics did you appreciate most in the Discussion Leaders" included: "Willingness to answer questions and knowledge of the subjects that were discussed. It was very good training with a lot of information;" "I appreciated the relaxed atmosphere and discussion;" "the knowledge, enthusiasm for Rotary & its programs, and I loved how interactive it all was."



D5610 News // 4 Way Test // Interact Event



This contest is for sixth graders throughout Rotary District 5610
PLEASE SEND ENTRIES AND QUESTIONS TO: pmsutliff@gmail.com

An Evening with Stephanie and Interact

The Interact clubs of Sioux Falls and the surrounding area, along with the Interact Consortium, are proud to announce their first joint event. All Interactors and Rotarians are invited to join us for an evening featuring **Stephanie Herseth-Sandlin, Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Avera Educational Center.**

It is our goal that events like this one will bring together Interactors and Rotarians, and provide a time for fellowship, as well as service. While attending the event, all members are asked to provide school supplies as an entry fee. These supplies will benefit the Win-Give program. This program is working to provide school supplies and backpacks to children in Guatemala, who would not be allowed to enroll in school without these much needed materials. There will also be an opportunity for financial donations.

Please take this opportunity to meet and greet Interact students, hear a wonderful speaker, and provide a much needed service. We hope to see you there!

Attention all Rotary D5610 Leadership: *Rotary Serves! Week of Service*

Last year under the direction of our Past District Governor, Pat Sutliff, clubs throughout our district united together in scheduling and planning a unified week of service in virtually every community served by District 5610. Numerous articles throughout the region publicized the wonderful impact Rotary has through its involvement with service.

This year the district has scheduled a ***Rotary Serves! Week for May 12 through 18.*** Would you please work with your club to identify and plan a volunteer project that will bless the lives of others and the members of your club? And be diligent about publicizing it!

—Loren Boyens, District Governor 2012-2013



D5610 Club News //

Hope Haven Grant

On a cold day in January South Dakota Rotary Clubs presented the Hope Haven charity organization with more than fifty-seven thousand dollars of cold cash. The money comes in response to a grant request by several South Dakota Rotary Clubs spearheaded by Sioux Falls Rotary West and in collaboration with Rotary Clubs in Sioux Falls Downtown, Custer, Pierre/Ft. Pierre and Foscani, Romania.

Executive Director of Hope Haven, David van Ningen said the money will help to refurbish and re-manufacture hundreds more handicap aids for physically disabled people throughout the world. Hope Haven is an Iowa based non-profit company that has been facilitating the fabrication and distribution of ambulatory devices to overseas



customers free of charge since 1964. Members of Rotary Clubs in South Dakota have accompanied Hope Haven on their overseas missions and were committed to provide more financial aid to this worthy venture. Said Sioux Falls Downtown Rotary President, Steve Sikorski "Rotary regularly takes on projects with a world wide impact and the Hope Haven mission fits that agenda very well."

The check represents one of the largest amounts approved by the Rotary service club this year for any non-profit organization in South Dakota. The grant was reviewed and approved by the service club's overseeing authorities; Rotary Foundation International and Rotary District 5610.

— *Mike Costanzo*

L-R: Downtown Rotary V.P. Sandra Christenson with Executive Director of Hope Haven David Van Ningen

L-R: Shelli Masek, Carl Poges, David Van Ningen, Mark Siemonsoma and Mark Richard



D5610 Club News //

Winner Rotary Club Helps Local Theater

Winner Rotary Club #1469 along with the Winner Area Chamber of Commerce spearheaded the fundraising effort for the digital projector upgrade at the local movie theater, Pix Theater. Without the upgrade the theater would have been threatened with closing their doors as 35mm film is being phased out of production. The total cost for the upgrade was \$70,000 and the majority of the funds were donated in a little over six months and enabled the new projector to be ordered in July 2012, installed the end of September and the first movie, "The Odd Life of Timothy Green" was shown on October 4, 2012. The theater owned and operated by Rick Meister for the past 22 years, will continue to provide family entertainment to the Winner community and the local area for many years to come.



—Lana Stickland

E-club

My name is Dick Strayer and grew up in Armour, South Dakota. I went to the School of Mines in Rapid City and Brookings. I have been very active in Rotary for about 20 years and held many positions, I have done many projects and traveled to many countries and was honored to receive the RI Service Above Self award.

I am the Charter president of a new E-Club of One World Rotary. We started in June with 18 members and have grown to 52 with members from 15 different countries, with Rotarians making up at our club from every state except 6 including South and North Dakota. Having grown up in SD, I realize it would not be easy to make up at another club in the winter. The E-club is designed for makeups. The programs last 30 minutes, are free and qualify as makeups by RI. Rotarians might be interested in making up with the August 10 program to find out how one South Dakota farm boy served Rotary in Guyana. Guatemala on 9/14/12 is another. We plan to have a program on the Dakotas in about a month.

Inform your District clubs of the opportunity to make up at www.oneworldrotary.org. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Dick Strayer, email: rstrayer@csun.edu

Youth Exchange news

The **Madison, SD Rotary Club** continues to enjoy hosting Moritz Bollacher, a Rotary Youth Exchange student from Germany. On Wednesday, January 16, Moritz was elected as president of Madison's community-based Interact Club. The Interact Club hopes, under the leadership of Moritz, to be prepared by early summer to become a chartered club.

Rapid City and Rapid City Rushmore Rotary Clubs Share Youth Exchange Student

The two clubs are hosting inbound student, Lisa Deriu from Italy. She is an outgoing, spunky, and confident 17 year old young lady. Lisa attends Central High School. This has been a unique experience for her. The high school population is as big as the village population of her home. Her biggest adjustment at the school has been that she had expectations of being popular because she was a foreign exchange student. With such a large school that fact was not even known to most. Most of her friends that she socializes with after school hours are other foreign exchange students.

Lisa received scholarships from each of the clubs to assist her with the down payment for the "big trip" in June. Lisa loves to cook and prepares meals for Rotarian-hosted dinners in which the participants add to her savings to pay for the trip. Lisa has attended the Multi-district orientation in Minnesota and in Tulsa, OK. She thoroughly enjoyed herself and her time with all the other students with a common bond. Lisa broke her wrist during a physical education class at high school. She was very brave during this incident and never asked to be returned home. Lisa's grades in school are passing. Lisa has no behavior problems and we have not had to deal with many issues that come with teenage children.

— Cindy Baillie



D5610 Service Opportunities //

Solar Ovens Project

The Rotary District 5610 Solar Oven committee is excited in taking the last steps to complete a shipment of 358 Solar Ovens to fulfill our commitment to ship 1,008 solar ovens and pots to Haiti and close out the districts 5610 International Project. Our goal is to include over 30,000 pounds of food for the hungry children along with the shipment of Solar Ovens to our fellow Rotarians and friends in St. Michel, Haiti. We cannot emphasize enough HOW IMPORTANT our solar oven project has been to the families who have received them. Our solar ovens have helped cook, bake food, and pasteurize safe drinking water for the families who have received them.

The Rotary District 5610 Solar Oven Project has shipped 650 ovens to Haiti and approximately 75 ovens to Mexico, Africa, Honduras, and to the Navaho Reservation area near Page AZ. Along with these ovens we have shipped over 34,000 pounds of food to hungry children in Haiti.

To send the next 358 ovens and over 30,000 pounds of food we NEED YOUR HELP so we can pay for pots to go in the ovens and food to cook. We need about \$25,000 so we can buy 716 pots and about 19,000 more pounds of food to fill the container.

Below is a picture of the new oven that has been developed and tested over the last few years, named Dakota SunStove III.

Redesigned 2012. The new oven is much more durable than our first ovens and should last for years. The increase costs of the new ovens have left us short of funds to complete the project of sending 1,008 solar ovens to Haiti from Rotary District 5610.

Thanks in advance for your thoughtfulness and generosity to the International Solar Oven Project of District 5610.

Please send your contributions to: District 5610 Solar Oven Project, C/O Craig H Johnson, 225 Indian Hills Rd., Brookings, SD 57006

– *Craig H. Johnson, Rotary District 5610 Solar Oven Chair*



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.

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*



D5610 Service Opportunities // Hurricane Relief

The District Disaster Relief Committee has suggested clubs in our District who wish to support Hurricane Sandy Relief, to contribute to the 5 Club Council below. Clubs may send contributions directly, or to our District Treasurer, to create a larger fund. In any case, please report your contributions to Larry Lyngstad, lglyngstad@mncomm.com

5 CLUB COUNCIL ROTARY HURRICANE RELIEF FOR STATEN ISLAND



January 2, 2013

Dear District Governor,

We the Presidents of the Five Rotary Clubs on Staten Island NY (Gateway, Mid Island, North Shore, South Shore & Staten Island) have joined together in the true spirit of Rotary to ask for your assistance to help rebuild, repair and ease the financial and emotional stress our neighbors are suffering after Hurricane Sandy. In a united request, we seek your Club's support for a financial donation as it is the most direct way we can help our neighbors with the exact material needs they require.

We have been very fortunate to receive supplies and emergency items in the immediate aftermath of the devastating hurricane, now our needs are focused on rebuilding the lives and homes of our neighbors. I am sure that you have seen news footage of the disaster, destruction and heartache suffered by Staten Islander's, it does little to tell the depth of need of so many.

We ask you, our brother's and sister's in Rotary to support us in our community's time of need.

Please forward what contribution your members or club are willing to make to this united Rotary effort by logging onto www.statenislandrotaryrelief.com or mailing your monetary contribution payable to "Rotary Hurricane Relief for Staten Island" 148 New Dorp Lane, Staten Island, NY 10306

Will you please deliver copies to all clubs in your district or forward the contact information to allow us to make a direct appeal.

Should you have any questions, please contact Bernard DelRey, Treasurer @ 718-667-1500.

Sincerely,

Matthew Maietta, President
Mid Island Rotary

Mitchell Lowell, President
South Shore Rotary

Adam Weintraub, President
Gateway Rotary

Joe Marchese, President
Staten Island Rotary

Chris Williams, President
North Shore Rotary

D5610 Service Opportunities //

WATER FOR LIFE: Village of LAS UVAS, HONDURAS

A charity devoted to the people and country of Honduras started with one girl, a junior at [Gehlen Catholic school](#) in Le Mars, Iowa, said Richard Sievert, her teacher and the founder/ director of [Mission Honduras Le Mars](#). Credit Hurricane Mitch. When Mitch devastated Central America back in 1998, literally destroying much of Honduras, Sievert said, he remembers telling his students, "We've got to make a difference here." Soon thereafter, a junior girl came up to him and said, "I've got to do something, Sievert, something different this summer."

So he arranged to send her to Honduras with his brother's medical team mission out of Minneapolis. Within two weeks of her return, a group of nine seniors came to see him and they represented the school's first official student trip to Honduras, and they got their feet wet doing some basic work, like building a fence around a library. "Following that initial trip, I've sponsored maybe 32 trips since," he said.

Mission Honduras Le Mars was officially born in the summer of 2002 when two Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters from Monroe, Mich., asked Gehlen's high school mission program, then called "Gehlen Catholic Mission Honduras 'Changing Lives,'" to help them raise funds to build a medical clinic in El Guante, Honduras. Last year, the Le Mars non-profit agency celebrated its 10th year as a tree-like entity with a number of branches, from building medical clinics to helping schools and feeding the people, all designed to improve the lives of the poor in several areas of Honduras.

Helping to coordinate all of these efforts is Sievert, who recently retired from 39 years of teaching, coaching and counseling at Gehlen, yet still maintains an office in the school for Mission Honduras Le Mars. "We've seen some modest changes and improvements over the course of time," he said, "but when you go into Honduras and get into the rural areas, I mean it's just like being back at the turn of the century." And by that he meant the change from the 18th to 19th centuries.

"So we gave birth to Mission Honduras Le Mars back then and we raised money and built this medical clinic and since then it's been every year thereafter doing more and raising more and doing more. And we're into a lot of issues that have to do with health, a lot of water projects. We've done 33, 34, 35, somewhere right in there."

Another mission trip is planned for the spring involving students from **Gehlen High School of Lemars, and St. Thomas More High School of Rapid City**. Bishop Heelan's volunteers, off on their own for several years now, are also planning to build two houses like they did two years ago, Sievert said. "It's hard for an outsider to understand and draw the lines between Gehlen Mission Honduras, Mission Honduras Le Mars and Then Feed Just One (a program of direct food aid) because I'm all three," he said. "They're all basically placed in central Honduras, and all dollars go right through Mission Honduras Le Mars anyway."

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*



D5610 Committee News // Foundation

Be careful of what you ask for, you might get it!!

Over the last couple of years we have been talking about the availability of District Designated Funds. These dollars come from the money that was given to The Rotary Foundation three years ago. We are able to use a percentage of those dollars for local and international projects. Under the new grant process, we will have more discretion on how that money is used. In addition to local grants we will be able to use that money for Peace and Ambassadorial Scholarships, Vocational Training Teams and international projects.

As part of the Future Vision, we have asked you to think bigger and to collaborate with other clubs to do bigger projects. As Rotarians, you are doing a fabulous job! We are hearing of 5-6 clubs going in on one project; doing more than one project at the same location; and partnering with other districts on projects. This is exactly what we are looking for!



Now, be aware, that when more “asks” start coming in, then we must do our best to fund these projects. We have three years from this year to start getting back money given to the Foundation. We MUST start supporting EREY! Every Rotarian Every Year. At the current time we ask that Every Rotarian commit to giving \$100 Every Year. If we did that in our District we would double, not only the amount given, but the amount coming back that can be used for our projects.

I’ve said it before, but as a Rotarian, I don’t think that is too much to ask. Be proud to be a Rotarian and to support our Foundation in all of the good work it does around the world. Do your part and exercise the Power of ONE!! Because if you don’t, who will?

—Bruce Nearhood, District Foundation Chair

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.



2013 Rotary International Convention
Lisbon, Portugal, 23-26 June

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



www.rotary5610.org



D5610 // Foundation // Grants

Grants Training Seminars

To prepare for the new grant model that begins on July 1, 2013, several Grants Training Seminars will be held around the district.

The first one will be held in **Rapid City on February 7**. Participants can attend at either 2 pm or 6:30 pm at First United Methodist Church, 629 Kansas City St. A second one will be held a week later on **February 12 in Sioux Falls at the Good Samaritan Retreat Center**. Sessions will at 1:30 pm and 6 pm. A third session will be held in **Canby, MN on March 4 at 6 pm**.

In order for clubs to apply for and receive Rotary Grants, the **Foundation Chair or his/her designee is required to attend a grants training seminar**. To help the clubs make the best use of grants and other resources and because a lot of information is going to be provided, club presidents or their designees should plan to attend as well. Participants need only attend ONE of the sessions.

To register for any of these seminars, please contact Bruce Nearhood at bnearhood@rushmore.com or 605-484-8916 or Nancy Moose at nancy.moose@dsu.edu or 605-480-3633.

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

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



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.

—Wilfrid J. Wilkinson - CM, FCA, CFE, Chairman, The Rotary Foundation Trustees

Rotary Day—February 23

Paul Harris met with three friend in Chicago in 1905 and proposed a regular gathering.

