



District 5610//Gearing Up

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DG Loren's Message

Happy New Year Fellow Rotarians!

Merry Christmas! I know you are thinking that Christmas is over; however it doesn't have to be. I have come to realize and understand that the reason so many people experience peace and happiness at Christmas, is because of giving and servng.

That is when we are at our best.

That is when we feel our best. Our Rotary theme this year, "Peace through Service," is really all about our celebration of Christmas around the world. I am not talking about the religion associated with Christmas, rather the spirit of Christmas as we live and work with each other. For us to project "Christmas," or stated otherwise, giving and servng, to everyone we know and interact with, "what a wonderful world this would be."

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is coming this month. This is a great opportunity for our clubs to identify their future leaders and encourage them to attend RLI. We are asking our clubs to invite their newer, younger members to attend these educational, motivational sessions about leadership training for personal growth, and Rotary International beyond our clubs. Personal invitations within each club will be necessary. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS OPPORTUNITY VERY SERIOUSLY.

Last month I shared that we only have five (5) outbound applications for Rotary Youth Exchange. That is for our entire District! I was recently at one of our smaller-town schools presenting the Interact opportunity. We had thirty two students present to learn about Interact. As an aside, I asked them for a show of hands as to who would be interested to travel to another country to live, study, and learn about a different culture. Eight hands went up! We need to inform our young people

about the opportunity we have through Rotary Youth Exchange. I am convinced that the information is simply not getting out to our students.

As I write this, our family is in the middle of enjoying the experience of having two of our former Rotary Exchange Students with us over the holidays. One of them brought her seventeen-year-old cousin and the other brought her five-year-old daughter. Also, a few months ago, I received a call from our last Rotary Exchange Student from Switzerland who was in Tanzania. He was there for an outreach event. He called me on his cell phone to simply say, "Hi." Our life is so enriched, and further blessed, because of the opportunity to have these young people come and stay with us for a while.

As we did our club visits and talked about Youth Exchange, I know the biggest "hurdle" is finding host families; it always has been and always will be the biggest challenge. Please consider giving your club members the opportunity to experience a life-changing event of hosting a Rotary Exchange Student. I know the experiences are not always perfect; however that is the rare exception. Ask your fellow members to consider the opportunity to host a student in the future. Then pick the members best suited to host the student and ask them directly to consider the opportunity. Their family, your club, your community, and our District will be greatly enriched by the experience.

Until next time, I remain sincerely yours,

Loren Boyens, District Governor

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D5610 Club Training 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 by January 15 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 (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) you get ten tickets. Thinking about becoming a Paul Harris Fellow? That would be worth 100 tickets!



D5610 District News // Events Schedule

District-wide 4Way Test 6th Grade Essay Competition

Hopefully many of you have begun the process for our annual Sixth Grade 4 Way Test Essay Competition. It would be wonderful to involve every club in our district in this project thereby offering each of our communities another way of learning about Rotary and the test we try to follow.

Below is more information about this GREAT project and contact information if you have more questions. Remember that **MARCH 15 IS THE DUE DATE** for your winner to be submitted to the district.

The photo is of members of the Rotary Club of Rapid City Rushmore honoring the student of the month at the Ninth Grade Academy in Rapid City. Each month the staff of the academy chooses a student for this honor. The student and their family attend a Rotary meeting



where they are honored and presented with a gift card and a group of Rotarians then goes to the academy to further honor the student and present them with a certificate.

—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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| Jan-Feb-Mar | Rotary Leadership Training throughout the district, details to come |
| February 7 | Foundation training, Rapid City |
| February 12 | Foundation training, Sioux Falls |
| April 4-6 | President-Elect and Leadership Training & District Assembly, Mitchell Convention Center |
| May 1-31 | 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 months of January, February and March, the District will have 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 Church

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 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. 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 Club News //

Rotary Club Awards Three 100th Anniversary Grants

In recognition of its 100 years of service, the Rotary Club of Sioux City recently awarded a \$2,500 100th Anniversary Grant to S.T.E.M.M., Goodwill Industries and Salvation Army.

The awards were presented to the three local non-profit organizations at the Rotary 100th Gala event in December by Rotary president Aran Rush. In addition a dozen other local organizations were recognized as past recipients of Rotary grants.

Siouxland Tanzania Education Medical Ministries (S.T.E.M.M.) will use its award to install a well in Tanzania to provide a consistent source of safe water to villagers and the S.T.E.M.M. orphanage that will house up to 200 children.

Goodwill will use its award to fund wainscoting in the Camp Goodwill Achievement Center. The center, open year-round, features a kitchen, dining area, activity and meeting rooms and outdoor amphitheater. Goodwill has also welcome Rotary volunteers to help install the wall material.

Salvation Army will purchase a refrigerator with freezer for its food pantry with its award.

Sioux Falls Rotary - South's Annual Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament

Date: February 1, 2013

Location: CJ Callaway's Event Center

Time: Registration at 7:00 pm, Tournament begins at 7:30 pm

Tickets: \$50 each

Contact: Mary DeVany ([605-360-6279](tel:605-360-6279)) for tickets, or further information

All winnings go to these charities: Boy Scouts of American, Sioux Council - Soccer and Scouting Program; Girl Scouts, Dakota Horizons - Wall Lake Camp; A Rotary-sponsored charity of choice.

Prizes: 1st place (\$1,250) donates to their choice of the three charities; 2nd place (\$750) chooses from the remaining two; 3rd place (\$500) donates to the remaining charity.

"Everyone is guaranteed to lose, but the charities are guaranteed to win!"

Players of ALL skill levels are welcomed! Join us for a fun night!



D5610 Club News //

Wagner Rotary Inducts Four New Members with one being the first mother/daughter Rotarian Pair

President Pro-Temp Bryan Slaba announced that Rotarian Ken Cotton would serve as Inducting Officer for the four new members coming into Wagner Rotary. Rotarian Slaba then read the names of the new members along with their sponsors: Brittany Chaplin, sponsor Bryan Slaba; Rebecca Brunsing, sponsor Linda Soukup; Jerry and Kathy Henke, sponsor Jeff Doom. Mr. Cotton then proceeded with the induction ceremony and reported that Kathy Henke was transferring her membership from the Rocky Mount, North Carolina, Rotary Club and her husband Jerry was transferring his membership from the Elm City Evening, North Carolina Rotary Club. The new members were then presented with the customary Rotary lapel pin and the ABC's of Rotary booklet. They were then given a nice round of applause and welcomed as the newest members of the Wagner Rotary Club.



Rebecca Brunsing and Linda Soukup, the first mother/daughter duo in the Wagner Rotary Club.

Below: L-R, Kathy Henke, Jerry Henke, Brittany Chaplin, Ken Cotton, Rebecca Brunsing.



D5610 Service Opportunities //

Christmas Toy Drive on Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation

The Cheyenne River Youth Project received notice that they would not be receiving an annual Christmas Grant. They've received this \$5000 grant for the last seven years. The district leadership had accepted the challenge to replace this grant with gifts and/or cash. To date, \$1,227 was donated from our district clubs, plus a large quantity of children's gifts, wrapping paper and bags. Thanks everyone!

— Jeff Meyer, Rushmore Rotary Club

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!

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR 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 2pm or 6:30pm 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 1:30pm and 6pm. Participants need only attend ONE of the sessions.

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.

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

