



District 5610//Gearing Up

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DG Loren's Message

Fellow Rotarians,
Part of the Rotary Leadership Institute Session II syllabus is a survey about the attendees' perception of their Rotary Club. Most of the ratings would apply to how their club leadership is doing; or in other words how well the proverbial "they" are

doing their tasks. The final section, titled "Bonus Questions," changes the direction of perception to how am "I" doing. Here are the questions. Have some fun and rate yourself regarding your Rotary experience.

Bonus Questions

1. I receive the Rotarian magazine each month. (Y=5, N=0) ____
2. I have received or am familiar with the District Governor's newsletter. (Y=5 N=0) ____
3. I have brought in a new member to the club within the last 2 years. (Y=5 N=0) ____
4. I understand the SHARE System of The Rotary Foundation. (Y=5, N=0) ____
5. I am a Paul Harris Fellow or a Sustaining Member. (Y=5, N=) ____
6. I have worked on or contributed to service project within the last 2 years. (Y=5 N=0) ____
7. I visit the club, district or Rotary International websites **daily** (5 pts), **weekly** (4 pts) **monthly** (3 pts), **occasionally** (2 pts), **never** (0 pts) ____
I **always** (5 pts), **sometimes** (3 pts), **never** (0 pts) make-up for a missed meeting. ____

9. I, personally have served on a district committee within the last **1-5 yrs** (5 pts), **6-10 yrs** (3 pts), **longer or never** (0 pts). ____

10. I personally attended the district conference or International convention within **the last year** (5 pts), **2-5 yrs** (3 pts), **longer than 5 yrs** (1 pt), **never** (0 pts) ____

11. I have contributed to The Rotary Foundation within the last **1 year** (5 pts), **2-3 years** (3 pts) **4 years or more** (1 pt), **never** (0 pts). ____

(NOTE: If you are not receiving *The Rotarian* magazine, please let your club secretary know so that can be corrected.)

If your club hasn't had at least one participant in a RLI Session, it's not too late. People can "jump in" for Session III in any of our 5 locations, Rapid City, Pierre/Ft Pierre, Watertown, Sioux City, or Sioux Falls. Please join us as your club will benefit directly by this participation.

Our District Assembly/President-Elect Training Session (PETS) is fast-approaching. We are meeting in Mitchell on April 4-5. Please arrange to have not only your president-elect, but as many of your club officers as possible, to attend. It is extremely important for the vitality of your club.

Sincerely,

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 on the website.

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

Sell the D5610 Raffle tickets!

Raffle tickets have been mailed to your club, 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!

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! All funds go to The Rotary Foundation to support our grants!

Sell tickets and bring the stubs to the training in Mitchell, to get them in the drawings!

Contact **Linda Rabe** rabe@rapidcitychamber.com 605-431-2886



D5610 District & Clubs Events Schedule

There's a lot of events and fundraisers going on in our district this spring! Check out the listings below and support the clubs in your area or wherever you are! Please send your club events/notices to Laura, or Linda Peterson, editor, for future newsletter listing!

—**Linda Peterson**, linda4rotary@me.com

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

<i>When</i>	<i>What</i>	<i>Where</i>
Jan-Feb-Mar	Rotary Leadership Training	through-out the district
March 4	Foundation & Grants training	Canby, MN
March 5	Foundation & Grants training	Pierre
March 16	Rushmore Club Gala	Mt. Rushmore
March 22	Custer Club Wine & Beer Raffle	Bavarian Restaurant, Custer
April 4-6	President-Elect and Leadership Training & District Assembly (PETs)	Mitchell Convention Center
April 27	Spearfish Club Beer Brats Bingo dinner fundraiser	Spearfish Pavillion
May 2	Rapid City joint clubs' Spring Thaw Pub Crawl	Rapid City downtown
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 12	Rotary RV Fellowship BBQ	Palmer Gulch KOA
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

RLI in Sioux Falls

Seventeen Rotarians from eight clubs have participated in the Rotary Leadership Institute on Jan 19 and Feb 16 in Sioux Falls. These meetings have been highly energetic with great networking among Rotarians who share a desire to be better leaders who can then influence their Rotary club to be stronger. Session 3 occurs in Sioux Falls on March 9. Sioux Falls facilitators are Tom Simmons, Melissa Beck, Loren Boyens and Chuck Hiatt.



Rotary Leadership Institute attendees comments:

The training that RLI gives will help me immensely when I become president next year. I am able to understand Rotary in a more in-depth sense and gain knowledge from other attendees.

RLI is a chance to come together with other Rotary leaders to learn, grow and facilitate communication between members and the clubs.

I would highly recommend attending this training to not only be a better Rotarian but to also be made aware of what Rotary is about and how you can share that with others.

RLI training was a great opportunity to learn more about Rotary and connect with other passionate Rotarians.

A great way to share ideas and thoughts by people willing to serve!

RLI provides the opportunity to collaborate with fellow Rotarians, to learn about Rotary and to engage the service above self mission.

Very informative and engaging. I'm starting to see within myself more purpose and service ownership.

The RLI gives a very clear picture of how to maintain and grow a healthy club to support the Foundation and RI in carrying out the service of Rotary.

RLI provides Rotarians with a better understanding of how Rotary works and is led. It also, in the process, provides you with useable leadership knowledge that can be used in professional life as well.

RLI is an essential component for any Rotarian wishing to better serve his or her club and community. Excellent.



D5610 News // Interact // Rotaract // E-club

An Evening with Stephanie and Interact

The Interact clubs of Sioux Falls and the surrounding area, along with the Interact Consortium, launched their first joint event. All Interactors and Rotarians were invited to join together for an evening featuring **Stephanie Herseth-Sandlin**, Thursday, February 21, 2013. A fundraiser for Win-Give to provide backpacks for school children in Guatemala raised over \$500.

Follow the Interact groups at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/district5610/?ref=ts>

Rotaract raises funds

The Rotaract Club at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology has some very exciting upcoming events! Rotaract members are planning to attend a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conference in Washington D.C. this summer. The training program is one week long conference where student members will attend interactive club improvement and leadership development workshops. The Polar Plunge took place on Saturday, February 23. Rotaract donated \$100 to the cause benefiting the Special Olympics. Michael Leopold was Rotaract's designated jumper. The Rotaract club also plans on working alongside local Rotarians on various projects including Storybook Island in the coming months.

Currently, we are selling raffle tickets for a vacation valued at \$2000. This package includes a week's worth of lodging to one of over 50 time shares all over the world. We are also selling general raffle tickets for items donated by local businesses. Any money raised beyond funding for the Washington D.C. trip will be used to fund our various service projects throughout the year. If anyone is interested in helping send us to the RYLA Conference please consider donating to our cause or email our president Ben Hanson at Benjamin.Hanson@mines.sdsmt.edu Please make checks payable to SDSM&T Rotaract Club. Donations can also be mailed to South Dakota School of Mines Foundation, Attn: SDSM&T Rotaract Club; 306 E. St. Joseph St.; Rapid City, SD 57701

*Rotaract is a nonprofit student organization and all donations are tax deductible.

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

4-Way Test Essay Contest: This contest is for sixth graders throughout District 5610

Essays due March 15, 2013, Winners announce April 6. Please send entries and questions to pmsutliff@gmail.com First prize \$200, Second prize \$150, Third prize \$75.



D5610 Club News //

Rapid City Rotary Club attacks illiteracy on all levels

One of the six Areas of Focus selected by Rotary International is “Basic Education and Literacy.” The Rapid City Rotary Club has focused efforts on raising the level of literacy in our community and the world. A dinner theatre fundraiser in October raised \$4600, plus a grant from the District of \$250, and additional donations of time and talent from the club members, the club will attack illiteracy with the following efforts:

- Assist Readiatrics with the spring book drive and donate \$500 for special books.
- Purchase Lakota to English storybooks for \$1000 to distribute on Pine Ridge reservation through GEARUP.
- Donate \$500 to Club for Boys library to purchase subscriptions for reading materials.
- Award \$400 in prizes for a Rotary 4-way Test Essay contest at summer camps on SDSM&T campus.
- Grant \$1000 each year to the Rapid City Public School Foundation for grants to teachers.
- Grant \$1380 each year to the School of St. Judes, in Tanzania to sponsor a student and teacher for a year.

These grants directly benefit both students and teachers locally and globally. Another dinner theatre fundraiser is being planned for this fall.

—Linda Peterson, Literacy Projects Chair

Custer Rotary Club Wine Tasting and Raffle fundraiser

The second winetasting and raffle for the Custer club happens Friday, March 22, 5:30 - 8 pm at the Bavarian Restaurant meeting room. Four Grand prizes: 2 wheelbarrows of wine, one wagon of beer, a hand-carved antler-handle knife. and over 100 other items and gift certificates will be raffled. Contact Dick Nolte or anyone at the Custer club for tickets.

Rushmore Club fundraiser

The 24th annual Gala at Mount Rushmore to benefit Black Hills Children’s Home is sponsored by Rapid City Rushmore Club, Xanterra Parks and Resorts and the National Park Service. RSVP to Shari West Twitero at 605-381-3896 or childrenshomegala@gmail.com

The Family of Rotary

The Minnesota Rotary Club inducted two new members. Shown in the photo are left, Wayne Hennen, middle, Jerry Wanken, president, and right, Monica Desmet. Wayne is the nephew of one of our members, Jack Hennen, and also the grandson of one of our charter members, Leo Hennen, who was Jack’s father. The credit to the photo goes to another of our Rotarians, Byron Higgen, who is the Minnesota Mascot Publisher. We are proud that our club inspires family members from each generation to join our club.



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 // Polio

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



The world had only 222 cases of polio for the entire year of 2012, a huge success. But the happiness from that has been tempered by the targeting of vaccine workers who were intentionally killed in Pakistan. 9 workers were killed in December 2012 and 7 more in January 2013. The killers are not felt to be Taliban but other groups warring against the Pakistan Government. What sick people, killing individuals trying to prevent paralysis in children. But this episode has only made us more determined to rededicate ourselves in the effort. The partnership of Rotary, WHO, US CDC, Gates Foundation and local governments is not going to let this episode stop us. Pakistan intends to deal with the killers and give protection to at risk workers. Then national immunization days will be resumed.

So far this year there has been only 1 case reported compared to 12 cases at this time last year. That case was in Pakistan.

I believe we also need to re-dedicate our effort to eliminate polio and continue raising funds for this effort. The District is giving 20% of our District Deferred Funds to Polio Plus and the Madison Rotary just sent a check for \$1,500 this week. Keep the effort up in your clubs. "We are so close."

— *Willis Sutliff MD, Polio Plus Chair*



D5610 Service Opportunities // Disaster Relief

Disaster Relief Committee planning survey

As the spring storm season approaches, it's time to begin preparing for potential natural disasters. In anticipation of such events as tornadoes and floods, the Disaster Relief Committee is planning a survey of District 5610 Rotary Clubs to determine in which types of disaster relief activities clubs may be willing and able to participate if called upon to provide assistance.

Following a natural disaster, clean-up activities are generally an early priority and many hands are needed to regain some semblance of order. A variety of skills are needed, from manual labor to craftsmen and women, plumbers, electricians, carpenters, etc. While we don't anticipate widespread volunteering of skilled labor, we do anticipate that many clubs would identify a cadre of individuals who would give a day or two or three of their time, and perhaps their talent, to assist those within our district who have a need. Although many of us would like to travel the world to assist in water projects, solar oven assembly and training, fitting wheelchairs, administering polio anti-virus serum, and countless other selfless activities, it's not always feasible to do so. By helping fellow Rotarians in their communities in our district, we can perhaps offer "Service Above Self" to those who need and appreciate our assistance.

On behalf of the Disaster Relief Committee, I encourage every Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact club, to complete the survey when you receive it.

—Larry Lyngstad, Disaster Relief Committee Chair

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

District VTT Launches

Kim Erickson is the incoming Vocational Training Teams (VTT) committee chair for the district. She would like to visit the clubs and let them know what this program can offer them, what she hopes to accomplish in this coming year and find out what the clubs would like to see from this committee as she represents the district. Kim has been on a VTT mission that used a global grant, and will be able to give a first-hand report of how these two new features can work together. Kim is looking forward to meeting with as many clubs as possible to start putting together a vision for the upcoming year.

—Kim Erickson, kimberly@keystaffing.com



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

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global and local on our District page.



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D5610 // Foundation // Grants



Grants Awarded to District clubs

Awards were made for District Simplified Grants this month. We received requests of over \$45,000! Money that was given to the The Rotary Foundation 3 years ago is divided into two parts. 50% goes to the World Fund to be used for matching grants around the world. The other 50% comes back to our District as DDF (District Designated Funds). Of that amount, we can use 20% for District Simplified Grants. That amount came to \$11,638. Here is how that was divided out to those requests:

Madison - \$2000 to provide recreational equipment for the local community center.

Rock Valley - \$2000 to build a disc golf course for the community.

Clark - \$2,138 to help repair bleachers and walkways at the local baseball fields to improve handicap accessibility.

Laverne - \$2,250 to build a Rotary Passive Park for their local community.

Rapid City - \$2,000 to provide safe cribs for needy families.

Rapid City - \$250 to purchase CLE books for Native American families on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

LeMars - \$1,000 to purchase an electric pump and pipes for a water project in Jiniapa, Honduras.

If you have not attended a new grant training seminar I urge you to do so. With the Future Vision Strategic Plan, the way grants will be provided is changing. There will be new opportunities to make an impact on our communities and world. There will also be additional training at PETS in April that will build on the initial training.

As Rotarians, you are being challenged to think big, use the Six Areas of Focus, and to let everyone know what great work you do!!

—*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.

—*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



RI News // Rotary Peace Fellows

Do You Want To Change The World? Or Do You Know Someone Who Does?

If so, Rotary International might have the program to help with this goal. In 2002 the Rotary Foundation partnered with leading universities around the world to create Rotary Peace Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution. Today, up to 110 Rotary Peace Fellows are selected each year from around the world to participate in this unique program funded by Rotary International. The fellowship includes tuition and fees, room and board, round trip transportation and internship/field study expenses. Peace Centers are located in Australia, Japan, Sweden, Thailand, United Kingdom and Chapel Hill in North Carolina.

Rotary Peace Fellows are leaders promoting national and international cooperation, peace and conflict resolution in their careers and communities. Fellows are selected, based on their ability to have a significant, positive impact on world peace during their careers. Qualified candidates for the master's program will have a bachelor's degree or equivalent plus three years related work experience. These candidates must also speak a second language. A certificate program is also offered for candidates with a strong academic background plus five years of related work experience. The certificate program does not require a second language. Both require proficiency in English.

Candidates must apply through a Rotary Club. District 5610 has provided information to colleges and universities in this district but all Rotarians need to promote this program. The district is not limited to the number of applicants we recommend. Additional information and applications can be found on the Rotary International web site or by contacting **Marsha Whetham, District Chair of the Scholarship Committee.** mwhetham@countrypridecoop.com.

RI Areas of focus

The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation have identified six areas of focus for the new grant model. These areas reflect critical humanitarian issues and needs that Rotarians are addressing worldwide. They will align Rotary with other international development efforts and will strategically further the Foundation's mission.

Statements of purpose and goals

Each of the six areas of focus begins with a statement of purpose, followed by a list of specific goals. The Rotary Foundation will use the goals to establish:

- Projects and activities for packaged global grants
- Possible strategic partners for packaged global grants
- Evaluation criteria for club- and district-developed global grants
- A system for measuring outcome for all global grants

Areas of focus

Peace and conflict prevention/resolution

Disease prevention and treatment

Water and sanitation

Maternal and child health

Basic education and literacy

Economic and community development

Basic education and literacy (March is Rotary Literacy Month)

The Foundation enables Rotarians to ensure that all people have sustainable access to basic education and literacy by:

1. Involving the community to support programs that strengthen the capacity of communities to provide basic education and literacy to all
2. Increasing adult literacy in communities
3. Working to reduce gender disparity in education
4. Supporting studies for career-minded professionals related to basic education and literacy

