

District 5610//Gearing Up

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DG Loren's Message

Fellow Rotarians,

I have shared this thought with some of the club leaders that have Rotaract, Interact, or Earlyact in their midst. The thought is that it is crucial that those young people have regular, meaningful interaction with their sponsoring Rotary Club's

members. This information is coming from the students directly; that's what they want/need. We would not want to take lightly that role, that ability, or responsibility, to mentor or tutor those outstanding young people. We would want to do everything within our power to be engaged with those young people to glean the energy and enthusiasm they can provide.

We currently have Rotaract Clubs at SD School of Mines in Rapid City and SDSU in Brookings. The paperwork for Rotaract charters has been submitted for USF in Sioux Falls and DWU in Mitchell. We have Interact Clubs at Roosevelt High School and New Technology High School in Sioux Falls; Canton High School, Canton, SD; Denison High School Denison, IA; Wolsey High School, Wolsey, SD; Second Chance High School, Mitchell, SD. Our Okichiya Interact Club at Washington High School in Sioux Falls is inactive. I haven't heard about any activity from Sioux City West High School Interact Club. We have many possibilities of Earlyacts beginning throughout the District; however none have applied for charters. Who's going to be first?

In spite of our ever-changing population landscape through immigration, we do not enjoy

much diversity in our district's Rotary clubs. It stands to reason based on the historical make-up of our population, however that is changing. Our percentage of minorities is ever-increasing, and isn't it our responsibility to invite our minority acquaintances, or friends, to Rotary? Remember what we discussed during our club visits, how "intimidating" your club is to non-members. It's even more intimidating for our minority neighbors. Let's make an all-out attempt to make those people feel welcome as well.

In case you haven't heard this story about this subject, in 2011, I'd gone to Vermillion to pick up Kate Smith to speak at our club. She was our Ambassadorial Scholar from near London, England, attending USD for her Master's Degree in the History of the Native American, most specifically the Lakota Sioux. As we were driving back to Sioux Falls, she asked me, "So how many Native Americans do you have in Rotary?" I was "busted." I had to say, "None." At least not in our club, and maybe one in the Sioux Falls area. That was an awkward moment. What would your answer have been?

We have some things happening to change that landscape. I know Rapid City is close to starting a Native American Rotary Club. Won't that be a wonderful happening for our District!? Sioux Falls is beginning to have discussions about identifying multi-cultural leaders in the different ethnic groups to possibly start a new multi-cultural Rotary club. We'll see where that goes.

Lead on!

Loren Boyens, District Governor



D5610 District & Clubs Events Schedule

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? A TV spot is being developed publicizing it! Take some video during your events and send in to Linda Peterson for use in promotions.

—Loren Boyens, District Governor 2012-2013

District Calendar is here!

There's a lot of events and fundraisers going on in our district all year around! Check out the listings below and support the clubs in your area or wherever you are! Please send your club events/notices NOW, for the coming year, to Laura, Nancy, or Linda Peterson, for listing on the newsletter and website event listing!

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Be sure to add current events and photos, and check out our latest Rotary District 5610 activity on our Public Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryDistrict5610>

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Upcoming Rotary Events to end of June, 2013

When	What	Where
May 4	Rapid City multi-club Spring Thaw Pub Crawl	Rapid City downtown
May 12-18	Rotary Serves! week	district-wide service projects
May 3-30	GSE team goes to Norway	
June 11	Rotary RV Fellowship BBQ	Palmer Gulch KOA



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
www.rotary.org

D5610 District & Clubs Calendar // 2013-14

KEY: blue = RI and Zone red = District black = Club

July: RI year begins

RI president Ron Burton takes office

Zone training, Denver, July 27

District Governor Nancy Moose takes office, begins club visits

Club Presidents take office

Semi-annual report & Dues payable to Club, District, RI

Club events/projects:

August: Membership and Extension

District CAP & DDF grants awarded

Club events/projects:

September: New Generations

District Conference, Madison, Sept. 14-16

Club events/projects:

Once Upon a Fall Festival, Storybook Island, Rapid City, Sept. 7-8

October: Vocational Service

Club events/projects:

Mystery Dinner Theatre, Rapid City, Literacy Fundraiser, Oct. 19

November: Rotary Foundation

District-wide Foundation dinners, fundraisers, grants training

IRS 990 filing due, Clubs, District

Delete/Add members on club member access for accurate dues

Club events/projects:

December: Family time

Zone training & assembly, December 10-14

Club events/projects:

January: Rotary Awareness

RI International Assembly, San Diego, 1/12-18/2014, 1/18-24/2015, 1/17-23/2016, 1/15-17/2017

Dues payable to Club, District, RI

RLI training

Club officers elected, list on RI member access

Club events/projects:

February: World Understanding, RI anniversary 2/23

RLI training

Club events/projects:

March: Literacy

RI grants deadlines

District committee reports due for District Assembly, Budget draft ready

RLI training

Club events/projects:

The Gala at Mt. Rushmore, RC Rushmore, March 22

April: Magazine

District President-Elect training, District Assembly April 10-12

Agenda: discussion of Club projects and grants, recognition of Club honors and citations, transfer of duties and information to DG-Elect, committee chairs, graduation ceremonies for RLI participants District committee chairs plan of projects due, AGs reports due, all expense receipts due

Club Presidential Citation due to RI

Club events/projects:

Spearfish Club Beer Brats Bingo dinner fundraiser, Spearfish Pavillion

May:

District-wide Rotary Serves! Week

Club project/grant reports due

Delete/Add members on club member access for accurate dues

Club events/projects:

June: Rotary Fellowship

RI International Conference: 6/1-4/2014 Sydney, Australia; 6/5-8/2015 Sao Paulo, Brazil; 5/29-6/1/2016 Seoul, Korea; 6/10-14/2017 Atlanta, Georgia

CAP grant applications due and global grant applications due

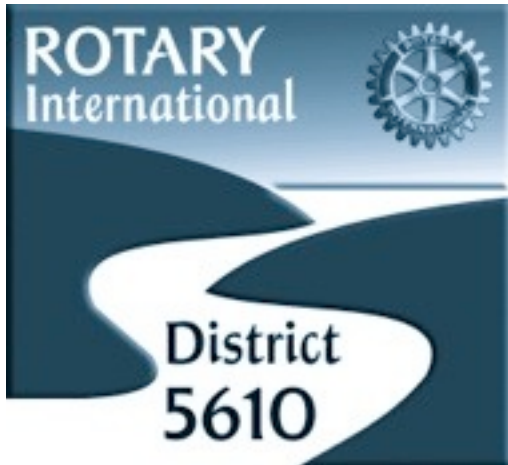
Club MOUs due for next year

Clubs' Strategic Plan due to DGE

Club events/projects:



D5610 // District Fact Sheet



MAP OF DISTRICT CLUBS

District 5610, Zone 27, of Rotary International

Year runs July through June

Leadership: one year terms for each DG

District Governor (DG)

District Governor Elect (DGE)

District Governor Nominee (DGN)

District Treasurer - 3 year term

District Foundation Chair

District Executive Director - paid position to assist the leadership

10 Assistant Governors, with 4-6 clubs under their purview, geographically-based around the District, under direction of DG

32 ± District Committee Chairs or Co-Chairs, depending on duties assigned by the DG, managing various projects and duties

43 Clubs, each with their own President, board members and members in general

2 Rotaract Clubs

7 Interact Clubs

District Website: www.rotary5610.org contains information on District, links to RI, all the clubs' information, district newsletters archive, and many informational tabs. Registration site for events.

Dues: District dues are aprox. \$20 per 1/2 year, RI dues are aprox. \$30 per 1/2 year, per member, payable in July and January.

The club treasurer pays these dues to District and RI separately. The club charges members for club dues to cover these dues plus the club's budgeted expenses, which may vary from club-to-club.

Use Member Access on the RI website www.rotary.org to update your club membership, list club leadership, pay RI dues, and research Rotary information.



D5610 Committee News //

Rotary RV Fellowship

The Rotary RV Fellowship of North America will have their annual rally at the Palmer Gulch KOA this June 11 to 15. They are expecting between 25 to 40 camping units which could be between 50 and 80 people.

I have volunteered to organize a BBQ dinner to be served to the group the evening of the 11th at the camp ground. The cost of the dinner is included in the registration cost of those in attendance.

I am asking for volunteers from Rotary Clubs and Rotaract in the Hills to help serve the dinner. The time involved would be about 2 hours from 5pm to 7pm on June 11. Set up and grilling to start at 5 pm, dinner served at 6 pm then clean up after.

Of course this would be a meeting make-up.

—*Dick Nolte, PDG, Custer*

District 5610 to Offer Global Grant Scholarship

A wonderful opportunity is available for one fortunate grad student! The leadership of District 5610 has made the commitment to sponsor a Global Grant Scholarship. This type of scholarship has replaced the Ambassadorial Scholarship Program which was phased out through the recent changes in the Future Vision Plan. While similar, there are significant differences between the two types of scholarships. The Global Grant Scholarship program is explained below.

Global grant scholarship proposals and applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year. However, applications should be submitted at least three months before studies begin in order to allow adequate time for Foundation review and processing. Applicants must live in the sponsoring district and must provide proof of admission to a graduate level program outside of the United States at the time of application. Applications are available online at the Rotary Foundation website and should be submitted to the district scholarship chair.

Scholars applying for a Global Grant Scholarship should plan to pursue a career in one of the six areas of focus designated by the foundation; peace and conflict prevention/resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, or economic and community development.

Pursuing a career in an area of focus means the scholar has a long-term commitment to measurable, sustainable change. Beyond confirmation of admittance, an eligible candidate will have excellent leadership skills and potential, a proven track record of success in his/her academic field, a personal commitment to community service, as well as well-defined and realistic goals.

Global Grant Scholarships are for a minimum of \$30,000. These funds could support one to four years of graduate study or could include a project. An example might be a water project overseen by an engineering student during his time in the region.

Information on Rotary Global Grant Scholarships has been sent to colleges and universities servicing District 5610. However, if you are aware of a student who might be interested in this type of program, please forward this information to them. If more information is required, please contact by email at

mwhetham@countrypridecoop.com or by phone at #605-840-6246.

—*Marsha Whetham, District 5610 Scholarship Chair*



D5610 News // Four-Way Test Essay Contest

The winners for the District 5610 4Way Test Essay Contest were announced at PETS in Mitchell. The winner for the 2012-13 Rotary year is Jadyn Anderson submitted by the Rotary Club of Luverne. (*see April newsletter*) Second place is Ximena Alvarez Magara submitted by the Rotary Club of South Sioux City, NE and third place is Kody Moore submitted by the Rotary Club of Minneota. Congratulations to these terrific sixth graders and to the clubs that sponsored them.

There were eleven clubs in the district that participated in this project and I want to thank all of them. Several of these clubs got excellent publicity in their communities for the Four Way Test, Rotary, their club, and the great student who won in their area. What a wonderful way to publicize and spread our ideals as well as our name. I do hope that more clubs will participate next year.

I hope that you all enjoy reading Ximena's winning essay this month and Kody's in the June issue.
—Pat Sutliff, 4-Way Test Essay Contest Chair

The second place winner's essay by Ximena Alvarez Magara:

"A lot of people might think that having money or being famous is all they need in their life, but really there are more important things than money and fame. A world where most people disrespect others is not a good place to live, so how can I live my life with the four way test and make other people think the same as me?

One of the four ways to live your life is by the truth. When you tell the truth it might benefit you in the future. When you don't tell the truth you might get in more trouble than you thought. Also, when you do something that people think is not okay, it might hurt somebody's feelings. A positive thing about saying the truth might be that it will make you feel good about yourself and it will help people to know that you're a good person!!

The next way to live your life is with fairness! When living your life with fairness, these are some of the things you might want to do: One of the things is treat others how you want to be treated. Treat others with respect if you want them to respect you. Never spread rumors about people. Also to be fair you need to be nice to everybody not just your friends. If somebody gets in trouble and you know who really did it, tell the adult who is in charge so they can leave the kid alone and make the guilty kid pay for what he or she did. That's called being fair to everybody!

Friendship is another valuable part of your life. Life without friendship would be like a black cloud! When a friend is being loyal to you he or she is being a good friend! When being a good friend you should never talk behind your friend's back or do something that might hurt their feelings. Friendship is important in your life because if you didn't have a friend then your life would be miserable. When you have a friend in your life, and you have some problems and don't know what to do, a friend will always give you good advice so you can do the right thing! Those are some of the reasons you need friendship in your life!

Living by these values will benefit me and everybody around me. If all the people in the world would live with the four way test the world would be very different than how it is right now. Even though I want the entire world to follow the four way test, I know that for a lot of people it's easier said than done. But like I mentioned, fame and money are not the only things you need in your life!"



D5610 Club News //

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.

Rotaract raises funds

The Rotaract Club at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology 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. 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. 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.

Those Winner Rotarians Are Planting Trees Again!

Monday April 29th was a little breezy, but still a nice evening for Rotarians from the Winner Club to take part in their annual tree planting project. Each year the club partners with the city to plant trees where needed on city property. On Monday, twenty-three trees were planted at the cemetery, the city park and near Leahy Bowl, the local baseball diamond. The eleven Rotarians were assisted by members of the volunteer fire department.

—*Marsha Whetham*



D5610 Club News //

Vermillion club sponsors Bike Helmet Day

Dr. Charles Yelverton, Vermillion Rotarian and leader of the Bike Helmet project, adjusts this second grader's helmet. The Vermillion Rotary gave 118 bike helmets and provided safety education to Vermillion second graders as part of an ongoing project led each year by Dr. Yelverton. The club project is almost 20 years old.

—*Dave Lorenz*



D5610 Service Opportunities // Polio

Our District's commitment in the Fight Against Polio

This Rotary Advocacy Effort is a huge step forward. Long term financing is now in place for the final effort. It is taking about \$800 million a year to make progress in the final eradication of polio. Rotary has to have help of the partners; the Gates Foundation, the World Health Organization, The US government and many other governments around the world. Fortunately Rotary has members in high places in all the governments. These pledges are huge.



Progress continues to be made on the ground. The number of world wide polio cases reported so far this year compared to last year show 19 vs 47 cases of paralysis. Afghanistan has had only 1 case, Pakistan 6 and Nigeria 12. In all the countries there has been great progress.

District 5610 supports this effort by giving 20% of the returned District Designated Funds (money we get back from the Rotary Foundation for our District projects) to Polio Plus. The money your Club and you members give also are crucial. Thank you for you continued generosity. WE MUST NOT STOP NOW.



– *Willis Sutliff MD, Polio Plus Chair*

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*

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*



D5610 // Foundation // Grants



Grants Training at PETS

For those of you not at PETS this past week we had Pam Russell from California speak about the new Grants model. She was in a pilot district and has been doing training about the new procedures. She related the positive feedback she has heard about the new procedures and expectations. If you haven't heard about it... when obtaining a new grant going forward we are requiring more work up front to make sure the focus of the project is what is needed by those you are intending to help. In the past, it's often been that we have a project we think is great and we take it somewhere. Now, we need to listen to the recipient group to make sure we are providing resources that they need. It's like the story of the lady who was doing fundraising for a number of years to pay for school uniforms for children in Africa so they could attend school. One year, some of the villagers asked her if she really wanted to help them. She said, "of course, I have been raising money for years to provide uniforms!" They told her the best way to help would be to help them buy some water buffalo so they could till more land, sell milk, etc. so that they could buy their own uniforms. We need to have boots on the ground and to listen to find out what the real need is!

There is also the expectation of better recordkeeping and reporting. All of these are being required in order to make sure that we are being good stewards of the money we are being trusted with. Nothing less than what you would want! If you have any questions about the new requirements or the process of putting a grant together, please get a hold of me. We have a number of people who are able to give you some guidance in the details. Remember to think big and think sustainable!!

—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 Timeline

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
Download the Club Memorandum of Understanding at the district website, sign off, send to Bruce Nearhood
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





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

Maternal and child health

The Foundation enables Rotarians to improve the health of mothers and their children by:

1. Reducing the mortality and morbidity rate for children under the age of five
2. Reducing the maternal mortality and morbidity rate
3. Improving access to essential medical services, trained community health leaders, and health care providers for mothers and their children
4. Supporting studies for career-minded professionals related to maternal and child health

