

District 5610//Gearing Up

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DG Loren's Message

My Fellow Rotary District 5610 Rotarians,

I believe someone probably <u>invited you</u> to Rotary, just like the late PDG Vernon Nielsen did for me. Therefore, would you not agree that we have the responsibility to "Pay It Forward," by inviting someone to Rotary that we

believe would be a good Rotarian? Please give somebody who you like and respect the <u>opportunity</u> to <u>experience</u> Rotary. If we all do this regularly, our membership grows, which is a large part of the <u>responsibility</u> we have as Rotarians.

When I pay my dues to my club, I am <u>not</u> supporting The Rotary Foundation which is what does all the "good" that Rotary is known for in the world. (To be clear, some clubs do invoice for The Rotary Foundation as part of their dues process.) In order to support the "good" that Rotary does, I need to participate in The Rotary Foundation in some way, possibly as a Sustaining Member donating \$100 per year (buying the District Raffle tickets count), or \$8.34 per month, or 3 dimes per day; or be a Paul Harris Fellow donating \$1,000; or be a Paul Harris Society member donating \$1000 per year; or be a Major Donor having donated \$10,000 or more. Please have a discussion with your club leaders about your club striving towards becoming a 100% Sustaining Membership club and each of us doing our part.

Sheila and I, DGE Nancy Moose and Roger, DGN Linda Peterson, along with Alternate Council on Legislation Representative, George Twitero, and PDG Vivian Adams, attended the Zone Institute in Overland Park, Kansas, on September 4-9. There were about 500 people in attendance, including spouses and partners. The amount of Rotary information that was presented was so uplifting and powerful. We are blessed to be a part of this great organization called Rotary.

Please mark your calendars for Friday, December 14 when Sioux City will be celebrating their centennial. Our **Rotary International President- Elect, Ron Burton**, will be there. It will be a great event for Rotary in District 5610.

We are moving along with our club visits and are having more fun than we deserve, meeting so many wonderful people. Again, "there are no strangers in Rotary, only friends we haven't met."

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

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D5610 Youth Exchange News

Rotary Youth Exchange

(Period July 2012 – June 2013)

The District Youth Exchange Committee has 5 members: Sandra Christenson-YEO, Kenneth Meyer-Safety Officer, Sue Holloway-Background Officer, Kirsten Kellaher-Communications and Matt Parker-Outbound Coordinator. We are in dire need of an Inbound Coordinator. Anyone interesting in volunteering for Inbound Coordinator or Travel Specialist can talk either with our incoming District Governor or call Sandra directly at 605-336-1190.

—Dr. Sandra Christenson, Youth Exchange Officer, Sioux Falls Rotarian

Call for Assistance for Rahul Bansal

My name is Ray "Woody" Woodsend, Downtown Rotary Club of Sioux Falls. I am writing this to see if any Rotarian may be of assistance in finding a professional position as a CPA for Rahul Bansal. He was a Rotary Exchange Student from India in 2001-2002 and was hosted by our Downtown Rotary Club. He graduated from Washington High School in the spring of 2002. He turned 17 years of age in September 2001 and he really became a member of the host families over the last 11 years.

After graduating from Washington High, he received a scholarship from Augustana College (Augie) in Sioux Falls. Although he had also received scholarships from colleges in India, he made a hard decision and stayed in Sioux Falls. He graduated from Augie in 2006, with a bachelors degree in accounting and business administration (GPA 3.1). Right after graduation, he started to take the Certified Public Accounting (CPA) exams and passed all the CPA exams by 2008. He started a masters degree program in economics at South Dakota State University. As a graduate student, he taught accounting to undergraduate students. In his "spare" time, he studied for the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) exams. In 2011, he completed his masters degree (GPA 4.0) and passed the last level 3 of the CFA program.

Although he visited India most years, he has spent all of his adult life in the Sioux Falls area and sought employment here. In 2010 he started working in Sioux Falls for a small software development company. He worked as an accountant and did many types of projects including auditing, consulting, and tax preparation. Everything had been going well in his life until early

April, when he visited India. During this visit he had to apply for another visa related to his job, and had his paperwork before he left for India. He went to the U.S. Embassy to submit his application. His application was accepted and he was told that he would receive his visa in a few days.

That was on April 12, 2012 and the U.S. Embassy continues to tell him "the application is under process and there is no definite timeline for its completion." In the meantime he continues to pay rent on his apartment in Sioux Falls as well as payments on a car. To say the least, he and his employer are frustrated with the U.S Embassy's utter disregard for their interests. An immigration attorney has advised Rahul that his desire to return to our area on a long term basis may be best obtained by submitting a new application with a new employer.

Therefore, if any of you in Rotary District 5610 have an interest, or know of anyone who could offer a professional position to a talented and intelligent individual, contact me at 605-339-9800 or rwoodsend@doughertymarkets.com Ralul's resume can be viewed at www.linkedin.com/in/bansalcpa.

Upcoming Rotary Events

April 4-6, 2013 President-Elect and Leadership Training & District Assembly, Mitchell Convention Center

November 17, 2012 Rotary Leadership Institute, facilitator training, Mitchell

Rotary Serves! tba

June 23-26, 2013 RI Conference, Lisbon, Portugal

Sept. 12-14, 2013 District Conference, Madison





D5610 Committee News

Coming Soon: Rotary District 5610 E-Club

Rotary e-clubs are, quite simply, Rotary clubs that meet electronically. The key difference between a traditional club and an e-club is where they meeting. E-clubs conduct their weekly meetings via a club website. Rather than having to be physically present at an appointed day and time, members may attend and contribute at any time and any day of the week. E-clubs offer an opportunity for business, professional and community leaders who are unable to attend a weekly meeting in person, due to physical disabilities, location constraints or busy schedules, but that still want to make a difference in the world.

Membership in an e-club requires a passion for improving your local community and world while only basic internet skills.

We are looking for perspective members to join the discussion to what this club should look like.

If you are interested in how an e-club works please join the group us at: https://www.facebook.com/groups/Rotary5610eClub/

Joining the facebook group does not mean you have to join the e-club. It just means you are interested in learning more.

If you are interested in joining or know someone who would benefit from membership in an e-club, please encourage them to join the facebook group or contact me at bradbonner@bradbonner.com

Rotary Leadership Institute

aka RLI — also coming soon!

A Rotary Leadership Institute facilitator training workshop has been scheduled for **November 17th** in **Mitchell**. It will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m. Greg Podd will conduct the training. A training site has not been selected at this time, but as soon as a site has been selected, clubs will be contacted. The training includes such topics as: "Why the Rotary Leadership Institute; why do you want to be a facilitator for RLI?; the learning pyaimid; adult learners - why is it so difficult?; what is the difference between lecturer, discussion leader and facilitator?; principles of a facilitated discussion, participant behavior; words of wisdoms; and the

new RLI course material." The training will include participant practice sessions. Rotarians who complete the training will then be added to the RLI facilitator list and have an opportunity to be part of facilitator teams who will lead RLI courses throughout the District in early 2013.

GSE with Norway in Progress

Interviews are underway for the Team Leader for Rotary District 5610's Group Study Exchange for 2013. The exchange with District 2275 in Norway will take place during the month of May, 2013. This district runs from Alta in the Arctic Circle to Oppdal in west central Norway. It includes cities like Kristiansund and Trondheim. Applications are still being accepted for team members who are young professionals between the ages of 25 and 40. The deadline for applying is September 30. Interviews for team members will be held on October 6th in Sioux Falls and on October 13th in Rapid City. Applicants cannot be related to a Rotarian. Individuals interested in applying should contact GSE Co-chair, Chris Paustian at cpaustian.paustian2@gmail.com. Further information is available on-line at www.rotary.org >fellowship & service> scroll down to group study exchange.

The interview conducted for team leader had 5 applicants last Tuesday, and I am pleased to announce that **Tracy Dahl-Webb** of the Rotary Club of Sioux Falls (SD) West has been selected to be the Team Leader of the GSE Team that will travel to

Norway in May of 2013. Tracy was a member of the GSE team that traveled to Fukishima, Japan in 1998 and has been active at both the club and district level of Rotary.





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POLIO PLUS

planned.

Globally the drop in cases of polio paralysis continues. There have been 123 cases in the world so far this year compared to 333 for this date last year. Cases in Pakistan have dropped to less than half of those last year. But Nigeria continues to be problematic with cases up from 25 to 75. Resources are being increased in Nigeria and addition immunization days and efforts are

District 5610 did great in meeting the "Gates Challenge." We easily met the goal of \$40 per member per year with a total of \$267,927. For the entire 3 years the club rankings were:

- 1. Marshall Sunrise 2. Marshall 3. Clark
- 4. Sioux Falls North 5. Vermillion 6. Dennison
- 7. Rapid City Rushmore. For the year 2011-2012 the rankings were: 1.Marshall 2. Minneota
- 3. Luverne 4. Marshall Sunrise 5. Dennison 6. Rapid City Rushmore 7. Custer.
- —Willis Sutliff MD

Nominations needed for District Governor 2015-16

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

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

This is one of those life-changing great experiences, please consider it.

-Pat Sutliff, PDG

New Grant Structure for Clubs

The Rotary Foundation is implementing a new grant structure, based on its Future Vision Plan, that will be available to all clubs on 1 July 2013. The following timeline outlines major events and related steps that can help prepare your club for this transition.

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 January 2013-14 global grant and packaged grant applications opens to qualified clubs and districts February-June Submit applications for 2012-13 Matching Grants by 31 March 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

Grant guidelines may change. Check www.rotary.org for the latest information.

District Website Information

Clubs should check their listing on the Club page to verify accuracy. Many listings have been updated. More data will be updated and the website will eventually be placed back under the Rotary5610.org domain name. Use the "contact us" to send updates.





D5610 Club News



Sioux City Rotary Celebrates 100 Years of Service Friday, December 14, 2012

When the Rotary Club of Sioux City marks 100 years of service at its 100th Anniversary Gala Friday, Dec. 14, it will recognize more than a dozen agencies serving youth and award 2012 grants to several agencies. The event, themed "Rotary: Serving Siouxland, the Nation and the World," will be held at the Sioux City Convention Center at 5:30 p.m. The club will award a total of \$10,000 to four non-profit agencies following an

application process. It will also showcase Youth Work Fund projects it has supported over the past 10 decades. **Ron D. Burton**, the president-elect of Rotary International, will be the event's keynote speaker.

The oldest service club in the area, the Sioux City Rotary Club has met regularly for more than 100 years to promote service and sponsor educational presentations on current issues. In its most recent project, it awarded \$20,000 to the city of Sioux City to help rebuild a riverfront playground damaged by the summer flood of 2011. The project chosen for 2013 is the Siouxland Food Bank.

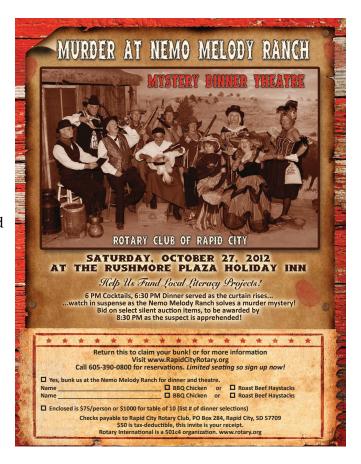
"We are proud of our long history of helping local non-profit agencies," said Aran Rush, president of the Sioux City Rotary. "We chose to support local agencies again at our gala to celebrate our legacy of service."

Rapid City Rotary Club Mystery Dinner Theatre Fundraiser

The Rotary Club of Rapid City is planning a **Mystery Dinner Theatre** on **Saturday, October 27, 2012** at the Holiday Inn Rushmore Plaza, Hammons Room. The fundraiser event is limited to 120 attendees at \$75 per person.

"Murder at Nemo Melody Ranch" is a dude ranch setting where a mysterious murder occurs. Dinner is western dress, wear your fanciest cowboy/cowgirl duds! Funds will go toward our new Literacy Projects Fund—local to global, a new initiative of the Rotary Club.

One of the six Areas of Focus selected by Rotary International is "Basic Education and Literacy." The Rapid City Rotary Club has focused recent efforts on literacy: Readiatrics book drive, honoring Elsie Kephart with our Community PHF for her efforts in adult literacy, and beginning the Four-Way Test Contest. We are consolidating our efforts into a well-rounded Literacy Projects Fund. Contact Linda Peterson, 390-0800, or email the club website www.rapidcityrotary.org for tickets.





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HARLEM AMBASSADORS TOUR IS COMING YOUR WAY!

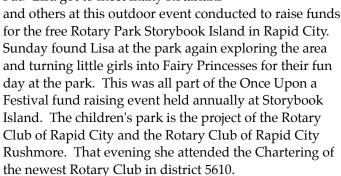
The internationally-acclaimed Harlem Ambassadors will be visiting Le Mars for a game at the Le Mars Community High School Carey Gym on November 18th, 2012 at 4pm. The Harlem Ambassadors offer a unique brand of Harlem-style basketball, featuring high-flying slam dunks, dazzling ball-handling tricks and hilarious comedy routines. For the event the Ambassadors have partnered with the Le Mars Rotary and Le Mars Community School Parent Teacher Organization to help raise funds to replace Le Mars Community Elementary School play ground equipment.

The Ambassadors have worked extensively with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Boys & Girls Clubs, Big Brothers Big Sisters and American Red Cross as well as Rotary, Lions and Kiwanis clubs in communities throughout the U.S., and perform more than 200 shows a year. Those shows have helped raise millions of dollars – an accomplishment of which Ambassadors President Dale Moss is very proud.

Advance tickets are \$7 and children 4 and under are free. To purchase tickets, you may visit the following locations: American Bank, First National Bank (downtown location), Primebank, and Le Mars Hy Vee customer service. For more information, you may also call Amy Harnack, Le Mars Rotary at 546-2125.

RAPID CITY EXCHANGE STUDENT PRINCESS

The exchange student in Rapid City, Lisa from Sardinia, Italy had a busy Rotary weekend, September 7, 8, and 9. On the 7th she attended the Pirate and Princess Ball as a Princess, accompanied by Pirate, Willis Sutliff and his Princess, Pat. Lisa got to meet many Rotarians



ROTARY CLUB OF RAPID CITY EVENING RECEIVES ITS CHARTER

Sunday evening, September 9th, was the evening that the twenty-five member Rotary Club of Rapid City Evening received their club charter. The group was hosted by their sponsoring club, the Rotary Club of Rapid City Rushmore for a barbecue in the park. It was a fun time for families and friends to celebrate this new club and hear about their ideas and goals. The picture is part of the group with their club gifts from the district.



More photos from the Princess & Pirate Ball during the Once Upon a Festival at Storybook Island





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 Foundation News

More on RLI Training

In the coming months the District will be having a Rotary Leadership Institute in your area. This seminar is 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 time and locations are put together. Have your club consider the members who would benefit from learning more about Rotary and how they can be a part of it. Comments from others who have attended have been very positive and we think it will be the same in our District.

-Bruce Nearhood, 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.



Grant Applications

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

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

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

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

-Shari West Twitero

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







D5610 Club News // DG Club Visit Schedule

Club	Date of Visit	Day of Week	Time	Location	Zone	AG	
Sioux Falls, SD West	July 6-2012	Friday	12:00	Wesward Ho Country Club	Zone 8	Chuck	
Aberdeen, SD	July 9 2012	Monday	12:00	Ramkota	Zone 3	Waneen	L
Clark, SD	July 10 2012	Tuesday	12:05	Playhouse Café	Zone 3	Waneen	L
Minneota, MN	July 11-2012	Wednesday	12:30	Madison Ave. Apts	Zone 5	Ted	L
Madison	July 16 ,2012	Monday	12:00	Nicky's Restaurant	Zone 4	Dave S	
Sioux Falls, SD North	July 18 ,2012	Wednesday	12:00	Pizza Ranch East 10th	Zone 8	Chuck	
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Lemars, IA	July 24 -2012	Tuesday	12:00	Prime Bank	Zone 9	Marlowe	Ĺ
Suburban Sioux City,IA	July 24 -2012	Tuesday	5:15	Minerva's, Hamilton Blvd	Zone 10	Vernon	İ
Denison, IA	July 26 - 2012	Thursday	12:00	Cronk's Café	Zone 10	Vernon	
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Mapleton, IA	August 7 - 2012	Monday	5:30	Beef&Brew	Zone 10	Vernon	
Wagner, SD	August 8 - 2012	Wednesday	12:00	Rotary Building	Zone 6	Rebecca	L
Winner, SD	August 9 - 2012	Thursday	12:00	The Holiday House	Zone 6	Rebecca	ŀ
Sioux Falls, SD South	August 13 - 2012	Monday	5:15	CJ Calloways	Zone 8	Chuck	t
Luverne, MN	August 14 - 2012	Tuesday	12:00	Blue Mound Banquet Center	Zone 9	Marlowe	Ĺ
District Leadership	August 16 - 2012	Thursday	3:00	Sioux Falls Downtown Holiday II		District Leadershi	
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Sioux Falls - Downtown	August 20 - 2012	Monday	12:00	Holiday Inn	Zone 8	Chuck	Γ
Watertown, SD	August 23 -2012	Thursday	12:15	Ramkota	Zone 3	Waneen	Ĺ
Cherokee, IA	August 27 - 2012	Monday	12:00	Danny's Sports Bar	Zone 9	Marlowe	H
Brookings, SD	Sept 11 - 2012	Tuesday	12:00	Brookings Activity Center	Zone 4	Dave S	r
Scotland, SD	Sept 13 - 2012	Wednesday	12:00	Main Hideout or Rec Bar	Zone 7	Dave L	
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Canby, MN	October 4 - 2012	Thursday	12:00	P.K. Egan's Restaurant	Zone 5	Ted	l
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Tyndall, SD	October 8- 2012	Monday	12:00	Corral Restaurant	Zone 7	Dave L	
Canton, SD	October 9 - 2012	Tuesday	12:00	Pizza Ranch	Zone 8	Chuck	ŀ
Rock Valley, IA	October 15 - 2012	Monday	12:00	Cedar Rock Grill	Zone 9	Marlowe	l
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Mobridge, SD	October 22 -2012	Monday	12:00	Moose Lodge	Zone 2	Larry	
Rapid City Evening	October 22-2012	Monday	6:00	Murphies	Zone 1	Doug	
Rapid City - Rushmore	October 23-2012	Tuesday	7:00 AM	Howard Johnson Express	Zone 1	Doug	
Gregory	October 24 -2012	Wednesday	12:00	Stukel's Café	Zone 6	Rebecca	
Hot Springs, SD Rapid City, SD	October 25 -2012 October 25 -2012	Thursday Thursday	7:00 AM 11:45 AM	Dale's Radisson	Zone 1 Zone 1	Doug	l
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Huron, SD	Nov. 7 - 2012	Wednesday Thursday	12:00	Crossroads Hotel	Zone 4	Dave S	H
Gettysburg, SD	Nov. 8 - 2012	rnursday	12:00	Lucy's Bar & Grill	Zone 2	Larry	H
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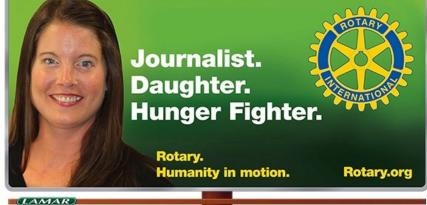


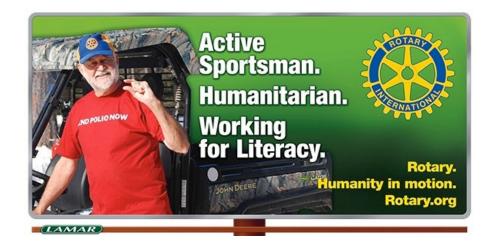
D5610 // Public Awareness

Rotary billboards in Black Hills! These four billboard faces will be placed in Rapid City, Sturgis, Hot Springs and Custer for all of October and perhaps longer. Thanks Pat Sutliff!









October is Vocational Service Month

October is Vocational Service Month. Many of you probably already do this and aren't even aware of it. Are you a banker that serves as the church treasurer? Are you a marketing executive helping a local non-profit organization spread its message? Then you are already performing vocational service.

Vocational Service is one of the five avenues of service. The definition from the RI website says:

"Vocational Service encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards."

Please review the Rotary Code of Conduct. This will serve as a wonderful guide in your journey of using your vocation to better your community and beyond.

Club Presidents: please send a small report of the percentage of your members that already engage in this sort of service. October is a great month for all of us to put this into action.

-Shelli Masek, Vocational Service Chair, Sioux Falls North

DGE and DGN at Zone Institute



DGE Nancy Moose and Roger were featured in the Zone newsletter being introduced to the attendees.

DGN Linda Peterson with RI President-Elect Ron Burton.

Leadership training, District Governor duties, managing a calendar of events, and project topics were the main ingredients.



Welcome District Executive Secretary — Laura Goettsch

DG Loren Boyens has confirmed Laura Goettsch as District Executive Secretary, beginning October 1, 2012. Laura has great strengths in organization and communication, public speaking, community service, and customer service. She has worked in Japan, Mexico, and Peru in various positions, and as a volunteer and student.

She states in her application: "I would task myself with being the primary building block that allows the District Governor to fulfill his or her annual goals while providing smooth yearly transitions between governors." She has an interest in Rotary International as she researched the position, saying, "I've enjoyed seeing the way my interests mirror a number of the organization's ideals and goals." She currently works with Brad Bonner, as part-time legal assistant. She resides in Denison, Iowa.

Laura Goettsch
District Executive Secretary
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