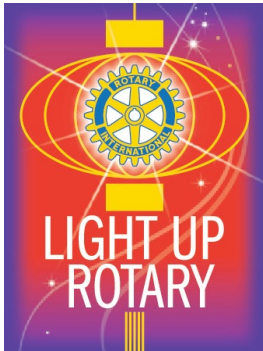


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District 5610//Gearing Up

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DG Report: Linda Peterson

I have been assisting Steve Sikorski preparing for this year's Leadership Training in April. I agree with Zone Membership Chair, David Norris, who states in the latest Zone news: We GET TO serve and learn, it is a privilege to be a ROTARIAN! There is much to learn about our great service organization. I hope to see every Club President, Secretary, Treasurer and Foundation chair in attendance! I hope to see every District Assistant Governor and Committee chair in attendance!

We need to change our perspective if we wish to grow our membership. Leadership in your club is what will grow your club, not just recruiting new members. To grow our Rotarians we have to grow ourselves. Show your leadership by making time to attend training and meeting your fellow Rotarians! We have much to do, much to learn, and much to celebrate! Read David Norris entire message on page 7.

It is time to get registered for PETS on the District website. Enjoy the company of Rotarians!

Log on, Lean in, and LIGHT UP ROTARY!



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The following leadership registration requested:

ROTARY DISTRICT 5610 PETS APRIL 9-11, 2015

Club Presidents-Elect Training-April 10-11

Club Secretaries/Treasurers Training-April 10-11

Club Foundation & Grants Training-April 11

Rotary Leadership Institute-April 9

District Leadership Q&A, Meeting & Dinner-April 9

District Assembly & Banquet-April 10

Highland Conference Center, Mitchell, SD

Registration is open at www.Rotary5610.org

Full Itinerary to be posted soon.

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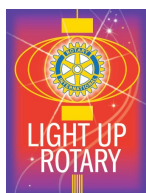
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District & Clubs Info Links

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Rotary's Six Areas of Focus // Grants Reports



Grants approved for 2014-15 District Designated Funding

We have six excellent new projects recently approved by the District Foundation Committee and funded from The Rotary Foundation's District Designated Fund. Details below. In addition, we have a Global Scholarship recipient, Emily Nachtigal, studying in Belgium. Dave Lorenz did an excellent job working through the application and all the nuts and bolts to get Emily on board and approved at TRF for her scholarship. We look forward to hearing about her studies and adventures in Belgium.

Several other global grants are being developed in the district – joining the Guatemala and Panama global grants with Vocational Training team members, funding Project C.U.R.E. in Haiti, a revised global grant in D3120 in India, and a project in Romania. As these projects are developed, look in this space for more information.

Here are the details on this year's District Grant projects:

Rapid City RC \$5,000 award: Educational programming at the Journey Museum & Learning Center. They are partnering with The Club for Boys and South Dakota GEAR UP as well as the Journey Museum. Rapid City

Rapid City Rushmore RC, \$2,500 award: Provide cows, rabbits and animal sheds for Nibakure Children's Village in Nyamata, Rwanda.

Sioux Falls South RC, \$5,000 award: Food packages for overseas and local backpack programs. They are partnering with Kids Against Hunger and have brought on several other Rotary Clubs to work with them.

Vermillion RC, \$2,000 award: Encourage new schools to participate in the South Dakota spelling bee. They are working with the University of South Dakota and would like other district clubs to participate with them.

District 5610 Foundation Committee, \$3,000 award: First annual Foundation and Grants Seminar and Awards Dinner.

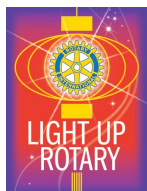
SDSM&T Rotaract Club, 2 grants: \$5000 for water project at Vocations for Orphans in Vicuna, Chile. \$3250 for a water project continuation at Ilboru Special Needs School in Miovo Ward, Arusha, Tanzania.

Mitchell Second Chance Interact Club: \$498.40 for science enrichment for Sixth graders at Science Saturday programs.

Rapid City Rushmore Interact Club: \$2400 for refrigerators at a residential home for poor children in Jamaica.

GRANT REPORTS ARE NOW DUE, contact Ina for assistance.

—Ina Winter, Grant Chair



D5610 District & Clubs Calendar // Deadlines // To Do

KEY: *blue* = RI and Zone

red = District

black = Club

July: RI year begins

RI president takes office

District Governor takes office, begins club visits

Club Presidents take office, Enter Goals on Club Central

Semi-annual Dues payable to Club, District, RI

District CAP & DDF grant applications deadline July 31

August: Membership & Extension

September: Basic Education & Literacy

Zone Institute, San Antonio, TX, Sept. 15-20, 2015

District Conference, Sioux Falls, Sept. 24-26, 2015

October: Economic & Community Development

End Polio Now World Day, October 24, 2014

discussion of Club projects and grants,

recognition of Club honors and citations, celebrations

District Grants Funds awarded

November: Rotary Foundation

IRS 990 filing due for Clubs and District

District Foundation & Grants, Membership, RLI Facilitator & Dinner, Nov. 1, 2014 Mitchell Highland Center

Delete/Add members on club membership with RI for accurate dues

December: Disease Prevention & Treatment

Send your Every Rotarian Every Year contribution to The Rotary Foundation for donation credit.

(see the District website for current events and registration for events as they open, on the calendar)



January: Vocational Service

RI International Assembly, San Diego 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 and District websites

February: Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution

RI anniversary February 23

RLI training

March: Water & Sanitation

RI grants reports deadline

District committee reports due for District Assembly,

Budget draft ready

RLI training

April: Maternal & Child Health

District Presidents-Elect Training, District Training & Assembly, April 9-11, 2015, Mitchell Highland Center

Agenda: training for all club officers, District AGs, committee chairs, transfer of duties and information to DG-Elect and committee chairs

graduation ceremonies for RLI participants

District committee chairs plan of projects due,

AGs reports due, all expense receipts due

Club Presidential Citation applications due to RI

May: Youth Service

District-wide Rotary Serves! Week

Club project/grant reports due to TRF, District reports due

Delete/Add members on club membership with RI for accurate dues

June: Rotary Fellowship

RI International Conferences:

6/6-9/2015 Sao Paulo, Brazil;

5/29-6/1/2016 Seoul, Korea;

6/10-14/2017 Atlanta, Georgia

CAP grant, District grant reports closed

and TRF global grant applications/reports due

Club MOUs due for next year

Clubs' Goals Update on Club Central



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THE THEME FOR 2015-16 HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED!

PETS REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Club Leaders: put the dates of Thursday thru Saturday, April 9-10-11 on your calendar. All **Presidents-elect** are required to attend training, held in Mitchell, SD. Additional training for **Secretaries and Treasurers** will be offered on Saturday. ALL current and incoming club officers are requested to attend, to learn all the new online data entry and website practices. Some fun and informative new activities are planned. And we have extended the length to be able to cover all things Rotary adequately. **THIS IS THE YEAR TO BE THERE!**

Grants training will be offered on Saturday for all **Presidents-elect, Foundation and Grants chairs**. You must participate in this training to be qualified to apply for grants, each year.

Registration will be online at the District website www.Rotary5610.org There is no cost for Rotarians, except for your travel and hotel room. Meals and sessions are offered at NO COST.

Fellow District 5610 Rotarians:

I've just completed the most rewarding experience I've ever had as a Rotarian - the 2015 International Assembly in San Diego. All 534 incoming District Governors from all over the world gather each January to meet with the Rotary International incoming president and Board of Directors. We learned the new theme for 2015-2016, "Be a Gift to the World" from incoming RI President K. R. "Ravi" Ravindran. President Ravi has asked all Rotarians to use their talents, expertise and leadership to transform the lives of others not as fortunate.

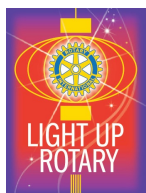
Just being in a room in general and breakout sessions with incoming District Governors of different cultures from some 100 countries is so stimulating. To hear what they are doing in their Districts in far away places to change the lives of the less fortunate makes me want to do the same with our District assets. Hopefully in the year ahead we will truly "Be a Gift to the World."

Remember PETS training coming up in Mitchell April 9-11. Please enter all new Club officers on the www.Rotary5610.org website if you haven't already done so. We will be having special training for secretaries and treasurers in addition to the training for incoming presidents and District officers. We look forward to seeing you at this important District meeting.

Thanks Rotarians for all you do. Looking forward to being your governor during the next Rotary year.
—Steve Sikorski, District Governor Elect 2015-16

CLUB BOARD MEMBERS POSTING DUE NOW!

All **board members** should now be posted on the District website and the RI website for your club. We **MUST HAVE** your club officers emails online to be able to send information. In addition, update your personal profile with a photo, phone and email, to facilitate communications.



D5610 News // Club News & Events

This space is for Rotary Clubs to celebrate important events with the District-wide Rotary membership. Please submit stories and photos by the third week of every month. 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. <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryDistrict5610>

Fifth Annual Rushmore Rotary Tikes & Bikes Poker Run will take place on Sunday, July 26 at Black Hills Harley-Davidson. Registration opens at 9:00 a.m. Whether on bikes, trikes, cars, trucks, join in the fun, experience the Black Hills, support youth and a chance to win great prizes. Proceeds from the event will benefit Literacy Council of the Black Hills to benefit area adults and adolescents in reading, writing, speaking, and understanding English. The cost of the event is \$25 per hand and \$20 for additional hands. Pre-register online at: www.tikesandbikes.org. **\$600 in cash prizes** with a 50/50 raffle. Awards will be presented at BH Harley Davidson at 4:30pm. Need not be present to win.

Spring Thaw Pub Crawl begins Saturday, May at 3 PM downtown Rapid City. Tickets are \$25 and available from the Rapid City Evening Club. The funds go to PolioPlus. Contact Angela Curry at 605-877-4577.

Custer Rotary Club Wine Tasting and Raffle, April 17 at Crazy Horse Memorial.

Book Drive Rolls On! Norm Peterson from Rapid City Rotary has received another shipment of books from the Sibley, Sioux Falls, and other points east, tallying 41 cartons! Thanks to Steve Harrington and Sandra Christenson for arranging the shipment through Heartland Paper. Distributions to date are:

Journey Museum: 3 cartons

Lakota Homes community room library: 18 cartons

Cornerstone Mission: 3 cartons

Pine Ridge Sacred Heart Mission library: 11 cartons

Readiatrics for SD Public Health clinics distribution: 69 cartons



Rotary Leadership Institute AT PETS!

A new dimension has been added to the PETS conference this year. For the first time, RLI courses will be held in conjunction with the other facets of training for club leadership. The training will be held on April 9, prior to the PETS conference, and will enable Rotarians to get started, or possibly complete their Rotary Leadership Institute training program.

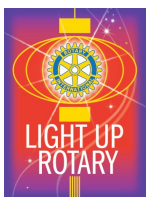
RLI training will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 9 in the Highlands Conference Center, Mitchell, South Dakota and will conclude by 4:00 p.m. Cost for the course is \$35, which includes course materials, refreshments, and lunch. If three members of one club attend, cost for all three is \$100. Clubs are encouraged to pay the cost of member attendance, as it is an investment by and for the club.

Who should attend? Future club leaders, persons who want to complete their RLI course work, club officers who want to add to their Rotary experience, or curious individuals who wonder what all the RLI buzz is about.

How do I register? Respond to me, Larry Lyngstad at: lglyngstad@mncomm.com. Include the following information; name, club name, course for which you are registering; RLI II or RLI III. Please reply by April 1 if you plan to attend. You can download the registration for on the District website. Mailing address is 28894 Meadow St., Pierre, SD 57501.

RLI graduates will be honored at the Friday evening banquet, April 10. Be sure to attend! Invest in yourself, invest in your club, invest in Rotary. The dividends are priceless.

—Larry Lyngstad, District RLI Chair

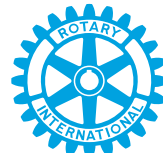


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Rotary Sponsored Club



Current Rotaract and Interact Clubs

We need to build up the database for our District Rotaract and Interact clubs. The following list needs sponsor clubs and liaison contacts added. Please help get this information more robust! Contact Ella Shafer, District Administrator, to give us your clubs' liaisons' names and email.

Rotaract Clubs & sponsoring club:

SDSM&T Rotaract, Rapid City-Rushmore & Rapid City clubs, Darrell Sawyer, Advisor
SDSU Rotaract, Brookings club, Brad Blaha, Advisor

Interact Clubs & sponsoring club:

Roosevelt high school, Sioux Falls, SD
New Technology high school, Sioux Falls, SD
Canton high school, Canton, SD
Denison high school, Denison, IA Brad Bonner, Advisor
Wolsey high school, Huron RC, SD
2nd chance alternative high school, Mitchell, SD
St. Thomas More high school, Rapid City-Rushmore RC, SD

RYLA RESOURCES NEAR OUR DISTRICT

Rocky Mountain RYLA 2015 (Colorado) <http://www.rmryla.org/> Any high school sophomore or junior may apply to attend RYLA. Generally, applicants selected have excelled in one or more areas of high school involvement and have potential or proven leadership experience. **Applicants MUST be able to stay for all 5 days of the conference!** Starting in 2015, we now run TWO RYLA Conferences for 200 each (400 total). Please pay close attention to the dates and days of the week when they start and finish!
RYLA 1: Sunday, July 19 - Friday, July 24, 2015. RYLA 2: SATURDAY, July 25 - THURSDAY, July 30, 2015.

The Young RYLA Camps for 120 participants each (240 total) will be held at the [Pondorosa Retreat & Conference Center](#) in Larkspur, Colorado. Any current 7th grader may apply.

Young RYLA Camp 1 will be from Sunday, July 26 - Friday, July 31, 2015. Young RYLA Camp 2 will be from Sunday, August 2 - Friday, August 7, 2015. Click on the About Young RYLA link toward the upper left corner to start your application!

RYLA Great Plains 2015 (Nebraska) <http://www.greatplainsryla.org/> July 19-24, 2015 Register deadline is February 28.

District 5580 RYLA 2015 (Minnesota) <http://www.district5580ryla.org/> July 12 - 18, 2015 Crookston, MN. Application by May 15.

District 6250 RYLA 2015 (Wisconsin) <http://www.rotary6250.org/RYLA> May 8-10, 2015 Wisconsin Dells, WS

RYLA North America 2015 (Washington D.C.) <http://rylanad7620.rylanorthamerica.com/> The RYLA North America 2015 Program is an intense leadership training program that is designed to recognize, encourage, and further develop the leadership skills of 18-30 year old who have shown a potential for rendering important service to their local communities. The conference will be in Washington, DC, USA and will be from Tuesday, July 21, 2015 and will end on Sunday, July 26, 2015. All Rotaractors, and non-Rotaractors, RYLA alumni, former Youth Study Exchange, former Group Study Exchange alumni, former Ambassadorial Scholar alumni, former Interactors and former Peace Scholars between the ages of 18-30 can participate in this conference.

—Hakeem Nizar, SDSM&T Rotaract Club of Rapid City, District 5610 RYLA Chair 2014-2015, 605 430 7835

ATTENTION: e-Rotary Club forming!

District 5610 is forming an e-club and hope that some of you might know potential members who would be interested in belonging to an on-line Rotary Club. We would appreciate this information as soon as possible. Please have them contact: Brad Bonner brad@bonnerphotographic.com, bradbonner@bradbonner.com or

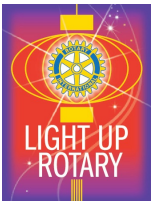
Amanda Sutliff amandadevriessutliff@gmail.com

To learn more about e-clubs, visit <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/learning-reference/learn-topic/e-clubs>

District Calendar, Newsletter and Website needs your stories and events!

Please send your club events/notices to Linda Peterson, for listing on the newsletter and website event listing!
Also, Assistant Governors and District Committee chairs may write their reports and send in for timely inclusion in the newsletter.

—Linda Peterson, Newsletter Editor // linda4rotary@me.com



Membership needs Leadership

Some thoughts by Zone Membership Coordinator, David Norris

Rotary does not have a membership problem. Rotary has a leadership problem.

If that statement struck a nerve or offended you, relax! It's OK. I use such strong words only because I believe so strongly in leadership development and because leadership is one of the core values of Rotary, I want to call all of us, and challenge each of us, to raise the level of awareness of our own individual leadership ability and potential and seek to grow into that potential.

In John C Maxwell's book the "21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership" Law #2 is the Law of Influence which states that leadership is influence, nothing less, nothing more, and everything rises and falls on leadership....including Rotary membership numbers.

It's not the economy. It's not Congress. It's not shrinking populations. It's not the competition. It's not even a lack of money or time. These are conditions and circumstances. I do not deny their existence; however I do not agree with them because they are just excuses. I see them as opportunities to serve. To engage that opportunity to serve calls not only for a change in our attitude and our approach as is called for in District Membership Business Plans, this opportunity to serve calls for a change in our perspective because perspective is the only thing in the world that can radically transform the results we get without altering a single element of our environment. We "get to" versus We "have to."

So rather than saying we **have** to increase our membership, as we have done in the past, we **get** to increase our membership and we **get** to improve our retention, while at the same time finding communities to serve and needs to fill locally and worldwide. The sole act of saying it differently puts a new and more inspiring perspective on the subject. We go from drudgery to excitement with a simple change in perspective exemplified simply by how we say something and going forward to lead and influence others.

And it gets even better....we get to do it now instead of later, because what is not started today will never be finished tomorrow. As a Rotary friend once admonished....**Get up! Get Busy! It's later than it's ever been before.**

Why today? Why now? There is no time like the present because if we truly believe Rotary is the greatest humanitarian organization in the world and if we truly believe that we belong to a remarkable organization that believes the best in each other, wants the best for each other, and expects the best from each other and we want to share that with other like-minded people in all the communities in our District, then the time is now because the need is great and Rotary Leaders know the way, show the way, and go the way. Anyone can steer the ship. It takes a leader to chart the course.

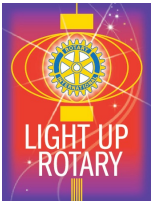
Rotary Leaders also know that activity is not accomplishment. We have had a lot of wonderful activity and our paired Zones' numbers were up however the numbers have slipped backwards, some of which was expected.

It is now time for Rotary Leaders to put on the uniform and get in the game. It is time to go to our Rotary Clubs and bring them from where they are, not from where we are, and to help them chart and navigate this course and help them build remarkable Rotary Clubs that believes the best in each other, wants the best for each other, and expects the best from each other and wants the same for their community.

We have the recipe. However, we need one more ingredient and it is the real challenge. In my years in the banking business and in helping grow my bank, one thing above all things was very obvious. If I wanted to grow my bank, I had to grow my people. If I wanted to grow my people, I had to grow myself and the same applies to growing Rotary.

To grow our Rotary Club membership, we have to grow our Rotarians and to grow our Rotarians, we have to grow ourselves. Thomas Edison said it best when he said if we all did the things we are truly capable of doing we would literally astound ourselves.

To help grow Rotary, grow yourself first. Let's be remarkable. Live today well!



The School of St. Jude

FIGHTING POVERTY THROUGH EDUCATION

School of St. Jude Support Project

A number of Rotarians and clubs in our District already support the School for St. Jude in Tanzania. We have had personal visits to our District from Gemma, who started the school. If you do support, thank you!

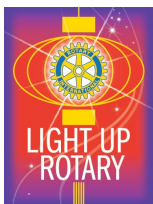
For those who would like to provide support, but do not have the resources for the full donation, here is a new option being proposed.

PROPOSAL: To best serve clubs who want to contribute to the School of St. Jude project, a separate district account would be opened so that all interested clubs can donate to The School of St. Jude by sending their checks to this account. It would only take \$100 to \$200 (more would be great if the club wishes) to get involved and when the total reaches \$1500 we would send it to The School of St. Jude to **sponsor a child and a teacher**. This would be an annual commitment as the child needs to be sponsored every year. The sponsorship for the student includes uniforms, shoes, food, clean water, transportation to and from school, school supplies and a high quality education. In the upper grades it also includes boarding as fourth grade through eighth board at the school during the week and from ninth grade on the students board at the school for the whole semester. For the teacher it provides classroom supplies.

REASONS FOR PROPOSAL: The School of St. Jude needs sponsors for the children that they are educating. Many clubs in our district could use an easy way to get involved in an international project and this project will give them lots of feedback from the school and the student to truly show them that they are helping to change the world. The students write letters to their sponsors twice a year and their grade reports are also sent to the sponsor. Also if the student wins an award the sponsor is sent a picture of the student and a description of the award.

For more background on the School of St. Jude, please go to <http://www.schoolofstjude.org>. To hear from one of the students at St. Jude, please go to http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_0_ctkybKw4 (Meet Juliana).

For more information please contact PDGs: Pat Sutliff pmsutliff@gmail.com or Nancy Moose nancy.moose@dsu.edu.



D5610 News // District Raffle Info

Rotary District 5610 Foundation Raffle

The Foundation raffle is only a few days away, so there is still time to sell those remaining tickets! Please bring all sold ticket stubs, complete with name, phone number, and club name, to the upcoming PETS Conference in Mitchell. If your club donated a raffle prize, please bring that with you also. Remember, no money is turned in at PETS. All raffle proceeds, which go to the Rotary Foundation, should be sent directly to the Foundation from your club, using the Multiple Donor Form. If you need more tickets or copies of the form, or if you have any questions about the raffle, please contact Joe Mauss, this year's Raffle Chair, at (605)610-5035. Thank you for your hard work on the raffle sales!

If any questions, please contact *Joe Mauss* joe_mauss@mmi.net or *Mark Barry* mbarry@dieselmachinery.com —*District Raffle Co-Chairs*

Raffle Rules:

1. Clubs will be required to send the money directly to the Foundation, just as they do with any other Foundation donations. A form will be provided for you to turn in with your tickets, documenting how much was sent to the Foundation on behalf of each raffle ticket holder.
2. Raffle ticket purchases are not tax deductible. If a member wishes for their Foundation donation to be tax deductible, they cannot be given any raffle tickets in return for their donation. (This is due to IRS rules not allowing tax deductions for purchases in which there is a chance of winning a prize.)
3. Tickets are \$10 each. Tickets will be awarded for Foundation donations in the increment of 1 ticket for every \$10 in donation. For example, if a member donated \$100 to the Foundation, and does not plan on taking the tax deduction for charitable giving, they will be awarded 10 raffle tickets.
4. Only Foundation donations from the current fiscal year can be applied to this year's raffle. Donations prior to July 1, 2014 cannot be applied to this year's raffle.
5. Credit will be given toward Paul Harris Fellow status of the Rotarian selling the ticket for tickets sold to people outside of Rotary.
6. Raffle tickets can be awarded for individual Foundation donations only, not for Club donations.
7. All clubs in District 5610 are asked and encouraged to donate a prize for the raffle. Prizes with a local connection are very nice, but cash and gift cards are also welcome.
8. Tickets are due back at the District PETS conference in April.
9. All prizes will be drawn and awarded at the PETS conference.
10. Names of prize winners will be published in the May District 5610 Newsletter.

Current Polio Progress

The effort to eradicate polio has made remarkable progress this year. There has not been a case in the entire continent of Africa since July 28, 2014. Nigeria, that difficult hot bed of polio that had then been spreading polio across Africa, has not had a case since July 24, 2014. The countries still reporting cases are Pakistan and Afghanistan. In Afghanistan the polio is coming over the border from the ungovernable areas of Pakistan.

The Emergency called by the World Health Organization limiting travel in and out of Pakistan unless children have had a polio immunization seems to be very effective. The government forces also are making progress in controlling the areas where our immunizing women workers were killed. The government of Pakistan is cooperating and working very hard to make their country polio free.

The number of cases world wide is down to 21 compared to 47 for the year to date in 2014. 20 of the cases are from Pakistan with 1 from Afghanistan. So basically we have one country to concentrate our efforts. But this can change quickly as polio remains only a plane ride away.

Our District continues to support Polio Plus having given \$69,328 so far this year. This works out to \$35.81 per member, so we are close to the \$40 goal per member to raise by July. BUT 12 CLUBS HAVE GIVEN NOTHING. I hope all clubs will participate as we are so close and it is helping so many children across the world. We have saved over 10 million children from paralysis. Remember every dollar donated to polio Plus is matched by the Gates Foundation 2 to 1.

— Willis Sutliff MD, District PolioPlus Chair

**END
POLIO
NOW**

MAKE HISTORY TODAY

From 2013 to 2018, every US\$1 Rotary commits to WHO and UNICEF in direct support for polio immunization will be **tripled** (up to US\$35 million per year) by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

**YOUR
DONATION**
US\$25

+

**BILL & MELINDA
GATES FOUNDATION**
US\$50

**TOTAL
CONTRIBUTION**
US\$75

150
VESTS FOR
VOLUNTEERS



75
VACCINE
CARRIERS



600
PURPLE FINGER
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DONATE ➞ [ROTARY.ORG/CONTRIBUTE](https://www.rotary.org/contribute)

LEARN ➞ [ENDPOLIONOW.ORG](https://endpolionow.org)

**Make Your Polio Plus
Donations!**
 Use your Rotary website
 member access,
 sign in, go to
 The Rotary Foundation,
 choose GIVE,
 pick the appropriate plan,
 do it in 5 easy steps!
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The Foundation Commitment

The end of the Rotary year is fast approaching. You know what that means? It means it's time to be finalizing your grants for the coming year. If you have any questions on what's involved, contact me or Ina Winter sakura41@aol.com. This is an opportunity to do good in your community or around the world. There are many worthwhile projects out there that can be helped with matching money from the District or the World Fund. One of the great things about being a Rotarian is the chance to do good in the world. How will you do that? How will you be the change in the world? It begins with you!!

Getting close to the end of the fiscal year also means it's time to make your contribution to the Foundation. Rotary asks that every Rotarian contribute at least \$100 per year. Are you doing your part? There are many generous Rotarians in our District that do more than their fair share. Is it too much to ask to give \$100 to help save the world? Make the commitment and do it now. Don't wait till next week. Log on to rotary.org, sign in to your account and do it online. Have it charged to your credit card and you're done. Very easy and you have made a contribution that will change at least two lives. Someone you may never meet--and you!

—Bruce Nearhood, District Foundation Chair

Foundation Recognition Points

Foundation recognition points are awarded to donors (clubs or individual Rotarians) who contribute to The Rotary Foundation through the Annual Programs Fund or PolioPlus, or as a sponsor portion to a Foundation grant. Donors receive one Foundation recognition point for every U.S. dollar contributed to these funds. Contributions to the Permanent Fund are not eligible.

You may check your own status by logging into MyRotary and looking at your donor history. Donors can extend Foundation recognition points to others to help them become or to name them as a Paul Harris Fellow or Multiple Paul Harris Fellow. Foundation recognition points belong to the original donor until the donor's death, or until the donor uses the points (the surviving spouse of a Major Donor may also use the points).

Foundation recognition points may be used for:

- Paul Harris Fellow (for individuals)
- Certificate of Appreciation (for company/organization)
- Multiple PHF
- help your club reach or even surpass its Annual Programs Fund (APF) goal,
- as well as achieve 100% Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

They may also be awarded posthumously.

For more information, log in to Rotary.org and consult the Foundation Reference guide.

Make Your Rotary Foundation Donations NOW!

Use your Rotary website member access, sign in, go to The Rotary Foundation, choose "Give Now", pick your appropriate plan, do it in 5 easy steps.

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Grants for Rotary Year 2015-2016 Are Open!

Now is the time to start putting your grant application together for the year 2015-2016. We are accepting applications from now until the deadline of July 31, 2015 for District and Community Assistance Program (CAP) grants. The Foundation Committee will meet in September to review applications and produce the district's spending plan – which is the mechanism to receive funding from The Rotary Foundation (TRF). Shortly afterward, grant awards will be made for RY2015-2016.

Be sure to get your club qualified by having a member (two or more is better) attend grant training at PETS in Mitchell. Training is required every year; so don't rely on past attendees to qualify. The other two requirements are signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and being current with IRS reporting on some version of Form 990. Additionally, if your club has an open grant, you must be current on reporting.

Grants training this year will be on Saturday, April 11th from 8:30 to 10:30am at the Highland Convention Center in Mitchell. There is no charge to attend training. It is best if the club member(s) writing the grant and managing the project is trained.

MOUs are signed by the club's President and President Elect and will be available at PETS. You can also print a copy from the District 5610 website, get it signed and bring to PETS or mail to the Grants Committee Chair.

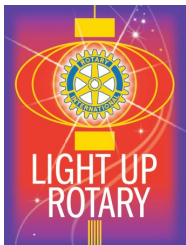
Your club Treasurer will be able to provide a copy of the club's current IRS Form 990 receipt. We do not need a copy of the filing, just proof that the club is current.

Finally, if you have a grant in progress, you must be current on reporting for that grant. Reports are due March 31 and September 30 for all open grants.

Global grants are not subject to the deadlines aforementioned. They can be rolled out anytime throughout the year. Applying for global grants is more rigorous and your club will need to coordinate with the District Foundation Committee if you are seeking matching funding from the District's Share of TRF funding.

Our goal is to award all the available funding to District and CAP grants this year. So, whether your project is large or small get your grant-writing pen out and submit an application. Let's be a *Gift to the World* by funding projects in your community through the District 5610 grants program!

—*Ina Winter, District Grants Chair*



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Make plans to attend São Paulo Rotary International Convention, June 6-9!

<http://www.riconvention.org/en/2014/Pages/saopaulo2015.aspx>

HOTELS ARE FILLING FAST, CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR YOUR CHOICE!

GET YOUR REGISTRATIONS IN NOW!

Rotary Monthly Observances

Rotary has just changed our monthly observances to designate eight special focal points during the calendar year reflecting the Six Areas of Focus, with August remaining Membership and November remaining Foundation:

September: Basic Education and Literacy

October: Economic and Community Development

December: Disease Prevention and Treatment

January: Vocational Service

February: Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution

March: Water and Sanitation

April: Maternal and Child Health

May: Youth Services



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AN IMPORTANT NOTE FROM ROTARY RESEARCH

Through more than 30 surveys each year, Rotary invites Rotarians and other Rotary family members to provide feedback on important topics. Unfortunately, we receive a large number of "bouncebacks" on our invitation emails due to invalid or outdated email addresses. As we begin our new 2014-15 Rotary year, please encourage your fellow Rotarians to check and update their email addresses on www.rotary.org.

(Editor's Note) When using the District website to email out communications to all the District membership which is integrated from Rotary.org, with almost 2000 members, only 1400 are reached with email. Now is the time to update your membership with a correct email address!
