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## DG Report: Linda Peterson

The month of December honors the Rotary Family. This is a wonderful season to celebrate the holidays, enjoy the family gatherings, and to **LIGHT UP ROTARY**! Many clubs have wonderful traditions to host special events for their members and families with holiday parties and dinners. Even more clubs have community activities and participate in service projects, such as Salvation Army bellringing, food drives, toy and gift drives for needy families, and more—the list is long! In the spirit of Thanksgiving and Christmas, I thank ALL OF YOU for your contributions of time, talent and treasure to your communities, and for honoring the Family of Rotary!

This newsletter reports on a whole host of activities in our Rotary world. Please read, and take action. Especially begin to recruit members to attend the RLI sessions in your areas. Larry Lyngstad, RLI Chair, and the Assistant Governors have worked diligently to setup convenient sites and dates to offer this leadership training. It is terrific Rotary orientation for new members, excellent background for incoming club officers, and worthwhile general leadership skills for all members. The schedule will be complete by mid-December.

Note the story on #Giving Tuesday, December 2. Let's make The Rotary Foundation our charity of choice this year in our District! After all, it has a four-star rating by Charity Navigator, one of THE BEST in the world!

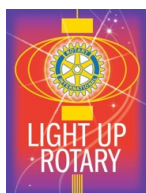
I want every Rotarian to **LIGHT UP ROTARY** with their actions and voices. Let's tell the communities that Rotary is here, and ready to take action!



***Log on, Lean in, and LIGHT UP ROTARY!***

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[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

### 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.

The India Sewing Machine project is now in process for a global grant with the participation of several clubs and members throughout the district.

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, and a project in Romania. As these projects are developed, look in this space for more information.

Here are the details on the new 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.

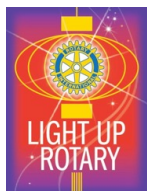
**Sioux Falls South RC, \$5,000 award:** Food packages for overseas and local backpack programs. They are partnering with Kids Against Hunger and have brought on several other Rotary Clubs to work with them.

**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.

**District 5610 FC, \$10,000 award:** First challenge grant match from District 5610 to the district's Rotaract and Interact clubs to get engaged with new and existing projects. More elsewhere in this newsletter.

—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

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

District CAP & DDF grant applications deadline

## **August:** Membership and Extension

## **September:** New Generations

Zone training & assembly, Denver, Sept. 9-14, 2014,

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

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

## **October:** Vocational Service

District Conference, Rapid City, Oct. 2-4, 2014

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:** Family time

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:** Rotary Awareness

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 member access

## **February:** World Understanding, RI anniversary 2/23

RLI training

## **March:** Literacy

RI grants reports deadline

District committee reports due for District Assembly,  
Budget draft ready

RLI training

## **April:** Rotary Magazine

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:**

**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

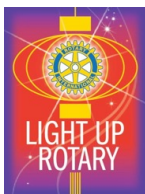
**CAP grant, District grant reports closed**

and TRF global grant applications/reports due

Club MOUs due for next year

Clubs' Strategic Plan due on Club Central





## D5610 // 2014 DG Club Visits

### Club Visits in November

Norm and I have visited or met with members of all 44 clubs in District 5610! What a privilege it is to serve Rotary in this capacity! I feel our clubs provide the Rotary experience to our members and Rotary service to our communities, to the best of our abilities.

Another bonus was to travel with several Assistant Governors, such as George Breidenbach from Mitchell, on a number of club visits. What a great team of Assistant Governors we have in our District!

I know I mentioned this in last month's column, but again, look at the corn harvest we have ongoing in South Dakota! Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

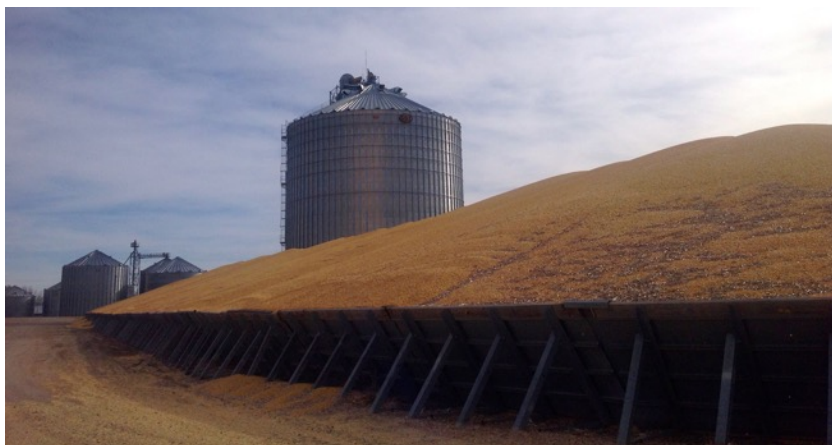


*Above: AG George Breidenbach, Mary Kidwiler, President of Brookings club, DG Linda Peterson pose after a club meeting.*

*Left: Brookings.*

*Bottom Left: Madison board meeting.*

*Bottom: piles of corn near Clark.*



### Norm's Notations: *First Dude & Logistics Engineer to the DG // Records for Oct.-Nov., 2014*

**Clubs Visited:** 4 in late October, 2 in November

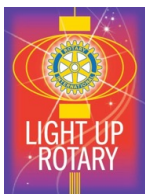
**Number of Attendees:** 157 club members

**Best Chicken served:** Maverick's at Aberdeen club meeting

**Miles:** 11,000 total miles since July

Did you know: When you get off the interstate and drive the local roads, you meet all kinds of farm equipment, and a house moving down the road near Madison!





## D5610 News // Important Notices!

### **CLUBS MUST FILE FOR IRS 990 STATUS BY NOVEMBER 30 TO MAINTAIN NON-PROFIT STATUS!**

#### **Automatic revocation for non-filing for three consecutive years**

The law requires most tax-exempt organizations, other than churches, to file an annual Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF with the IRS, or to submit a Form 990-N e-Postcard to the IRS. If an organization fails to file an annual return or submit a notice as required for three consecutive years, it will automatically lose its tax-exempt status. Organizations that lose their tax-exempt status may need to file income tax returns and pay income tax, but may apply for reinstatement of exemption. For details, go to [www.irs.gov/eo](http://www.irs.gov/eo)

#### **Club Finances and Dues revised from RI**

RI bills each Rotary club for per capita dues and required subscriptions to The Rotarian or a Rotary regional magazine (where applicable) twice per year. Council on Legislation charges and other fees are billed annually in July. All assessments are included in the same billing. The club dues invoice (new as of 1 January 2015) is created from the membership information your club has submitted to RI by 1 January or 1 July. Clubs no longer need to make calculations or adjustments to their paperwork.

#### **HOW DOES IT AFFECT ME?**

The biggest change for club officers is that it will be even more important to keep your club's membership information current in Rotary's database. The accuracy of your invoice will depend on the accuracy of that information. Club secretaries are responsible for updating member lists every 30 days or as changes occur, by 1 July and 1 January at the very latest. They are also responsible for reporting incoming club officers by 1 February of each year.

Club presidents must ensure that their secretaries provide a current club member list to RI by 1 January and 1 July of each year. Once your club invoice is generated, adjustments to the balance can no longer be made. Clubs with unpaid RI dues of \$250 or more will be terminated 4 months after the 1 July and 1 January invoice dates (Previously, clubs had 6 months to pay their invoice).

#### **WHAT CAN I DO TO GET READY?**

Make sure you have a [Rotary.org](http://Rotary.org) account. Help other officers [create](#) one if they don't already have one. Contact your [Club and District Support representative](#) or [local Rotary office](#) for support.

Learn how to [update your member lists](#) and pay club invoices through [Rotary.org](#).

[How to add a member](#)   [How to edit member information](#)   [How to remove a member](#)

[How to Pay Your Invoice](#)   [How to Add an Officer](#)

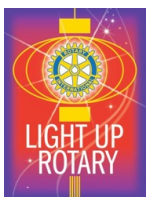
Make sure your club secretary is prepared to update membership lists as changes occur and by 1 January and 1 July. Learn more at [www.rotary.org/clubinvoice](http://www.rotary.org/clubinvoice).

### **Youth Exchange Committee opens more positions**

Sandra Christenson explained the need for more committee members carrying out the Youth Exchange process: Outbound Coordinator, Communications Coordinator on eastern part of District, Transportation Coordinator. Contact Sandra for more information.

### **Club Extension encouraged through Satellite clubs and champions**

Loren Boyens wants champions to establish outreach clubs in growth areas of our district, such as Worthington, Brandon, Sioux Center, and Sturgis. Satellite clubs are a great way to extend membership to people who need an alternate time/place to meet. See the article online.



## D5610 Youth News // Rotaract, Interact



### 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

These are some of the RYLA events around our District that Interactors and Rotaractors from our communities could attend!

**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 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 are can participate in this conference.

**RYLA Great Plains 2015 (Nebraska)** <http://www.greatplainsryla.org/>

Dates haven't been updated yet for 2015 conference! Please check the website for updates.

**District 5580 RYLA 2015** <http://www.district5580ryla.org/>

2015 July 12 - 18, Location haven't been updated yet. Please check the website for updates.

**District 6250 RYLA 2015 (Wisconsin)** <http://www.rotary6250.org/RYLA>

Dates haven't been updated yet for 2015 conference! Please check the website for updates.

—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](mailto:brad@bonnerphotographic.com), [bradbonner@bradbonner.com](mailto:bradbonner@bradbonner.com) or

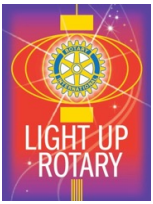
Amanda Sutliff [amandadeviessutliff@gmail.com](mailto:amandadeviessutliff@gmail.com)

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](mailto:linda4rotary@me.com)





### New Member Information Programs

*Visit the District Website for Zone Links to all the speakers! Download and listen! These presentations were very inspiring! Download the Zone Membership Plan for more great ideas!*

### RLI is coming - sooner than you think!

Assistant Governors throughout District 5610 have begun planning for the 2015 edition of the Rotary Leadership Institute. Several courses have been planned and others are in process.



Courses currently scheduled are:

RLI I in **Pierre** on December 6, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 123 N. Highland Ave. RLI I in **Winner** on January 17. RLI II in **Pierre** on February 20, and RLI III in **Winner** on March 27. Times and location will be announced later.

**Sioux Falls** is planning RLI I on January 9 at 4:30 p.m., RLI II on January 10 at 8:30 a.m. and RLI III on January 31 at 8:30 a.m.

**Lemars:** RLI I: Saturday February 7th, RLI II: Saturday, February 14, RLI III: Saturday, February 21, with RLI makeup Saturday, February 28 (this day is reserved if any of the other course dates are snowed out).

A more extensive list with additional information will be included in the next edition of the district newsletter.

Eleven Rotarians attended Facilitator training on November one in Mitchell, bringing the total number of active facilitators to over 30. Approximately 100 Rotarians have graduated from the RLI program since its inception. If you are interested in being a part of the program, contact your club president for information, or log on to [rmrli.org](http://rmrli.org), contact [lglyngstad@mncomm.com](mailto:lglyngstad@mncomm.com), or text me at 605 280-3119.

—Larry Lyngstad, District RLI Coordinator

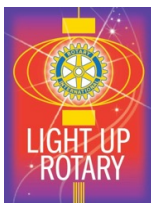
### Important information about changes to the 2014-15 Presidential Citation

RI President Gary C.K. Huang has made a few changes to the “Light Up the Family of Rotary” section of the citation to make these goals more attainable for clubs. The specific changes are as follows:

- For the “Best Class” Club President’s Challenge, points will be earned if either the club president or club president-elect registers to attend the São Paulo convention.
- Points can be earned if the club sponsors a new Rotaract club or Interact club or if it continues to sponsor one of these groups.
- Points can also be earned if the club sponsors a new Rotary Community Corps or if it continues to sponsor an RCC.
- Clubs only need to score a minimum of 30 points in this section of the citation, instead of 40 as originally written.

The updated 2014-15 Presidential Citation form is available on the RI website.

As a reminder, club presidents should submit their clubs’ completed forms to their district governors no later than 31 March 2015. Please do not send your forms to RI, as they will not be processed. District governors will have the ability to report the names of their districts’ qualifying clubs online through My Rotary between 1 March and 15 April 2015. We will provide detailed instructions to district governors as we draw closer to 1 March.



## D5610 News // 4 Way Test Essay Contest // PH Society



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. <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryDistrict5610>

### It's 4 Way Test Essay Contest time again!

This contest is a great way to share our Rotary values with young people and a perfect way to get our name out in our communities. The contest is conducted with 6th graders and we request that they write a 200 to 500 word essay on **"How I can use the 4 Way Test in my life."** Each club chooses their winners and submits first place to the District 5610 Contest where a district wide winner, 2nd place and 3rd place will be chosen. District entries must be to Pat Sutliff at [pmsutliff@gmail.com](mailto:pmsutliff@gmail.com) by March 15, 2015 and the district winners will be announced at PETS in April. Forms and information about contest specifics can be found on our District 5610 website [www.Rotary5610.org](http://www.Rotary5610.org)

(*Ed. Note:* Reminder to book Wimoweh, the District Lion for attention grabbing songs when you visit the schools! See the District website download section for booking info.)

### 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.

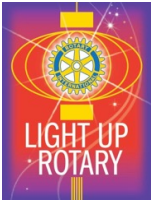
**REASONS FOR PROPOSAL:** The School of St. Jude needs sponsors for the children that they are educating. Many clubs in our district could use an easy way to get involved in an international project and this project will give them lots of feedback from the school and the student to truly show them that 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](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_0_ctkybKw4) (Meet Juliana).

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



**The School of St. Jude**  
FIGHTING POVERTY THROUGH EDUCATION





## D5610 News // District Raffle Info

### Rotary District 5610 Foundation Raffle

We will once again be holding a raffle to raise funds for the Rotary Foundation. It is our hope that every club in the District will donate a prize for the raffle drawing and will promote the raffle to club members. In the past we have raised several thousand dollars for the Foundation and, in the process, we have been able to award some fabulous prizes to our members. Two main changes that were implemented starting with last year's raffle that will continue this year are:

1. We are asking clubs to send the money directly to the Rotary Foundation rather than turning it in at PETS,
2. We are emphasizing that raffle ticket purchases are not tax deductible, since there is a chance of winning a prize.

Here is a rough timeline for this year's raffle: December 1: Solicit prizes from clubs.

December 31: Clubs submit prize commitments to Joe Mauss or Mark Barry, District Raffle Co-Chairs.

February 1: Tickets sent to club Presidents and Secretaries for sale to club members.

April 1: Reminder to clubs to sell tickets prior to PETS.

April 9-11, 2015 PETS Conference: Drawing for prizes.

May 1: Publish a list of prize winners in the District Newsletter.

If any questions, please contact **Joe Mauss** ([joe\\_mauss@mmi.net](mailto:joe_mauss@mmi.net)) or **Mark Barry** ([mbarry@dieselmachinery.com](mailto: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.

**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.**

**[www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org)**



## **A Perfect Way To “Light Up Rotary”**

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) is the mirror by which the world views Rotary.

Basically, all humanitarian projects and programs of Rotary International (RI) are undertaken by the Foundation. Without TRF, Rotary will just be a mere social club. Our Foundation (that is your Foundation and my Foundation) distinguishes us from other service organizations. TRF is the oxygen that is keeping us alive. No one can survive without oxygen. Impliedly, our continuous survival is largely dependent on our continuous support to TRF.

Unfortunately, some of us have an unenviable record of giving zero dollars to TRF. What that means is that some of us have never donated to TRF. I want us to draw an analogy between payment of dues which is an income accruable to Rotary International (RI) and willful giving to TRF. RI and TRF are two separate entities managed by two separate sets of Rotarians running different accounts and executing different programs. Payment of dues to your club does not translate to giving to TRF.

Some of us are one-time givers. We boast that we are already Paul Harris Fellows (PHFs) or Benefactors and that is all there is to it. While thanking you for your earlier donation, I wish to reiterate that your money has been judiciously utilized on projects and programs that addressed the need of the society. Your money has no doubt saved lives somewhere, but there are numerous problems still begging our attention and support. We should therefore cultivate the habit of giving to TRF annually. Most Rotarians who pride in being PHFs should make a major gift to TRF and become major donors or Arch Klump Society members.

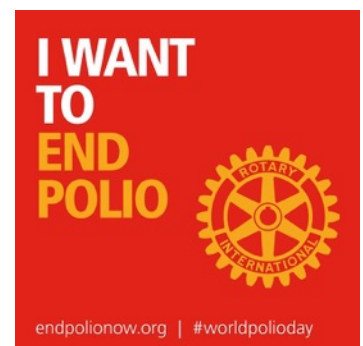
The Chair of ROTA, PDG Patrick D. Chisanga has made giving and participation in TRF one of his major emphasis for Africa. Districts are enjoined to form Paul Harris Societies, which is a commitment by Rotarians to give a minimum of \$1,000 to the Annual Programs Fund annually. Similarly, no club should record zero giving and no Rotarian should let a Rotary year pass by without giving (however minimal) to the Foundation.

I must emphasize that giving to the Foundation is not for the rich, but for those who understand the true meaning of Rotary.

It is by Rotarians and friends intent on sharing their limited resources with others. Friends, the surest way to “Light up Rotary” in our world today, remains to contribute handsomely to TRF. In so doing, Rotary will be empowered to continue doing good in the world.

—Reprinted from **PDG Lawrence Okwor**, ROTA Secretary 2014-15, November 2014 Issue, ROTA  
[www.ReachOutToAfrica.org](http://www.ReachOutToAfrica.org)

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### District trio goes to Guatemala on Vocational Training Team with Global Grant

The good news about heading to the Rapid City Airport at 4:30 am in 5 degree weather was that by the end of the day we would be in Guatemala and 70 degree temperatures. And we were! It was the start of a great trip to this country to provide clean drinking water to 150 families in the area of Solola, Guatemala. We were part of a Rotary Foundation Global Grant from the District out of Kansas City that has been working in this area for over 5 years. They started after a hurricane had demolished the area. After that work they asked the people there what help they needed most. Many ideas were discussed but it came down to the greatest need was in acquiring clean drinking water. Kansas City Rotarians and Woodland Charity initially started providing water filters in the schools which proved to be successful as fewer kids were missing school because of being sick. After a while the families started asking if it was possible to have the filters in their homes so that the children could have safe drinking water at home as well as at school. That is where we came in. With our trip included there are now over 1000 water filters in the Solola, Guatemala area, providing benefit to 2000 people that would not have happened without your help. Our District 5610 has given \$10,000 of our District Designated Funds (DDF) to this project. Each water filter cost about \$50. That means YOU have helped 200 families have safe drinking water!!

The water filters consist of two five gallon plastic buckets. A hole is drilled near the bottom of the top pail and a water filter is inserted in the hole. A plastic tube is attached to the filter where the water is directed to the bottom pail. The bottom bucket has two holes. One at the top of the pail where the tubing from the top pail is inserted and one at the bottom where the spigot is attached to allow the clean drinking water to be emptied from the bucket. The water filter is the key element; it filters to a level of 0.001 microns—meaning that only water gets through the filter! Each month, the families use a syringe to back flush the filter to keep it clean. By doing this, the filters last for 15-20 years. It takes about an hour for the water to go through the filter and empty into the clean water bucket. At that time they have safe drinking water.

Before the filters are installed in the homes of the families, they were required to attend training on how to use and maintain the filters. Additionally, each family was required to sign a Memorandum of Agreement agreeing to use the filter, not sell the filter, and allow future Rotarians to visit their homes to ensure the filter is operational. Through the use of an interpreter, Jennifer Rollins did a great job of instructing three groups on how to use and maintain the filters. After the training, Rotarians escorted the families from the school or medical clinic where the training took place to their homes. Once at their home, Rotarians assisted in the final setup of the water filter apparatus. Rotarians coordinated with the families on an appropriate location within their small homes and made sure there wasn't any leakage. High tech and low tech combined to provide safe drinking water by those who know no difference to those whose lives will be changed because of it. Lives of these Guatemalan now will not have to deal with the constant sickness and disease that goes with drinking contaminated water.

The difference has already been recognized over the past use of water filters. Six schools in the surrounding Lake Atitlan area noticed the more attentive nature and overall well-being of the children. The medical clinic in Panachel, Guatemala has also noticed an increase in health of the families using the clean filtered water. During this trip, Rotarians also presented the donated school and medical supplies to school principals and local health care workers. Jennifer Rollins was elated when she presented an infant care package, and likely the only new items she will ever receive, to a mother and baby of 14 days. Of course, this was after Kim Nearhood completed the baby's first medical check-up.

Jorge Coromac, who is directing this project is doing an amazing job of keeping people on task. Not only those people in Guatemala but the United States as well. He is keeping everyone financial accountable, from expenditure, construction of the filters, to the end product. This made our group of Rotarians from South Dakota and Oregon feel very comfortable that the money we give to The Rotary Foundation is being put to very good use!! This is a outstanding project that anyone can participate in by donating or even better, seeing firsthand how you can change lives. NO ONE CAN DO EVERYTHING BUT EVERYONE CAN DO SOMETHING! You have done something to change the lives of 150 families. Thank you and congratulations!!





## Global Grant Scholarship Applicants Wanted!

We need your help identifying candidates for this wonderful scholarship sponsored by Rotary District 5610 and Rotary International!

Successful applicants will receive a \$30,000 grant for GRADUATE level studies. Must provide proof of at least provisional acceptance to a university OUTSIDE the USA. Graduate Studies must be related to one of the six areas of Rotary International focus: Peace and Conflict Resolution; Disease Prevention and Treatment; Water & Sanitation; Maternal & Child Health; Basic Education Literacy; Economic & Community Development.

How to apply:

- 1) Application deadline is FEBRUARY 1, 2015. Applications are on the District website.
- 2) Applicants cannot be related in any way to a member of Rotary.
- 3) Applicants must residents of District 5610.

Further information can be obtained by contacting: *David Lorenz* ([dlorenz@usd.edu](mailto:dlorenz@usd.edu)), *Scholarship Chair*

## ENGAGE ROTARY WITH #GIVINGTUESDAY

This year, Rotary will kick-off the holiday season by joining the social media world on December 2nd for #GivingTuesday.

Started in 2012, #GivingTuesday is a movement to go online for a classic holiday tradition – giving to those in need. Following the Thanksgiving weekend into Black Friday and Cyber Monday, #GivingTuesday had 2.5 million views online last year.

For a bit of friendly Rotary competition, the Foundation will send a special thank you and give national recognition to the club and district that have the most individual gifts made to The Rotary Foundation on #GivingTuesday.

Although Rotarians give to the community year round, #GivingTuesday is a great chance to reach new supporters with the momentum of social media. Lead your club or district to give on December 2nd by supporting Rotary on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

Please note the cutoffs for gifts to be credited to The Rotary Foundation for Calendar year ending 31 December 2014 are as follows:

- **Checks:** Both the postmark on the envelope and the date written on the check must be no later than **31 December 2014** and received by **Thursday, 8 January 2015**

**Note:** Payments mailed at the end of **December 2014** intended as early gifts for **January 2015** will be treated as **December 2014** gifts. It is best to begin mailing **January 2015** gifts in the month of January.

- **Credit Card Payments:**

- Via [rotary.org](http://rotary.org) – must be authorized by midnight on **31 December 2014**.
- Via fax, phone or mail to World Headquarters - must be received prior to the close of business on **31 December 2014**.

**For security purposes, please do not send credit card contributions electronically, fax to 847-328-5260.**

- Credit card contributions should not be sent to Rotary's Collections Center drive address; rather they should be done online at [Rotary.org](http://Rotary.org) to ensure timely recording.

- **Wire Transfers:** must be initiated by **31 December 2014** and received by Monday **05 January 2015**.

**Note:** All contributions postmarked after **31 December 2014** or received after **9 January 2015** will be considered **January 2015** gifts.

## Paul Harris Society: Web sign-up now available

We have a new webpage for the [Paul Harris Society](#), complete with a [sign-up form](#). The Paul Harris Society recognizes Rotary members and friends of The Rotary Foundation who contribute \$1,000 or more each year to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or approved global grants. The purpose of the Paul Harris Society is to honor and

### Foundation Training day a successful event, November 1, 2014

Over 60 Rotarians attended four training tracks on Saturday, and concluded with an awards banquet that evening.

Membership training - led by Zone Membership team Dick Jones and David Norris

RLI Facilitator training - led by Mike Forney, Rocky Mountain region leader for RLI

Grants training workshop - led by Ina Winter, District Grants Chair

Foundation seminar - led by Bruce Nearhood, District Foundation Chair, featuring guest speaker, Chris McLucas, of Arlington, TX; VTT leader, Jorge Coromac, Kansas City; Willis Sutliff, District Polio Chair.

Banquet honorees: 4 clubs received their Grant funds, a number of clubs were honored for last years' contributions, and the Winner club turned out to honor their PHF contributors!



### Global Grant applications/suggested projects needing partner clubs:

**Sewing Machines for Women** Project G-674 with India D3120, Allahabad, [www.MatchingGrants.org/global/project674.html](http://www.MatchingGrants.org/global/project674.html)  
Our Global Grant is in effect and funded again this year - thanks to many clubs and members for your support! A Friendship Exchange team is going to India in January-February, 2015. —Pat Sutliff, PDG

**Peppermint Energy, Pierre-Ft. Pierre club**, in partnership with Peppermint Energy and numerous other nongovernmental and philanthropic organizations, is initiating the International Rural Electrification Program. Rotary member, Chris Maxwell and president of Peppermint Energy, discussed the efforts to provide rural electrification around the world and the company's all-in-one solar generated called the Forty2.

The October edition of Rotary Africa features a District 5610 Project! The Pierre/Ft. Pierre Club has teamed up with Peppermint Energy to form their Rural Electrification Project, which aims to provide solar panels to those without a consistent, sustainable energy source. The Pierre/Ft. Pierre club has sent panels To Haiti and Uganda.

If your club is interested in partnering on any of the projects or if you have projects that you are already working on that could benefit from solar generators, let us know. Please contact [Chris.Maxwell@peppermintenergy.com](mailto:Chris.Maxwell@peppermintenergy.com) and Jill Hart at [Jill.Novotny@hotmail.com](mailto:Jill.Novotny@hotmail.com), and copy our executive secretary Ed Jacobson at [coach@pie.midco.net](mailto:coach@pie.midco.net).

**Romania Birthing Room, Sioux Falls Downtown club**, (information to come)

### District Grant applications needing partner clubs:

**SD Spelling Bee, Vermillion club**, Tena Haraldson. Clubs are invited to support the South Dakota Spelling Bee by increasing school participation statewide. The Rotary Foundation grant will be used to encourage new schools to enroll in the competition by covering the cost of materials, supplies and prizes for winners. Individual clubs could pay the early enrollment of \$130 for a local school and/or they could contribute up to \$500 to match the Foundation grant for materials, supplies and prizes for schools and students.

Individual Rotary Clubs would raise awareness of the South Dakota Spelling Bee and encourage schools to participate, expanding the learning opportunities to more youngsters around South Dakota. Clubs could invite young spellers and their teachers to make presentations at club meetings. USD also provides a slide show that explains the program and outcomes. Rotary Clubs could recognize the schools and participants from their areas by placing a congratulatory advertisement in local media. Individual Rotarians could volunteer to help conduct local, regional and state bees by contacting Spelling Bee Director Cheryl Havermann at the University of South Dakota, [cheryl.havermann@usd.edu](mailto:cheryl.havermann@usd.edu), 605-677-5146.

**Journey Museum Educational Program, Rapid City club**, Troy Kilpatrick [tkilpatrick@journeymuseum.org](mailto:tkilpatrick@journeymuseum.org)

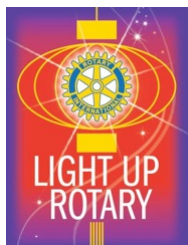
Fall and winter programs will have either a science or history focus with stated learning objectives. All lessons will include a writing and reading component that is aligned with standards from the State of South Dakota. The Club for Boys and SD GEAR UP (both of which support low income students), will continue to bring students to the museum for our educational programs. Rotarians are asked to provide funds or docent support for tour guides for classrooms and as classroom aides to the staff.

### Club Projects asking for support:

**Rapid City Rotary Club Little Free Library** children's book donations. Norm Peterson is asking that clubs bring a bag or box of children's book to PETS April 9-11, 2015 in Mitchell. They are stocking a Little Free Library box at Storybook Island and SD Public Health Clinics around the region. [pete2@q.com](mailto:pete2@q.com) 605-341-5006







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## Make plans NOW to attend the 2015 São Paulo Rotary International Convention, June 6-9!

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

The dates of the 2015 Rotary Convention in São Paulo are Saturday, 6 June, through Tuesday, 9 June – starting and ending one day earlier than previously scheduled.

The dates were changed because the original opening day (Sunday, 7 June) coincided with one of the city's most popular parades. The new start date will dramatically reduce traffic congestion and make it easier for Rotary members to attend the opening plenary sessions. It will also make it convenient to attend our very own Rotary Carnival, a [Host Organization Committee event](#), on Saturday evening.

Check [riconvention.org](http://riconvention.org) regularly for dates, deadlines, and registration and housing details. Find information about Host Organization Committee events at [www.rotary2015saopaulo.org.br](http://www.rotary2015saopaulo.org.br). Please check [riconvention.org](http://riconvention.org) for the latest information.

**HOTELS ARE FILLING FAST, CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR YOUR CHOICE!  
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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](http://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!