

District 5610//Gearing Up

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DG Report: Linda Peterson

Hello District 5610 Rotarians!

When I joined the Rapid City Rotary Club 20 years ago, I would not have believed I would be your District Governor today! I am pleased and honored to be leading our District in service to our communities and the world of Rotary. I hope to provide the leadership you and your clubs need to keep moving forward in service. I also thank the team of District leaders in 10 areas and 28 committee positions who have signed on for the year. We could not accomplish what we do in this District without them!

Your club will also have new leadership, as your club president takes charge, along with some new board members. Please support these willing Rotarians who do the work of Rotary.

Leadership takes many forms. I have watched and taken note of the variety of styles it takes to operate our organization. Some are inspirational, some are more administrative (that's me, if you had not noticed yet). Some are financial gurus—careful to conserve resources, some are desiring to serve others to the max. Some are thoughtful and quiet, some leap to their feet to speak on any subject! All are willing to serve in whatever capacity they have to make our goals happen.

During our training session in April, we approved of a District Strategic Plan and a District Membership Plan. The Plans are available online at www.Rotary5610.org. Please read and plan to do your part to carry our District forward. It will take ALL of us, with all our different skills to make it happen.

I look forward to visiting and meeting many District Rotarians during the club visits scheduled for the next four months (see page 5). Do not hesitate to email at any time if you have questions. Email is the fastest way to reach me. While I will have a cell phone with me on the visits, I usually keep it silent. And there is no cell phone service at our home!

As I have communicated to the incoming club presidents, I have a District theme:

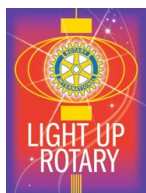
LOG ON, LEAN IN, and LIGHT UP ROTARY! I have a goal of 100% of our clubs online and integrated with our District website. I expect that every District Rotarian will LOG ON, and LEAN IN to learn more about Rotary. And I want every Rotarian to LIGHT UP ROTARY with their actions and voices. Let's tell the communities that Rotary is here, and ready to take action!

Log on, Lean in, and LIGHT UP ROTARY!

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District & Clubs Info Links

Join the social networks of Rotary, both global and local on our District page.
www.rotary5610.org
www.rotary.org

Rotary's Six Areas of Focus // Grants Reports



District 5610 has the following grants open:

Apply for District and CAP Grants with the forms on the District website. Apply for Global Grants on the RI website. Review the District timeline for deadlines.

Sioux Falls West. They will be partnering with the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) to publicize the work that they do to help abused or abandoned children with the intent of attracting desperately needed volunteer advocates. Sioux Falls West will hold a Wine Raffle to raise matching funds. Grant award is \$2,500.

Hot Springs. The local community has completed a master plan for the creation of an ADA compliant three-mile river walk trail to benefit tourist and local users. Hot Springs will partner with the city to provide a restroom facility at the south end of the trail. Hot Springs Rotarians will participate in the construction of the facility with an estimated 200 hours of labor. Grant award is \$2,000.

Sioux Falls South. Sioux Falls South will partner with Kids Against Hunger to package 25,000 to 35,000 meals for kids in the Sioux Empire, the Philippines, Haiti and Guatemala. The club will hold a poker tournament to raise matching funds. Grant award is \$3,500.

Rapid City. Rapid City's project is replacing trees at Storybook Island in Rapid City that were lost in the October blizzard. Club members will provide labor to plant the replacement trees. Grant award is \$1,000.

Rapid City Rushmore. RC Rushmore is working with Rapid City to replace the 25 destroyed and more than 100 damaged trees at Storybook Island. RC Rushmore club members will also provide labor for planting the trees. Grant award is \$1,000.

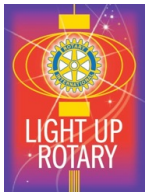
Luverne. The community is building a Nature Explore Classroom to provide a space for children to dig, plant, explore, create, and experience nature using all of their senses. The Luverne Rotary Club will develop the Gathering Space/Music and Movement area of the classroom. Club members will be involved from start to finish planning, organizing and providing construction labor as well as material and equipment. Grant award is \$5,000.

Pierre-Ft. Pierre. The SD Discovery Center is a hands-on science-learning center located in Pierre. The club's project is to provide the first 'business', a Garden Center, which will teach children the principles of science, technology, engineering and mathematics in the context of a garden center and floral shop. Rotarians will be involved in planning, construction and developing a teen volunteer program related to the project. Grant award is \$3,500.

Gregory. The district has awarded \$536 to fulfill a commitment to a prior year project to provide AED installations at a local bank and grocery store.

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



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

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
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 Workshop & 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.

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

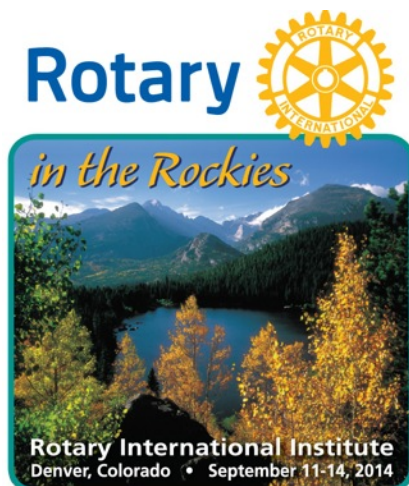
March: Literacy
RI grants reports deadline
District committee reports due for District Assembly,
Budget draft ready
RLI training

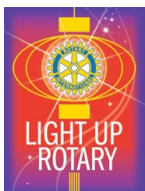
April: Rotary Magazine
District Presidents-Elect Training, District Training &
Assembly, April 9-11, 2015, Mitchell Highland Center
Agenda: training for all club officers, District AGs,
committee chairs, transfer of duties and information to
DG-Elect and committee chairs
graduation ceremonies for RLI 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:
6/7-10/2015 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

*(see the District website for current events on the
calendar)*





D5610 // District Conference 2014

District 5610 Conference/2014

Host Rotary Club of Rapid City, in coordination with Black Hills Clubs:
Rapid City-Rushmore, Rapid City Evening, Custer,
Hot Springs, and Spearfish-Northern Hills
with **Linda Peterson, DG 2014-15**
invite you to attend the

District 5610 Conference/2014

October 2-4, 2014

Hosted at the beautiful
Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn, downtown Rapid City

Rotary **RI TALKS... on Service**

This is what Rotary International does better than any other Service Club! So let's talk about it, how do we do it in our District 5610, listen to what other clubs have done, and be prepared to present what you do in your club! Learn from current experts in their fields on how to promote your projects, get better funding, and listen to Rotary International speakers on current topics.

Take a weekend to enjoy the hospitality of Rapid City, stroll downtown on the Legacy Promenade, tour the Presidents statues, shop, dine, relax at Main Street Square, enjoy the Bierbörse on Saturday evening, and experience the fascinating downtown scene!

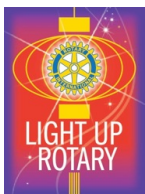


Conference and hotel reservations open July, 2014.
Stay tuned for details!
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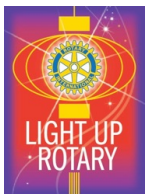
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D5610 // 2014 DG Club Visits

DG Linda Peterson -- Itinerary of Club Visits 2014 -- District 5610				
Club	Date of Visit	Day of Week	Time	Location
Custer	Mon, Jul 7	Monday	Noon	Senior Center, 538 Mt. Rushmore Rd
Rapid City Evening	Mon, Jul 7	Monday	6:00pm	RC High School, 601 Columbus Street
Rapid City Rushmore	Tues, Jul 8	Tuesday	7:00am	Howard Johnson Express, 950 North St.
N. Hills - Spearfish	Wed, Jul 9	Wednesday	Noon	Holiday Inn Northern Black Hills
Hot Springs	Thurs, Jul 10	Thursday	7:00am	Dale's Family Rest, 745 Battle Mt. Av.
Rapid City	Thurs, Jul 10	Thursday	noon	Adoba Eco Hotel, 445 Mt. Rushmore Road
Pierre/Ft. Pierre	Mon, Jul 14	Monday	Noon	Ramkota, River Center
Gettysburg	Thurs, July 17	Thursday	Noon	Firehouse Lounge, 109 N Main St
Mobridge	Mon, July 21	Monday	Noon	Moose Lodge, W. Hwy. 12
Zone District Leaders Int	July 25-26	Denver		Embassy Suites Airport
Multi-club visit: Sioux City Downtown, Mon, Jul 28 noon				
Sioux City Downtown	Mon, Jul 28 noon	Monday	Noon	Sioux City Convention Ctr, 801 4th St
South Sioux City	Mon Jul 28 noon	Tuesday	noon	South SC Golf Dome, 618 W. 29th St.
Suburban Sioux City	Mon, Jul 28 noon	Tuesday	5:30pm	Various Places
Vermillion	Tues, July 29	Tuesday	Noon	Al Neuharth Media Center, 555 Dakota St.
Multi-club visit: Tyndall	Tues Jul 29, evening			
Tyndall	Tues Jul 29, evening	Monday	Noon	Corral Restaurant, 1705 Main St.
Yankton	Tues Jul 29, evening	Tuesday	Noon	Hillcrest Country Club, 2206 Mulberry St.
Wagner	Tues Jul 29, evening	Wednesday	Noon	Rotary Building, 39330 Moon Meadow Dr.
Scotland	Tues Jul 29, evening	Thursday	Noon	Rec Bar or the Main Hideout, Main St.
Gregory	Wed, July 30	Wednesday	Noon	Stukels Corner Café, 109 N Main St
Winner	Thurs, July 31	Thursday	Noon	Holiday House, 31671 S Dakota Hwy 44
Sioux Falls Downtown	Mon Aug 11	Monday	Noon	Holiday Inn, 100 W 8th Street
Canton	Tues, Aug 12	Tuesday	Noon	Pizza Ranch, 719 E. 5th St.
Sioux Falls South	Mon, Aug 18	Monday	5:15pm	CJ Callaway's, 500 E. 69th St.
Luverne	Tues, Aug 19	Tuesday	Noon	Blue Mound Banquet Ctr, 401 W. Hatting
Multi-club visit: Marshall, Corn & Chicken Feed - evening event				
Minneota	Tues, Aug 19 dinner	Wednesday	12:30pm	Madison Ave. Apts., 700 N. Madison St.
Marshall Sunrise	Tues, Aug 19 dinner	Thursday	7:00am	Marshall YMCA, 200 A St.
Canby	Tues, Aug 19 dinner	Thursday	Noon	PK Egan's Restaurant, 115 St. Olaf Ave. N.
Marshall	Tues, Aug 19 dinner	Tuesday	12:05pm	Shay's Rest/Ramada, 1500 E College Dr
Sioux Falls North	Wed, Aug 20	Wednesday	Noon	Pizza Ranch, 3809 E 10th St
Watertown	Thurs, Aug 21	Thursday	12:15pm	Ramkota-Events Cntr, 1901 9th Ave. SW.
Sioux Falls West	Fri, Aug 22	Friday	Noon	Westward Ho CC, Sherman Pk.
Labor Day	Sept 1			
Zone Institute	Sept 9-14	Denver		Weston Westminster
LeMars	Tues, Sept 16	Tuesday	Noon	American St Bk basemt, 235 5th Ave SW
Centerville	Thurs, Sept 18	Thursday	Noon	Senior CC/Dakota Diner, 548 Broadway
District Conference	Oct 2-4	Rapid City		Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn
Cherokee	Mon, Oct 13	Monday	Noon	Danny's, 1013 S. 2nd
Mapleton	Tues, Oct 14	Tuesday	5:30pm	Beef & Brew, 418 Main St.
Denison	Thurs, Oct 16	Thursday	Noon	Cronk's Café, 812 4th Ave. S.
Multi-club visit: RV or Sibley location tba?				
Rock Valley	Mon, Oct 20	Monday	Noon	Cedar Rock Grill (basemt), 1523 14th St.
Sibley	Mon, Oct 20	Monday	Noon	Pizza Ranch, 316 9th St
Madison	Mon, Oct 27, 2014	Monday	Noon	Nicky's Restaurant, 1407 NW 2nd St.
Brookings	Tue, Oct 28, 2014	Tuesday	Noon	Brookings Activity Center, 320 5th Av
Huron	Wed, Oct 29, 2014	Wednesday	Noon	Crossroads Hotel, 100 4th St SW
Mitchell	Thu, Oct 30, 2014	Thursday	Noon	Ramada Inn, 1525 W. Havans
District Foundation Training	Nov. 1	Saturday	all day	Mitchell Highland Center, Mitchell
Aberdeen	Mon, Nov 3	Monday	Noon	Mavericks, 720 Lamont St S
Election Day	Tue, Nov 4, 2014			
Clark	Tues, Nov 3	Tuesday	12:05pm	Look Out Bar & Grill, 116 1st Ave. E.



D5610 Leadership News // AGs, DGE, DGN Reports

The DGE Corner: Steve Sikorski, DG 2015-16

G'day! That's the greeting we received many times from Rotary International President Ron Burton at the International Convention in Sydney, Australia June 1-4. District 5610 was well represented with 14 Rotarians plus their families. Some of us participated in the Guinness record setting Sydney Harbour bridge climb by being part of the 340 Rotarians who climbed the bridge at the same time. What a beautiful sight of Sydney Harbour from 500 feet above the water.

The approximate 18,000 Rotarians who attended the Convention learned that the emphasis during the next year will be on increasing membership. Total worldwide membership has stayed constant at 1.2 million Rotarians for approximately 10 years. The goal for the upcoming year is to increase that number to 1.3 million by July 2015. Please do your part by introducing new people to Rotary during the next twelve months. Our goal is to increase District 5610 membership by 120 new members in the next year and we need everyone's help to make this happen.

I am honored to be your District Governor Elect effective today. I hope to meet each and every one of you during the two next years. We have an awesome organization and together we can make the world a better place.

Fourth Quarter Assistant Governor's Report—Area One

We have thoroughly enjoyed our four visits to the six Black Hills Area Clubs. We feel that each is an active and vital organization. On our last visits we did more listening and enjoying and less giving advice and asking questions. As a result, unlike our last three reports which were almost endless lists of what these clubs have done this year, we'd like to report on the special changes in clubs that we have seen this year.

We have learned that the small town Rotary Clubs are very different than our Rapid City clubs. Spearfish, Custer, and Hot Springs actively work with many other non-profits in their towns and accomplish great things that way. The Rapid City clubs have come a long way in working within the three clubs, and have plans to expand that cooperation.

All of these clubs have changed and grown in many ways, these are the most important: Hot Springs Rotary has seen the value their members with Rotary Leadership training have given to their club—they have had representation at every district and area event. Spearfish Rotary has managed to attract seven new members—enough to not just reach the president's goal, but also replace the two members they lost. Custer Rotary tackles really big projects that most clubs their size wouldn't even consider. Rapid City Rotary, the oldest and largest in the area, has had to change a lot due to a older previously active group that are simply not able to work actively on projects—they have moved their emphasis to literacy that nicely combines those who can work with those who can give. RC Rushmore Rotary has worked on involving divergent populations in Rotary for several years, and this year reached that goal—they now have an RI recognized satellite club, Omniciye Rotary, that has many Native American members. RC Evening Rotary is the example of enthusiasm and energy that all the rest of us envy.

What a wonderful group of clubs that we have had the privilege of visiting this year. — *Michael & Georgia*

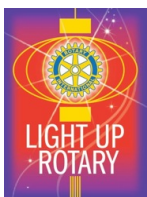
Norm's Notations: *First Dude & Logistics Engineer to the DG // Records for 2012-13, 2013-14*

DGN Yr: Zone DLI-Denver; District Conference-SF; Zone Inst.-Overland Park, KS; RLI Training-Mitchell; Foundation Speaker-Marshall, MN; RLI Facilitator-Jan-Mar./RC, PETS-Mitchell.

DGE Yr: Zone DLI-Denver; District Conference-Madison; Zone Inst.-Bastrop, TX; Int'l Assembly-San Diego; RLI Facilitator-Jan-Mar./BH; PETS-Mitchell; Int'l Convention-Sydney, AUST.

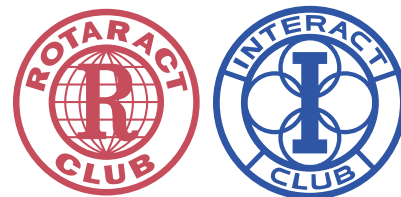
Computer & Phone: 3-5 hours/day, 5 days/week: answered emails, wrote District bylaws, organizational plan, committee descriptions, financial plan, strategic plan, membership plan, budget. Edited and created 24 newsletters, setup and edited information on new District website. Designed slideshows, PETS program, 6 Areas of Focus banners, club visit schedule, inventory list, and misc. posters and flyers.

Needless to say, we have had a lot of time spent in autos, airplanes, and meetings. Australia's round trip was 17,318 miles. The airline asks if you want a window seat? I said "what's to see at night over an ocean?"



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!

Rotaract Clubs & sponsoring club:

SDSM&T Rotaract, Rapid City-Rushmore club
SDSU Rotaract, Brookings club
Dakota State University Rotaract, Madison club
University of Sioux Falls Rotaract, ?? club

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
Wolsey high school, Huron RC, SD
2D chance alternative high school, Mitchell, SD
St. Thomas More high school, Rapid City-Rushmore RC, SD

Four Way Test Essay Contest Third Place Winner

Pat Sutliff, District 5610 Four Way Test Essay Contest Chair, had the honor of presenting third prize to Cali Kerber, a sixth grade student at Edison Middle School in Sioux Falls. Cali received a certificate, a Four Way Test Medallion and \$75 for her winning essay. Her entry was sponsored by the Sioux Falls West Rotary Club.
—Pat Sutliff, Committee Chair

How can I apply the 4-Way Test to my life by Cali Kerber

My essay on the 4-way test is going to be about a little boy and how he came face to face with a situation where he had to ask himself the 4 questions. The boy's name is Jack, he is 11 years old. This is his story.

Jack just got home from school and he went to check his facebook account. Normally Jack just gets nice and regular posts and comments about him, but that was about to change. There was one particular comment meant straight from him that caught his attention. It was from someone that was Unknown. The comment said, "Why are you so stupid Jack? Why don't you just drop out of school since you'll never graduate!" Jack thought he was fairly smart so that comment for "Unknown" really hurt him.

The cyber bullying went on for a while and Jack started to lose hope in himself. One especially mean comment made him really angry at Unknown. That was when he decided to give Unknown a taste of his own medicine.

The next day Jack was sitting at his computer staring blankly at the screen and deciding what to write to Unknown. Several things came to his mind but they weren't mean enough. Then he remembered what he learned in school the day before. His teacher taught the class the 4-way test. The 4-way test were 4 questions to ask yourself when doing something. The questions were: is it the truth, is it fair to all concerned, will it build goodwill and better friendships, and will it be beneficial to all concerned.

He asked himself, am I telling the truth. Jack thought a moment then decided that it wasn't really the truth because he didn't know who Unknown was. Then Jack asked himself is it fair to Unknown, he thought it was because Unknown did it to him so he should be able to do it to Unknown. Jack decided no on the 3rd question, will it build goodwill and better friendships. The last question was also a no because it didn't really benefit anything to Unknown. In the end Jack realized it wasn't right to make fun of Unknown because Unknown was being mean to him. Jack deleted his facebook account and there was nothing left of Unknown. Everything went back to normal.

When you are doing something and you aren't sure if it is right always ask yourself the 4 questions for the 4-way test. You never know in the long run it could save you from getting into some serious trouble, that's how you can apply the 4-way test to your life.



Paul Harris Society Information Clarified

It is important that we capture the names of all of our generous Rotarians that fully qualify as Paul Harris Society (PHS) members. Past correspondence received from the local clubs indicates some misunderstanding concerning the membership requirements in the PHS. Some clubs are confusing membership in the PHS with the Paul Harris Fellow program.

1. A Paul Harris Fellow is a Rotarian who has donated a total of \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation into approved categories. A one-time donation of \$1,000 is all that is required to receive recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow.
2. A Paul Harris Fellow can make additional donations of \$1,000 and designate a new recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow designation. Many members in our district have done this over many years and are probably eligible for the Paul Harris Society designation. Those members just need to take the last step described next.
3. To become a member of the Paul Harris Society, a Rotarian needs to make a commitment to donate \$1,000 each year to the Rotary Foundation. Obviously, the first year a Rotarian accomplishes this generous donation, he or she becomes a Paul Harris Fellow. It is the commitment to make annual donations to the Rotary Foundation of \$1,000 that will qualify the Rotarian for the PHS designation.

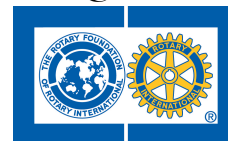
Hopefully, this explanation helps all members understand the differences between a Paul Harris Fellow and members of the Paul Harris Society. If each member who is currently a Paul Harris Fellow would consider making that commitment for annual donations, it would be a significant asset to our district as well as giving you, the Rotarian, that personal feeling of satisfaction that comes when we support good things that we can't directly accomplish ourselves. Of course, that's what the Rotary Foundation is all about.

If you, as a conscientious Rotarian, desire to make this commitment, please let me know by contacting me at:

mkrich@centurylink.net with your full name and address and your Rotary membership number. Also, please indicate when you would like the annual donation to occur. I will process that from here to Rotary International. Let's all remember...The Paul Harris Society members demonstrate "Service above Self."

—Michael Rich, Foundation PHS Chair

Rotarians are invited to attend the First Annual District 5610 Rotary Foundation Training & Dinner



Saturday, November 1, 2014

Learn how you can support our charitable Foundation - one of THE BEST in the world!
The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

The Rotary Foundation helps fund our humanitarian activities, from local service projects to global initiatives. Your club or district can apply for grants from the Foundation to invest in projects and provide scholarships. The Foundation also leads the charge on worldwide Rotary campaigns such as eradicating polio and promoting peace.

Rotarians and friends of Rotary support the Foundation's work through voluntary contributions.

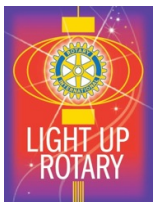
Hosted at

Mitchell Highland Conference Center, Mitchell, SD

Training & Dinner reservations open July, 2014
on the District Website www.Rotary5610.org

Contact Bruce Nearhood, Foundation Chair, for more information.
See the District website for news and additional Foundation Committee members.
Visit www.Rotary.org to learn more about the Rotary Foundation.





Team Going to Guatemala

District 5610 will be taking a trip to Patanatic, Guatemala from Sept. 22nd to Sept. 27th to work on the Global Grant that we are partnered with. We will be distributing medicine, water filters, cooking stoves and doing a variety of other things. If you are interested in going on this trip please contact me at Kimberly@keystaffing.com so that I can get the paper work headed your way.

One special need would be an Optometrist to help with visual assessments of the students, so if you or anyone you know is interested please let me know. Not that you need any extra



incentive, but the area that we are

visiting is arguable one of them most beautiful places I have ever been too and the people that we are working with are beautiful in heart and spirit as well. We had a wonderful cultural experience as well as being able to have a great impact for Rotary. I have attached a few pictures from my Vocation Training Team trip with the Lenexa Kansas Rotary. Our group was diverse in age and talents and there is really a spot for anyone with a desire to do more with Rotary.

—*Kim Erickson, Foundation VVT Chair*

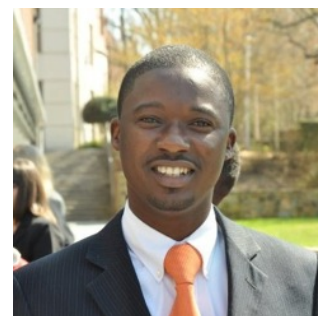


Rotary Peace Scholar retains position at World Bank

First, I would like to thank district 5610 for endorsing my application for the Rotary Peace and Conflict Resolution Fellowship. With the fellowship I was able to undertake graduate studies in international development policy alongside peace and conflict resolution studies. Last month was a crucial one as my colleagues and I received our qualifications.

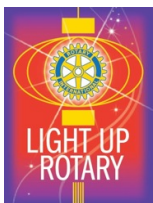
The biggest task in my view is ahead of us. Just how are we going to turn the training we received into useful practical engagements that will benefit everyone especially those that are disadvantaged? I talk of disadvantage not only in economic terms but also in social terms. Many people out there lack the basics of life. A decent education, good, quality and affordable healthcare is out of the reach of many and 2.5 billion people lack access to sanitation while almost a billion have no clean and safe water.

With this in mind I am glad to say I got the opportunity to continue some of the work I was doing last summer at the Water and Sanitation program of the World Bank. I will be looking into various aspects that help countries effectively transition from humanitarian service delivery to development. I am glad most of this work will focus on fragile and post conflict countries which undoubtedly face some of the most difficulty situations in our time. I am still very convinced that I should continue to dedicate my life to the veritable advancement of social and economic advancement for all of us. And this opportunity helps me to do that.



Thanks once again and my best wishes in your service.

—*Muyatwa Sitali*



D5610 News // Committees & Clubs



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>

New Satellite club in Rapid City!

The Rushmore Rotary Club and District 5610 proudly announce the chartering of **Omniciye Satellite Club** of Rapid City Rushmore Rotary, on June 6, 2014. Rushmore Rotary member, Kibbe Conti, joined Rotary in 2009. She imagined someday sharing Rotary with her peers-other Native American professionals. Rushmore Rotary Club leaders shared about satellite clubs Rotary International had piloted. It seemed a perfect vehicle to extend Rotary to Native American and other diverse professionals in the Rapid City area. In 2013, she assembled a core group of service minded professionals who helped get out the message of Rotary and Service above Self. That core now serves as the club's board, with Conti as its President.

Service clubs were not new to the Rapid City Native community. The Winona Club of Rapid City existed from the 1940s through the '70s. Comprised of native and non-native women, it did much to serve the emerging Native community of the time. "My grandmother and aunties were very involved in service through the Winona Club," says Conti. "To my own generation, service clubs have been all but forgotten." Conti grew up around Rotary, and in a family that hosted five Rotary Youth Exchange Students. "My stepdad, Robert Haynes, was a charter member of the Woodbury Rotary Club in 1980, and past district governor of District 5960. He is still active as a member now into his 80s."



Omniciye hopes to reawaken the spirit of community service among the Black Hills area minority professionals. "We can do far more together than we can do alone" says Conti. "We can also serve to bridge our sometimes divided community." Some initial projects initiated by the group were creating a garden at the Oglala Lakota College, He Sapa Branch, protecting a culturally sensitive area in Rapid City with signage, and helping refurbish used bicycles for area youth.

Omniciye Logo by Jim Yellow Hawk

Rapid City Club active in Literacy Projects

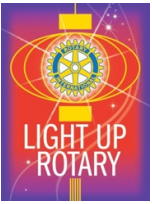
The Rapid City Rotary Club honored Darla Drew Lerdal of Rapid City with this year's Community Paul Harris Fellow Award. She received the award on June 12 for her dedication and commitment to the area's youth literacy and education. She is the founder of the Readriatics book drive, which the Rotary club members support with collection and delivery of books. Darla is the media and community relations coordinator for SD GEARUP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs). She is also a newly elected member of the Rapid City Council. Husband Don Lerdal and Club Foundation chair Norm Peterson congratulated Darla.



The Literacy Projects Fund LocaltoGlobal committee conducted the second annual Rotary Four Way Test Essay contest at GEARUP Summer Camp at SDM&T in June. Sixty nine essays from freshmen were read, three top awards were given at the Awards ceremony on June 23.

More than a dozen young reader magazine subscriptions were given to the Club for Boys and Girls Inc. in Rapid City. The magazine subjects ranged from science to math, and games to activities, and are highly read. Even the staff claim to learn something!

Other literacy-related contributions were: support of a student and teacher for a year at St. Jukes School in Tanzania, and support of a teacher grant for the Rapid City Public School Foundation. The club continues to monitor and supply books to a Little Free Library located at the entrance of Storybook Island. —*Linda Peterson, Literacy Projects Committee Chair*



New Member Information Programs

ENGAGEMENT // Educating New Members

A new member information program should help new members expand on the knowledge gained from the prospective member program and broaden their understanding of their membership in a Rotary club. Your club's program should cover the following topics in three separate information sessions:

- Rotary policies and procedures
- Opportunities for service
- Rotary history and achievements

Session Format and Logistics

New member information sessions are usually held as one-on-one meetings, since simultaneous new member inductions can't always be planned. If your club has new members join in pairs or small groups, hold these as group sessions. Always assign each new member his or her own mentor.

The session leader(s) may alternate from session to session. For instance, in one program, the mentor meets with the new member for the first session, a club leader conducts the next one, and a club member handles the third. If you're leading a session, invite the new member to meet in your place of business, over lunch or dinner, or before or after a regularly scheduled club meeting.

Session Outlines

Make sure that each session clearly addresses a new topic. Customize the following session outlines to fit your club's needs, and distribute publications for the programs or topics your club is involved with. Many publications are also available as free downloads from www.rotary.org. Refer new members to the RI Web site, your club Web site, or your district Web site whenever relevant.

Session One – Rotary Policies and Procedures

1. How to propose a new member
2. Meeting make-ups
3. Club structure
4. Elements of an effective club and how clubs fulfill the purpose of each element.
5. Club meetings: Regular meetings, Committee meetings, Board meetings, Fellowship events
6. Attendance expectations
7. Finances (participation, contributions)
8. District structure: District governors, Assistant governors, District committees

Session One Resources

Provide copies of materials when possible; otherwise, loan copies of relevant materials from the club library.

Review materials with new members:

- Financial Obligations and Attendance
- Requirements handout
- Club Information for New Members handout
- E-learning center at www.rotary.org
- Standard Rotary Club Constitution
- Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws
- Manual of Procedure (035-EN)
- RI Catalog (019-EN)

(More ideas and sessions next issue)

Find more information at www.rotary.org.



District Grants in the New Grant Model: Rotary Year 2014-2015

First thing to know: **the deadline for Rotary Year 2014-2015 District Grants is July 31, 2014.** This allows the Grant Sub-committee Chair, Ina Winter, to work with club applicants to provide a complete and accurate application for the Foundation Committee during August. The committee will then meet during the month of September to review applications, make funding decisions and package the request to The Rotary Foundation for the block grant. The goal is to distribute grant funds for club projects during the autumn months.



We have two types of district grants, District Grants and CAP (Community Assistance Program) Grants. Global Grants will be discussed in a later newsletter.

District Grants are typically short term projects under \$30,000. They must address one or more of the Six Areas of Focus and clubs must contribute 50% or more of the project funding. The grant-funded project must be a new project for your club and it must be club driven, i.e. club members actively participate in the project.

CAP Grants are limited to \$1,000 funding from District 5610 and the club provides at least 50% of the funding. The project may cost more than \$2,000 but the district match does not exceed \$1,000. If the project cost falls under \$2,000, the district match would be 50% of the project cost. CAP Grants do not need to address a focus area but must meet a community need. Like District Grants, a CAP Grant funded project must be a new project for your club and it must be club-driven.

Clubs must qualify to receive funding matches from the district. Here is a summary of club requirements: **Grant training** (offered at President elect training or on the day of the Foundation dinner if needed) **Signed Memorandum of Understanding** Copy of IRS Form 990 or 990N. **Current on past project reports.** The paperwork involved consists of the application, and twice a year progress reports until completion. The application and report forms are on the District website. We hope that you find them easy to complete, so don't let this aspect deter your club from applying.

District officers have spent many hours preparing to implement the new grant model for Rotary Year 2014-2015. While not perfect, we hope to be able to process and administer grants to clubs efficiently in the coming years so that we may maximize the benefit our local and global projects bring to the communities we serve.

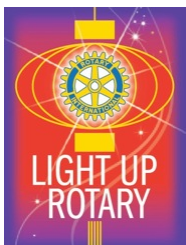


Rotaractor Abhishek Choudhary (center), holds a baby while Rotarian Om Prakash Sikaria administers the polio vaccine during polio immunization activities in Birgunj, Nepal.

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Make plans NOW to attend the 2015 Rotary International Convention!

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

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, out of close to 2000 members, only 1380 are reached with email. Now is the time to update your membership with a correct email address!