

# District 5610//Gearing Up

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## DG Report: Linda Peterson

We have returned from São Paulo, Brazil for the 2015 Rotary International Convention. The plenary speakers, lots of photos, and much of the breakout sessions can be found on Facebook/Rotary, Youtube, and twitter feed: Inside #ricon15. I would highly recommend the two youth speakers for inspiring messages from really young Rotarians!

I attended all the social media breakout sessions, to get ready for my next positions in both District and Zone Public Image committees. If you have

any questions on use of Rotary logos, branding anything Rotary, or using websites and social media to promote your activities in Rotary, please call or email me. I will continue to edit and publish the District newsletter, so continue to send me stories!

Attending a Rotary convention in June is a fitting end to my District Governor year. We met many new friends and renewed friendships with our Zone DG peers. I truly

am thankful for this experience, for three years of training, and to serving you—the members of District 5610.

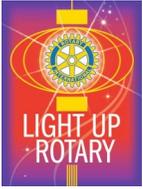
The internationality of Rotary touches me deeply. It is hard to describe the joy of meeting and finding common ground in a few seconds with a fellow Rotarian. Such a meet-up was Ayoub, a representative from Cairo, Egypt, formerly a Public Image Coordinator for Zone 20b. He spontaneously assisted in one of the social media breakouts and really knows how to —

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



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# 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, 2015

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 Training & Dinner, Nov. 7, 2015 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 1/17-23/2016, 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 13-15, 2016, 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 ceremony 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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to the world

## CLUB BOARD MEMBERS POSTING DUE NOW!

All board members should now be posted on both 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. And then check that all club members have emails, and new members are added to your roster.

## GET READY FOR YOUR JULY CLUB INVOICE; CREATE A “MY ROTARY” ACCOUNT TODAY

Your next RI club invoice will be available online in late July. Make sure you're able to access it by creating a My Rotary account.

## NOTICE FROM RI TO CLUB AND DISTRICT OFFICERS:

Rotary is introducing several updates to the Club & District Administration pages that will make your administrative tasks easier:

**Quick links:** You'll be able to designate favorite links from the Club & District Administration section and access them from your My Rotary dashboard. [See an example.](#)

**Terms of access:** Incoming club and district officers will have access to club and district information by 1 June. Most outgoing club and district officers will retain access to the information for 12 months.

**Overall redesign:** Related activities will be grouped together on Club & District Administration pages. See [an example](#) and the [new landing page](#).

If you have questions, contact [rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org](mailto:rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org).

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## YOUR KEY CONTACT - CLUB AND DISTRICT SUPPORT (CDS)

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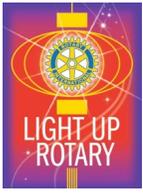
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## RLI After-Hours

In an attempt to encourage more engagement from members, the Pierre-Fort Pierre club conducted a Rotary Leadership Institute Course I “after hours” on May 19. Club president Ellen Lee issued personal invitations to about a dozen newer club members and then extended the invitation to any Rotarians who wished to participate. Nine Rotarians, most new and a few not so new, took advantage of the opportunity to expand their knowledge of Rotary and attended the evening session. The program included food, fellowship, and facilitated discussion, and judging from comments by those who attended, the program was a success. Plans are underway to offer RLI II and III in early fall and invitations will be extended to Rotarians in surrounding clubs. This session brings the 2015 district – wide attendance total to 56. Clubs interested in conducting a similar program should contact their Assistant Governor, or contact *RLI Committee Chair, Larry Lyngstad* [lglyngstad@mncomm.com](mailto:lglyngstad@mncomm.com).



## 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](http://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.

### Scholarships Awarded in Le Mars



The Le Mars Rotary Club awards fifteen \$400 scholarships to Senior Students from Le Mars Community High School and Gehlen Catholic School each year. Club members sell soft serve ice cream in the form of cones, sundaes and root beer floats at the Plymouth County Fair each summer to fund these scholarships. The scholarships reach students who are entering a 4-year degree program as well as students who will be studying at a community college or technical school. Three of the Scholarships are given in memory of former members, Dr. L.C. O’Toole, Harvey Kluckhohn and Norman Lang.

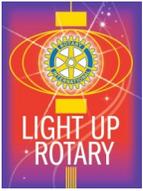
*Pictured: John Schneider (Rotarian), Riley Roepke, Ellen Meis, Trevor Kliever, Hannah Harnack,*

*Matthew Ellefson, Alexis Smit, Paul Jacobson (Rotarian). Not present for photo: Emily Ahlers, Emily Zink, Carter Lake, Dylan Taylor.*

### Good fun in Centerville!

Centerville Rotary Club has been hosting a Pre-K – 6<sup>th</sup> grade fun night for 70+ years. The races have been changed over the years and this year we added an obstacle course for grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. Pictured are some of the kids doing the gunny sack race. Ribbons are given for the first 4 places and all receive a purple participation ribbon.





# D5610 News // RI Convention Comments

## Highlights of the Convention

We visited the ShelterBox booth, with a revised tent on display. Thousands of tents have been shipped to Nepal, from generous Rotarians' donations.

Ernie Montagne encouraged clubs to consider Indoor Ride to End Polio, see [www.ridetoendpolio.org](http://www.ridetoendpolio.org) for details.



We voted in John Germ, the RI nominee for 2017-18. And next year's theme for the RI Convention in Seoul is "Connect with Korea, Touch the World" expanding on the electronic means to connect Rotarians.

Meeting someone you know from another hemisphere is always exciting! Here's Nelson Junior Lovera, from Sao Lourenco, Brazil, incoming DG. We met in 2010 while on a Friendship Exchange. Like most Brazilians, he does not speak English, so we snagged a volunteer to help interpret our hellos!

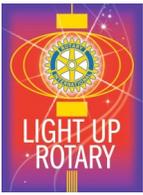
And all the attendees from Rapid City joined Priscilla, a



former Youth Exchange student, at a wonderful Brazilian dinner. Another group of Rotarians joined us in a group photo!

Every Rotarian should attend at least one International convention, it is an eye-opening and inspiring experience. Consider Atlanta, Georgia USA in 2017, one hundred years since Atlanta first hosted the RI Convention!





**D5610  
Youth  
News**

**Rotaract**  
Rotary Club Partner



**Interact**  
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

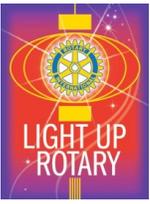
### ATTENTION: e-Rotary Club forming!

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](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)



## D5610 News // Membership

Join the social networks of Rotary,  
both global and local on our District page.  
[www.rotary5610.org](http://www.rotary5610.org)  
[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)



### MEMBERSHIP Final 2014-2015 Report

We have (as of June 8) raised our total number of members by 29 members. Nineteen clubs increased their numbers. Six clubs held their own. Unfortunately, seventeen clubs lost a total of 41 members. If you remember, we all set membership goals for our clubs. Twelve clubs exceeded their goal. Four clubs met their goal. Again, unfortunately, 27 clubs fell short of their goal. Only ten clubs in our district had more members than they did at the beginning of the 2010 Rotary Year.

July 1, 2010 we had a total of 2,075 members. July 1, 2011 we had a total of 2,080 members. July 1, 2012 we had a total of 2,065 members. July 1, 2013 we had a total of 1,982 members. July 1, 2014 we were down to 1,936 members. And finally, June 8, 2015 we have only 1,965 members.

It is my hope that the clubs who lost members, or did not reach their goal, will work especially hard this coming year to turn around the loss of members in our district. This is very important or we risk getting separated from the other Districts in our Zone that we train with. We do not want to be the district responsible for losing a Director to represent us at Rotary International.

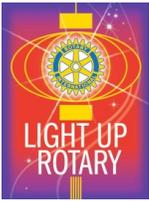
Other districts in our paired Zones are seriously increasing their membership. It is my hope that we can get fired up and seriously increase our membership. If you have any ideas as how to encourage other clubs to increase membership, please share your ideas. We could consider new clubs that look different than our current clubs. We could start satellite clubs in areas that have people interested in Rotary, but unable to attend the traditional club currently available. There is no minimum number of Rotarians needed for a satellite club as it is simply a second meeting time for a traditional club. Please let me know if you would like more information on this option.

Have you ever considered starting a club that focuses only on a weekly golf game? What about a group of people getting together with their entire family – including children? There are many new options that Rotary International has made available to us. Almost any option you can think of can work. Just let me know and I will help you make it happen.

— *Vivian Adams, District Membership Chair*

**YOU STILL HAVE A LITTLE TIME TO INCREASE  
THE MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS IN YOUR CLUB.  
AS LONG AS THE NEW MEMBER IS ADDED BEFORE JUNE 30,  
THEY WILL COUNT TOWARD THIS YEAR'S NUMBERS.**





## D5610 News // District Projects



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

### School of St. Jude Support Project

Many clubs in our district could use an easy way to get involved in an international project and this project gives 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. A separate district account is open so that all interested clubs can donate to The School of St. Jude. 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 will send it to The School of St. Jude to **sponsor a child and a teacher**. We sent \$1320 in May 2015 to begin our District sponsorship.

This is 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.

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

### Wheelchair Distribution trip planned

Hope Haven International will host a distribution trip to Guatemala this August. Departure date is either August 8 or 9 and return will be either August 14, 15 or 16. Right now the dates are like that so I can get the best price on airfare.

I will be your host and we will take part in such activities as working in the wheelchair shop, helping with a wheelchair distribution, teaching English at the public school, working on wheelchairs at a hospital/orphanage, visiting an orphanage to play with kids, etc. I promise an activity packed week with some FUN involved!

If you are interested, please email me. That does not mean you are committed but means you will receive informational updates. I will not ask for commitment forms until late May.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Estimated cost for your trip is \$1200 and that includes airfare, transportation and most food.

I am so excited to share this with fellow Rotarians. We can also attend their meeting so I hope your Spanish is good!

—*Shelli Masek*, Hope Haven International, Assistant Governor Area 8

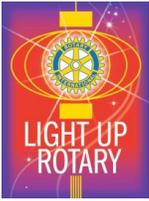
### Disaster Relief Efforts - locally and globally

The District has sent the community of **Delmont**, \$1000 from our budgeted Disaster Relief fund. The town is undergoing recovery from a tornado that destroyed half the town. RC of Watertown sent \$500 as have other District clubs. Additional funds may be sent to First State Bank, PO Box 68, Delmont, SD 57330.

Many clubs have contributed to the **Nepal earthquake disaster** through ShelterBox, which provides tents and equipment to deal with this huge humanitarian disaster. Clubs that I have heard from are: Sioux Falls North, Rapid City, Rapid City Rushmore, Watertown, Custer and Brookings.

Alan Monroe, ShelterBox USA Interim Executive Director, reported that so far they are committing to aid for 25,000. He may be contacted at: [amonroe@shelterboxusa.org](mailto:amonroe@shelterboxusa.org), 941-907-6036 x107, 8374 Market St. #203, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202.





# D5610 News // District Raffle Winners

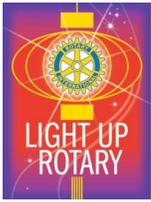
## Rotary District 5610 Foundation Raffle

A BIG thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Foundation raffle, whether your club donated a prize or you purchased tickets. We were able to give away 38 fantastic prizes while generating over \$50,000 in donations to the Rotary Foundation. The continuous generosity of Rotarians continues to be an inspiration! Here is the list of all the winners of this year's raffle prizes:

— Joe Mauss, Raffle Chair

<u>Donating Club</u>	<u>2015 Prize Donation</u>	<u>Winner (Winner's Club)</u>
Aberdeen	\$25 Pizza Ranch gift card	David Herbster (Vermillion)
Brookings	Wine and cheese basket	Ron Gates Sr. (Mitchell)
Canton	\$250 wine basket	Marsha Whetham (Winner)
Centerville	\$125 Pier One gift basket	John Simpson (Pierre-Fort Pierre)
Clark	Dakota Style gift basket	Lynnelle Anderson (Winner)
Custer	Books on Black Hills	Mike Earl (Sibley)
Denison	\$250 Visa gift card.	Larry Keyes (Watertown)
Gregory	Portrait certificate	Phyllis Townsend (Rapid City)
Le Mars	19" flat screen TV	Gary Grewing (Watertown)
Luverne	Luverne Area gift basket	Doug Tuve (Vermillion)
Madison	Mark Anderson Print	Jerry Wiblemo (Marshall Sunrise)
Mapleton	Sterling silver necklace	Paul Boerboom (Sioux Falls North)
Marshall	\$100 gift card, fudge and beer	Candi Sachtjen (Winner)
Marshall Sunrise	\$25 Schwan's gift card	Paul Hinderaker (Watertown)
Marshall Sunrise	\$25 Schwan's gift card	Casey Berndt (Winner)
Marshall Sunrise	\$25 Schwan's gift card	Vivian Adams (Suburban Sioux City)
Marshall Sunrise	\$25 Schwan's gift card	Jerry Garry (Mitchell)
Minneota	\$50 gift card	Marsha Whetham (Winner)
Mitchell	\$250 Cabelas gift card	Betsy Wiltz (Wagner)
Mobridge	\$150 gift card	Vivian Adams (Suburban Sioux City)
Pierre-Ft.	Pierre gift basket	Dustin Lehr (Scotland)
Rapid City	Black Hills gift basket	Tom Nelson (Custer)
Rapid City Rushmore	\$100 Cabelas gift card	Brian Liedthe (Mobridge)
Rapid City Evening	\$50 Target gift card	Doug Nelson (Winner)
Rock Valley	Weber Q1000 gas grill	Greg Gemar (Scotland)
Scotland	\$100 Beef Bucks	Jerry Henke (Wagner)
Sibley	\$25 Cenex card	Moira Zahn (Sioux Falls South)
Sioux City Downtown	4 KC Royals tickets	Marsha Whetham (Winner)
Sioux City Suburban	\$50 Pizza Ranch gift card	Brian Kramer (Winner)
Sioux Falls Downtown	1 night hotel and dinner	Kurt Stukel (Gregory)
Sioux Falls North	\$200 Pampered Chef	Chuck Quinn (Pierre-Fort Pierre)
Sioux Falls South	Monday Night Football basket	Brad Vis (Rock Valley)
Sioux Falls West	\$250 Visa gift card.	Brenda Schmidt (Winner)
Spearfish/N. Hills	Black Hills gift basket	Jim Mollison (Pierre-Fort Pierre)
Tyndall	\$100 Ace Hardware gift card	Ernie Bures (Tyndall)
Vermillion	Metal Rotary Wheel	Joel Leyden (Winner)
Wagner	Weekend in Wagner	Dan Svobodny (Brookings)
Watertown	\$100 gift card + other items	Gene Hawk (Pierre-Fort Pierre)
Winner	Keurig coffee machine	Jim Russell (Pierre-Fort Pierre)
Yankton	\$100 Donation to Polio Plus	Jackie Hofer (Centerville)





## D5610 News // 4 Way Test Essay Contest Winners

### District Four Way Test Essay Contest Second and Third Place Winners!

**Mackenzie Levi** is the second place winner. Mackenzie is a 6th grader at the Winner Middle School in Winner, SD and her entry was sponsored by the Winner Rotary Club. The picture is of Casey Berndt of the Winner Rotary Club presenting Mackenzie with her certificate, check and 4Way Test coin.



**Essay:** The four way test has helped me in some different ways. I like the four way test because it asks good questions like the truth, is it fair, will it build better friendship, the fourth will it be beneficial? This has helped me through a lot of things because of the questions. It has helped me through friendship and some uneasy things. Just asking four easy and simple questions makes things easier. I am going to talk about a choice I had to make one time.

One day when I was at my house my friend called and asked me if I wanted to go to their house next weekend for a sleep over. I said back to her, that I would ask my mom and my mom said, "Yes." I was really excited to go and knew that I would have fun. The next day after school she said that she couldn't wait to have our sleepover and I said, "I can't wait either." Later that day another friend asked me what I was doing this weekend and I said, "I'm not sure," because I didn't want to tell her what I was doing and hurt their feelings. She said well you should come over to my house this weekend and we can hang out. I said ok, but I will have to ask my mom first. She said, ok and she also said that if I wanted to they were going to go down to the river and go tubing for the day.

The four way test helped me to ask myself would it be fair to all concerned. I thought to myself it wouldn't be fair if I canceled on the first person and then they somehow found out that I canceled to go do something more fun. Will it build goodwill and better friendships? It would build better friendships if I didn't cancel on the first person. Will it be beneficial all concerned? Yes, if I do the right thing the other friend will understand that I have already made plans and can't go. Is it the truth? It would be the truth if I just tell my other friend I can't go.

At the end I went with my friend that asked me first. You might ask why I wouldn't pick the more fun time with my other friend. I pick the friend that asked me first because it was fair and so I didn't hurt anyone's feelings. When the sleepover was over I was glad I did the right thing. I had a lot of fun and felt good because of how I handled it. As you can see the four way test is very useful in many situations and helps you do the right thing.



**McKenzie Cordie** is the third place winner. She is a sixth grade student at Simmons Middle School in Aberdeen, SD and was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Aberdeen. McKenzie received a check for \$50, a certificate of congratulations and a 4Way Test Coin.

**Essay:** Do you think what you say, think, or do affects others? If you don't think it does you're wrong, it affects others very much. That's why people need to stop and think about what they are about to say or do and how it will affect others around them. An easy way of doing this is by following the 4-Way Test. Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned? This 4-way Test will make each and every one of us a better person if we made sure what we were going to do or say was a positive thing to yourself and others.

Is what you say the truth? If not, don't speak. The truth will always find you and reveal itself. Why would you want to try and lie about something that you know isn't true? All that will do is get yourself in trouble and make you lose trust with others. If everyone in this world was truthful and honest, I think there would be no fighting between countries or groups of people. Next time you want to say something, ask yourself is what I'm about to say truthful?

Is what I'm about to say or do fair to everyone. If it's not, keep it to yourself. Negative things aren't needed in this world. They only cause hatred and doubt between others. What you say and do can hurt other if you know it or not. Make sure that what you do is fair to everyone and that you include everyone. You would become a much better person if you followed this rule. Make sure what you do and say is fair to everyone at all times.

Will what you do build goodwill throughout your community and build better friendships with others? Be kind and polite to everyone that you see. Make sure that you include everyone that's around you. Simply smile at the people around you and maybe even hold the door open for someone. Know that what you say and do affects everyone.

Will what your about to say or do, be beneficial to all concerned? Be fair to everyone and what you're about to do benefits others as well as yourself. If everyone followed this 4-way test, the world would be a much better place. I think everyone would be at peace and happy with others. Next time you think about saying something or doing something, ask yourself if it passes this 4-way test.



### Foundation makes a Difference

As the Rotary fiscal year comes to an end, I would like to thank everyone for their support these years I have been in the role of District Foundation Chair. I appreciate your support and most of all your dedication and support of not only The Rotary Foundation but all of the projects that your clubs and have done and projects you have supported in our District and the world. Your generosity is something to be proud of! You have probably heard the saying "A hundred years from now, no one will care what car you drove, what kind of house you lived in or how much money you had. But if you have been able to make a difference in the life of a child or family who didn't want a hand out but a hand up, you will be remembered. You will be remembered as a Rotarian who helped to eradicate polio from the world, educate a child who went on to do great things or made a difference in the life of a exchange student who may change the world!" You do that every time you make a donation to The Rotary Foundation or participate in an activity of your Rotary club and District. I hope that you will continue to do that in the years to come.

I leave the grants in the very capable hands of Ina Winter who is doing a fantastic job! Joe Mauss of Sioux Falls will be taking my place as District Foundation Chair. While he will have some time getting his arms around his duties, I know he will do a great job. Call him with any questions. Again, thank you for your support.

—Bruce Nearhood, District Foundation Chair

### Tyndall Presents PHF

Gene Owen, Tyndall Rotary President, presents Marty Koch with the Paul Harris Fellow Award, one of the most prestigious awards in Rotary. The Paul Harris Fellow award is presented to those who have given \$1000 to Rotary Foundation or by a sponsor of that person for extraordinary services rendered. The Rotary Foundation is a registered charity that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs. It is supported solely by voluntary contributions by those who share its vision of a better world.



### ROTARY YEAR-END DEADLINES

Deadlines for gifts to be credited to The Foundation for the Rotary year ending 30 June 2015 are as follows:

**CHECKS: Must be postmarked on or before Tuesday, 30 June 2015. Must be dated no later than 30 June 2015. Must be received at The Foundation by Wednesday, 8 July 2015.**

Contributions postmarked after **30 June 2015** or received after **9 July 2015**, will be considered July 2015 gifts. Visit [Rotary.org](http://Rotary.org) to learn more information about check contributions.

If you or others in your club or district are planning on contributing early in the 2015-16 year, please do not send in checks until Wednesday, 1 July 2015.

**CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS: online via [Rotary.org](http://Rotary.org) – must be authorized by midnight on Tuesday, 30 June 2015.** Credit card contributions by mail are less secure and slower than contributing online. For security purposes, please do not send credit card contributions via email.

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### Current Polio Progress: Africa on brink of polio eradication

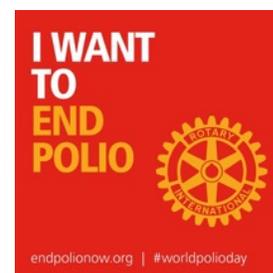
Dr. Hamid Jafari, director of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, reported the latest gains in the global fight to eradicate polio at the Rotary Convention in São Paulo.

Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, congratulated Rotary on its unwavering commitment to eradicating the disease in a video shown at the convention.

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### Final Report from Global Scholar Recipient

Hello Rotarians! I am writing this in the midst of my final exams for this semester. It is hard to believe I am nearly done with my first year! I am also done with my year in Belgium. Next year, I will be at Humboldt University in Berlin, Germany. My master's program is an Erasmus Mundus program, which basically means a group of universities around Europe joins together to offer a master's program. I really enjoyed my time at Ghent, but am looking forward to Humboldt as well. In July, I will be in Slovakia for a case study with my program. The topic will be "are stakeholders ready for community led local development?" It will be really great to implement all of the different things we have learned these last two semesters into a practical experience.

This semester I took courses on Environmental Economics, Sociological Perspectives in Rural Areas, International Development Policy, Rural Project Management, Advanced Marketing and Agribusiness Management, and Scientific Communications in Rural Development. All were interesting. My favorite was Rural Project Management where we formed groups to put together a project proposal of our choosing. My group decided to build and staff schools in two different counties of Kenya. It was eye opening on how many details we had to consider for such a simple project.

—Emily Nachtigal, Global Grant Scholar



### Grants for Rotary Year 2015-2016 Are Open!

We trained 39 Rotarians representing 22 clubs at PETS this April. We are looking forward to seeing the projects for Rotary Year 2015-2016 as the mood at the conference was upbeat and enthusiastic. No worries if your club is not ready to submit a grant application for the deadline of July 31st, there will be opportunities every year to climb on board. And there are opportunities for clubs to contribute to the projects of other clubs and global grants throughout the year.

The Grants Subcommittee has two goals for the coming year:

1. Get as many District 5610 Rotarians as possible familiar with the grants program.
2. Use all available funds allowed for District and CAP grants.

During the second year under the new grants structure, it has become apparent that a short overview of the grants program is needed, so here it is. It can also be found on the District 5610 website on the Foundation tab.

—*Ina Winter, District Grants Chair*

#### District 5610 Grants Highlights, Types of Grants:

##### **CAP – Community Assistance Grants**

No minimum; \$1,000 maximum, 50% match

Does not need to address an area of focus

Apply to district, deadline is July 31<sup>st</sup>, 24 months to complete

##### **District**

No minimum; \$15,000 maximum, 50% match

Must address one of Rotary's Six Areas of Focus

Apply to district, deadline is July 31<sup>st</sup>, 24 months to complete

##### **Global**

\$30,000 minimum, 50% match of DDF, 33% match of cash

Must address one of Rotary's Six Areas of Focus

Must have a needs study, be sustainable and have host and international partners

Apply to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) online, can apply throughout the year

##### **Club Qualification:**

Signed Memorandum of Understanding for current year

At least one club member trained at grants seminar for current year

In good standing with the IRS (Form 990 current)

Current reporting on any open grants

Contributions to TRF

##### **Stewardship Principles:**

Project is needed/desired by the community

Rotarians are involved in the project

Clear expectations if a cooperating organization is involved

Separate bank account or accounting

Good record-keeping (retain records for five years)

Records available for audit by District or TRF

Follow up on project to ensure equipment is in place and functioning

All income and expenses accounted for

Any conflicts of interest are reported

Fully transparent fund distribution

Report on project to District or TRF timely

District reports are due March 31<sup>st</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup> while grant is open

##### **Sustainability Principles:**

Lasting impact

Optimal use of local resources

Attention to preservation of natural resources

Effect on maximum number of beneficiaries