

District 5610//Gearing Up

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DG Report: Linda Peterson

I have several general observations from my experiences with the Rotary Friendship Exchange to India:

- 1) District Governors have A LOT of respect in India! I was held in great esteem, especially as there are still very few women in the Rotary clubs, although the women's InnerWheel clubs are doing well. Their club meetings are much more formal than ours (maybe that's why Rotary is so well respected there?)
- 2) US Dollars can go very far to help alleviate India's most pressing issues—poverty, education, water and sanitation. See my report on the projects we visited and supported. We should be doing much more to assist this largest world democracy. Watch for future details.
- 3) Friendship exchanges are wonderful at creating world understanding between cultures. An exchange needs both cultures to cooperate in creating a group and timeframe, but the effort is so well worth it!
- 4) Their culture is ancient, their food is wonderful, and they are very generous people. We hope they will form a team to come to our District this summer. Be ready to host in your best style!

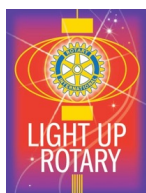


Coming up is Club and District training and assembly, April 9-11, in Mitchell. Be sure to bring your board members for updated training in all things Rotary! And enjoy the company of fellow Rotarians-always a good time!

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



Grants approved for 2014-15 District Designated Funding

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

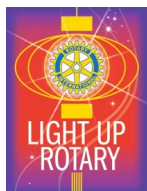
District 5610 Foundation Committee, \$3,000 award: First annual Foundation and Grants Seminar and Awards Dinner.

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

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

GRANT REPORTS ARE NOW DUE, contact Ina for assistance.

—Ina Winter, Grant Chair



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

KEY: *blue* = RI and Zone

red = District

black = Club

July: RI year begins

RI president takes office

District Governor takes office, begins club visits

Club Presidents take office, Enter Goals on Club Central

Semi-annual Dues payable to Club, District, RI

District CAP & DDF grant applications deadline July 31

August: Membership & Extension

September: Basic Education & Literacy

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

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

October: Economic & Community Development

End Polio Now World Day, October 24, 2014

discussion of Club projects and grants,

recognition of Club honors and citations, celebrations

District Grants Funds awarded

November: Rotary Foundation

IRS 990 filing due for Clubs and District

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

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

December: Disease Prevention & Treatment

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

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



January: Vocational Service

RI International Assembly, San Diego 1/18-24/2015,

1/17-23/2016, 1/15-17/2017

Dues payable to Club, District, RI

RLI training

Club officers elected, list on RI and District websites

February: Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution

RI anniversary February 23

RLI training

March: Water & Sanitation

RI grants reports deadline

District committee reports due for District Assembly,

Budget draft ready

RLI training

April: Maternal & Child Health

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

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

graduation ceremonies for RLI participants

District committee chairs plan of projects due,

AGs reports due, all expense receipts due

Club Presidential Citation applications due to RI

May: Youth Service

District-wide Rotary Serves! Week

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

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

June: Rotary Fellowship

RI International Conferences:

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

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

6/10-14/2017 Atlanta, Georgia

CAP grant, District grant reports closed

and TRF global grant applications/reports due

Club MOUs due for next year

Clubs' Goals Update on Club Central



Be a gift
to the world

THE THEME FOR 2015-16 HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED!

Fellow District 5610 Rotarians:

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

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

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

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

CLUB PRESIDENTS-ELECT NOMINATIONS DUE NOW!

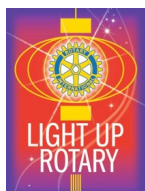
All **board members** should now be posted on the District website and the RI website for your club. We **MUST HAVE** your club officers emails online to be able to send information. In addition, update your personal profile with a photo, phone and email, to facilitate communications.

PETS REGISTRATION TO OPEN SOON

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

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

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



D5610 News // Club News & Events

Vermillion Club spells out check!

Cheryl Havermann, Director of the SD Spelling Bee, was on hand at the Feb. 17 Meeting of the Vermillion Rotary Club to accept a check for \$3,000 toward this year's state spelling bee. The Vermillion club president, Art Mabry, presented the check. The check represents a \$2,000 Rotary District 5610 grant as well as donations from four individual Rotary clubs-- Mobridge, Rapid City, Sioux Falls West and the Vermillion club that prepared the grant.



Rescue Tubes being deployed

Custer Club and Hot Spring Club have teamed up to order "Rescue Tubes." These are buoyant life preservers to be placed at areas in need of them. There will be 2 going to Hot Springs, 5 will be going to some of the different lakes in Custer State Park, and 3 for the YMCA swimming pool in Custer. They will have the Rotary Emblem along with the Club name.

This idea started on Kauai, Hi. a joint venture with their area service clubs. Here is the foundation's website: <http://www.rescuetubefoundation.org> Are there other areas (lakes, swimming pools, boat docks) that could use them? Contact Mike Chase at Custer Club if there is interest.

Saturday, March 21 ★
Doors open at 5:30 pm

Beer, Brats, Bingo, and Polka

7th Annual Fundraiser for the Northern Hills Rotary Club

**Spearfish
Park
Pavilion** ★

Polka music provided by...
'The Happy Wanderers'

Tickets
\$10 in advance
\$15 at the door
Tickets are available in advance
or can be reserved by calling
Angle at (605) 641-3478.

All proceeds donated to charity.

Rotary Club of the Northern Hills

ROCK & ROLL FOR HOPE

-Featuring
The DMB Band-

Saturday, March 7, 2015
All Occasions in Tea S.D.
\$50 Per Person ~ \$400 Table of 8

Social - 6:00 PM
Dinner - 6:30 PM
Dance - 7:30 PM

Each ticket will be entered in a drawing for a TRIP FOR TWO on a distribution trip to Romania. Includes airfare and lodging. MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN. To purchase tickets or make a donation, contact: Duane Waack at 605.310.2337 Julie Iverson at 605.212.6013

Sponsored by Rotary West to send wheelchairs to Romania with Hope Haven International

FREE COMMUNITY RECEPTION AND PRESENTATION

Update on Eastern Europe: Ukraine, Romania and Moldova

FOCUS
Hope Haven International
Wheelchair Distribution in Eastern Europe

Supported by Grants from
Rotary International Foundation and Rotary Clubs

Rotary

Tuesday, March 10, 2015
5:30- 7:30 pm
The Journey Museum
222 New York Street
Rapid City, South Dakota

Welcome: Mayor Sam Kooliker

Followed by:
Slide Presentation of Wheelchair Distribution in Eastern Europe

Panelists:
Daniel Mereuta, Hope Haven International, Romania, Director
Nita Hanson, Director, God's Hidden Treasures, Ukraine
Mark Siemonsma, Director of Development, Hope Haven International
Steve Sikorski, Governor-Elect (2015-2016), Rotary District 5610
Tom Katus, Rushmore Rotary

Sponsored by:
Rapid City Rotary Clubs
SDSM&T Rotaract Club
St. Thomas Moore Interact Club

Free to the Public * Cash Bar

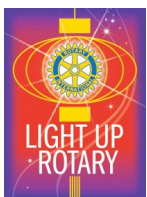
Club Events: Rock n Roll for Hope, March 7, Tea, SD

Hope Haven Presentation on Ukraine and Rotary Social, March 10, Journey Museum, Rapid City

Spearfish-Northern Hills Beer, Brats, Bingo and Polka event on Saturday, March 21.

Custer Rotary Wine Tasting & Fundraising Raffle, April 17, 5:30 to 8:00 pm at Crazy Horse Memorial Laughing Water Restaurant, Open to the Public for those that like fun!

THREE GRAND PRIZES: 2 WHEELBARROWS OF WINE & 1 WAGON OF BEER Tickets: \$20.00 Each — 3 For \$50.00 — 7 for \$100.00 Tickets for Grand Prizes available from Custer Rotarians



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

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, WI

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

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

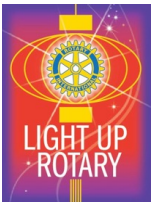
ATTENTION: e-Rotary Club forming!

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

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

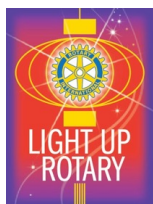
District Calendar, Newsletter and Website needs your stories and events!

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



D5610 News // RFE D3120 India





Exchange with India Rotarians

D5610 sent nine people on a Friendship Exchange to D3120 in Uttar Pradesh, India for two weeks in February. The team was well balanced with both young and experienced Rotarians representing clubs from South Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa, backgrounds in finance, law, nursing, library and business. Dr. Renu Pandey, Rapid City Rotary, a former GSE member from Allahabad now living in South Dakota, was a valuable team leader, facilitating interactions ranging from foods to hotels to interpretations in Hindi between Rotarians. The hospitality was tremendous and the Indian cuisine was fabulous.

DG Linda Peterson, D5610 met with DG Satpal Gulati, DGE Ved Prakash and DGN Ranjeet Singh of D3120 and is determined to continue relationships with several clubs and the District to contribute to improving the lives of the people in India. Many service projects were toured leading to team donations to five different literacy projects in four communities: Rotary's Kramit Vrampti school and Samarth Daycare of Lucknow, a village school in Varanasi, an InnerWheel Gandhi Bal Vidhalaya school for poor in Allahabad, and to Dr. Pandey for the Gift of Life hospital he contributes to near Delhi. We hope to get followup reports on these projects in the future.

A highlight was a presentation from Ajay Kumar Saxena, India's National Polio Plus Committee, at the headquarters in Dehli, and meeting an NID team in progress.

The team members made a number of personal connections also for future benefit. A team from India is expected to visit this summer.

Comments from the Rotary Friendship Exchange team members

"Going to India was an amazing opportunity. Our experiences were only able to be had through the wonderful organization that is Rotary. Seeing the fundamentals of Rotary translated across cultures was an affirmation to my young memberships heart. I will forever remember our experiences and the fellow Rotarians that I met in India."

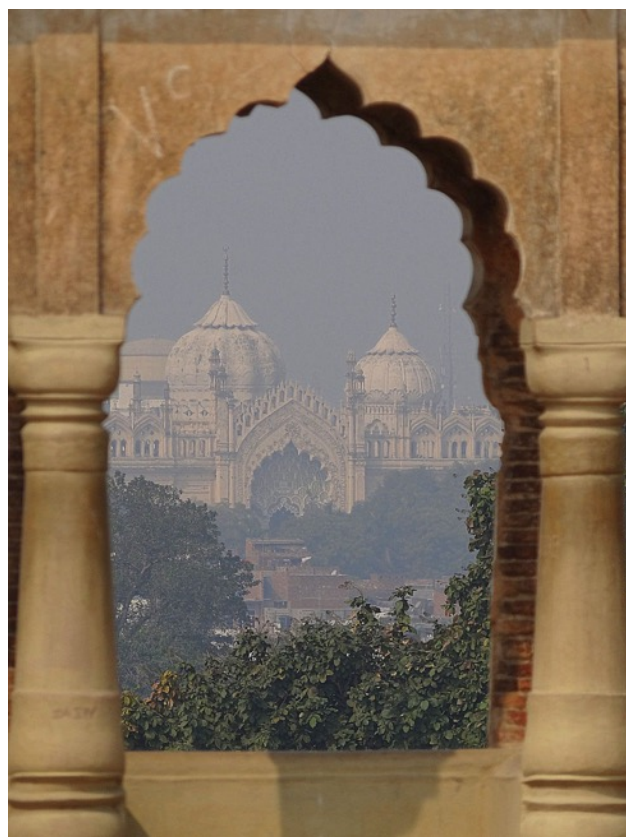
—Larissa Christensen, Mapleton Rotary, President-elect

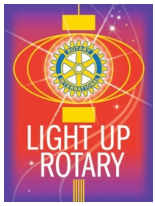
"Eight members of District 5610 accompanied me on the Friendship Exchange to India for the first two weeks of February. Renu Pandey did a great service of communicating with the Indian people. What an amazing adventure! What a wonderful team!"

—Linda Peterson, Rapid City Rotary

"Thanks to Rotary for arranging this Friendship Exchange."

—Pat & Robbie Clark, Mitchell Rotary





A month in the life of a YE Student

Hello everyone! WOW, January was a very exciting month. I started off the new year with a bang (literally). I attended a New Years party at one of my friend's house. We had a lot of fireworks. In the first week of the year I visited a zoo in Augsburg with Hans and Gudrun. They wanted to take me on one last trip before I changed my host family. I also picked up my Aufenthaltstitels (residence permit) from the court house. It is hard to believe that I have already been here for four months! I also sealed the deal on a trip to Spain with my school in May!

In the second week of the month, I spent most of my free time writing scholarship essays and packing up my things to prepare for the move. On Saturday, my second host family picked me up and drove me to my new home in Heidenheim. It was very hard to leave Hans and Gudrun because we have grown very close over the four months together, but I knew that it was time for me to begin a new journey with Michael and Helga. I can now walk to school and that is very nice. No more thirty minute train rides for me! Helga and Michael are beyond nice and they only speak to me in German, which is very good for me. They truly treat me with a daughter and I like that very much. We do everything together. I have my own little apartment in the basement. I even have a sauna in my bedroom!! There are many differences between my first host family and Helga and Michael, but I think that I will enjoy myself here a lot more. I never had a bad experience with Hans and Gudrun, but this family is a nice change.

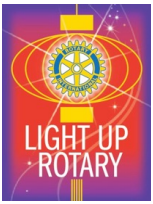
My third week in January was very exciting! I got to see more of how a different family works, attend the world cup fencing tournament, and take a trip with my Rotary club to Austria (again)! On Thursday after school I hiked my way up the mini mountain to the castle in Heidenheim. Next to the castle is the events center for Heidenheim. At first I thought that I was going to watch my host dad fence, but as I entered I quickly found out otherwise. I was at the international fencing tournament! My host father, Michael, was somewhat in charge of the entire operation. I got to sit with him in the press box and he taught me a little about fencing. As I wandered the building I met many people who spoke many different languages. I even met the Australian and American fencing teams. After an exciting night of fencing, I had to pack my bags and prepare to leave for my three-day trip to Austria in the morning. When I wasn't walking through the mountains, I was winning yodeling competitions. Yes, yodeling. I do not know who had more fun—me or my Rotary club cheering me on. My prize was an enormous bottle of white wine. As always, there was much food on this trip. Our hotel was beyond beautiful! I am lucky to have such an active Rotary club. They are constantly doing something with me and none of the other clubs in my district do that with their inbounds.

In the last week of the month I took a three day trip with my orchestra to a castle and met my three host siblings. It was such an honor to be able to stay and rehearse in such a beautiful castle. Although, it did make me wish that I had chosen a smaller instrument. Small mountains, cobblestone streets, and spiral staircases are not the best terrains for carrying around a tuba.

Overall, January was an amazing month. Not only because of all the amazing trips that I took, but because of my progress with the German language and the leap I have made in making German friends. My first host family mainly spoke to me in English. Now, my second host family speaks with me in only German. I enjoy it very much! I am able to communicate so much better in German now. Also, I have made many friends. As you know, I have recently changed my class in school and I was very nervous that I would not make any friends there either. My three closest friends, Andela, Kim and Lena, have all invited me to do something with them. I am the closest with Andela.

I think that sums up what I have done and felt this month.

—Kristen Ahart



Membership Committee Report

Here are some ideas to help make membership top of mind for your club. *(Continued from February issue, download the full document from the District website)*

HOST A ROTARY ALUMNI DAY:

1. Remember it's easier to sell someone on Rotary when they already know something about Rotary.
2. Make a list of all the different kinds of Alumni in your community: past members of your Club, Rotaract, Interact, and RYLA; previous GSE Team members; previous Exchange Students and/or host families.
3. Plan a special Speaker for this event. Send out invitations to Alumni. Have committee follow-up on the invites. Be sure to recognize guests in a special way. Write thank-you notes and be sure to invite them back.

HAVE A PARTY FOR YOUR MEMBERS AND ASK PEOPLE TO BRING GUESTS (Maybe in February for Rotary's birthday):

1. Good way to help potential members know about your club is to invite them to a Social event.
2. Have Name Tags. Also invite spouses and family members and introduce them to everyone.
3. Do a follow-up and invite them to your next meeting.
4. Consider visiting with potential members outside of the meeting to discuss Rotary.

HOST ANOTHER BRING A GUEST WEEK. (You can do this any number of times)

1. If your first event was successful, you can repeat it. If it was not as successful as you would like, make some changes.
2. Are your new members involved in bringing potential members to your club? If not, why not?
3. Have your members wear buttons for one week that say, "Ask Me About Rotary" to generate interest.

ORGANIZE A MEETING FOCUSED ON WOMEN:

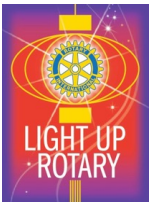
1. Women are generally a minority in our clubs. Let your guests know what an important role women now have in Rotary. Ask every woman in your club to bring another woman guest.
2. Give thought to a special meeting or event. Book a great woman speaker. Ask the women in your club to host a private ladies luncheon for potential members. Have an event or open house at a local shop and invite potential women to come.
3. Try to get publicity on your speaker and advertise it to other women's groups.

HOST A YOUNGER GENERATIONS GUEST DAY:

1. Another hot target is the younger generation.
2. In most clubs younger would be anything under 50, but the prime target are the 35-40 age group.
3. Look for a dynamic young speaker who will challenge this group.
4. Try seating younger guests at tables with some of your younger members during the meeting.
5. Do your members have children (or grandchildren) in the target age group? Encourage them to invite them as guests.

CELEBRATE YOUR SUCCESS WITH A NEW MEMBERS PARTY:

1. Rotarians never need a reason to celebrate, but new members need to be constantly reminded that they are welcome. Having a party for them just reinforces that message.
2. You could also celebrate their graduation from being a Red Badge to being a Blue Badge. And celebrate them completing their training.
3. Did you get them assigned to a committee? Did you get them integrated into the activities of the club?
4. Be sure to ask their sponsors to attend and celebrate the fact that they brought in a new member.
5. Ask their Mentors to come - they are also important.
6. Consider making the party for not only new members and their spouses, but their families. Surveys show that most Rotarians like having activities that can include the entire family.



Rotary Leadership Institute AT PETS!

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

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

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

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

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

—Larry Lyngstad, District RLI Chair

LeMars and Pierre RLI participants

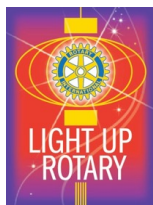
Rotary Leadership Institute was conducted in LeMars, Iowa. Two sessions were held, one on February 7th and another on February 21st. There were a total of 5 participants over the two sessions. Rotarians came from



Sioux City, Cherokee, South Sioux City, and LeMars to participate in this RLI. RLI facilitators were Chuck Lubbers, Dave Lorenz, and Steve Harrington.

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) participants in Pierre February 21 included (l to r) Paul Knecht, Chuck Quinn, Larry Lyngstad (facilitator) and Tom LaFaive. Photo by facilitator Ed Jacobson.





D5610 News // 4 Way Test Essay Contest // School



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>

4 Way Test Essay Contest deadline soon!

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 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

(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.

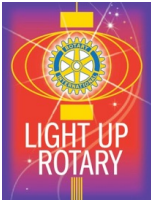
REASONS FOR PROPOSAL: The School of St. Jude needs sponsors for the children that they are educating. Many clubs in our district could use an easy way to get involved in an international project and this project will give them lots of feedback from the school and the student to truly show them that they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

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

Mark Barry mbarry@dieselmachinery.com —District Raffle Co-Chairs

Raffle Rules:

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

Current Polio Statistics

After the setbacks at the first of last year we are now seeing real progress again in the effort to eliminate polio from the world. Africa has now been polio free for 6 months. Even Afghanistan has had no cases reported so far this year. Pakistan has had only 7 cases to date this year. But the lack of access in Waziristan continues to hinder us. However immunization workers are moving back into the areas of Pakistan where the Pakistan Army has reestablished control.

Pakistan continues to be the major problem in the world. In response the Global Eradication Initiative (made up of Rotary, WHO, Unicef, US Communicable Disease Center and the Gates Foundation) is helping Pakistan to set up "Emergency Operation Centers at the Federal and Provincial levels to ensure accountability and quality" in Pakistan. An all out effort is being mounted to "access every child" in Pakistan with National Immunization Days and continued polio vaccinations at all travel sites. Being able to concentrate on just this geographic area certainly helps.

The part we can do is to continue funding Polio Plus. The Gates Foundation continues to match every dollar we raise with two dollars so our contributions really add up. Thanks to the clubs and members for continuing this crucial support.

— Willis Sutliff MD, District PolioPlus Chair

Linda Peterson met the Polio Committee chair at the PolioPlus headquarters in Dehli, India, while on the Friendship Exchange.



**END
POLIO
NOW**

MAKE HISTORY TODAY

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

**YOUR
DONATION**
US\$25

+

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

**TOTAL
CONTRIBUTION**
US\$75

150
VESTS FOR
VOLUNTEERS



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VACCINE
CARRIERS



600
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MARKERS





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pick the appropriate plan,
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www.Rotary.org



The Foundation works

Why did you join your Rotary club? Was it simply because someone asked you or did you want an opportunity to give back to your community and the world? What ever the reason, you do have the opportunity to change the world. Your contributions to The Rotary Foundation really do help to make the world a better place.

Think of the millions of children around the world who haven't contracted polio. If you think about what Rotary has accomplished over the last 30 years it is truly remarkable. It is truly changing the world! You have been a part of that accomplishment. This will be the first time in human history that a disease has been eradicated. YOU have helped to make that happen!

You have also made projects possible around the world because of your generosity and you have also made projects possible in our District. All because of the money that you have given out of your excess. It may not mean much to you, and I would bet that you haven't missed any of the money you have given, but to those who have benefited from the many projects it means the world to them. From them and me, thank you for all you do as a Rotarian and all that you give to The Rotary Foundation.

—Bruce Nearhood, District Foundation Chair

Foundation Recognition Points

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

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

Foundation recognition points may be used for:

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

They may also be awarded posthumously.

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

Make Your Rotary Foundation Donations NOW!

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

www.Rotary.org



Time to Start Your Grants Planning for Rotary Year 2015-2016

Grant Application: This is the time to get started planning and getting your club prepared for the next round of District and Community Assistance Program (CAP) grant distributions.

District Grants are matched up at a rate of 50% up to a maximum match of \$15,000 (the total project can be up to \$30,000). In practice, they are much smaller in District 5610 and range from around \$500 up to \$5,000 although there is not a lower limit and awards larger than \$5,000 are possible. District Grants must address one of Rotary's six Areas of Focus: Peace & Conflict Resolution, Disease Prevention & Treatment, Water & Sanitation, Basic Education & Literacy, Economic & Community Development, and Maternal & Child Health.

CAP Grants are typically smaller with a maximum district match of \$1,000. Your project can be smaller or larger, but the CAP grant is for 50% up to \$1,000. Addressing an Area of Focus is not required for a CAP grant.

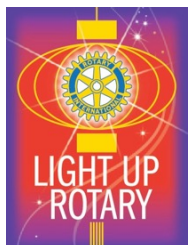
Each year, Rotary Clubs must qualify by sending at least one member (two or more are preferred) to the District Grants Training Seminar. This year it will be held at District PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) in Mitchell on April 9-10. Clubs are encouraged to send additional members to grants training. The Club must also sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Presidents and Presidents Elect sign for the club and these will be available at PETS. A current copy of IRS Form 990 is required for grant award. Clubs with open grants must be current on reporting.

The deadline for submitting a District or CAP grant application is July 31 with award in the autumn months. Clubs then have 24 months to complete their project using grant funds.

Grant Reporting: For those of you who have open grants from RY2013-14 or RY2014-15, reports are due on March 31. A new grant report form can be found on the district website. An added feature is a handy checklist for help in completing the report. We know reporting is not the most pleasant part of a project, but it is necessary and we hope to make it as painless as possible while fulfilling our stewardship responsibilities of transparency and financial responsibility.

Resources: The following forms can be found on the District 5610 website: www.rotary5610.com. You can also get to the website by searching for District 5610 or Rotary District 5610 on your browser. Once there, a tab called "The Rotary Foundation" contains all the forms you will need to apply for or report on a grant. Simply hover over the tab and a list appears of the following documents: District Grant Information, Grants Timeline, Grants Financial Management Plan, Grant Report, Grant Application 2015-16. You do not need to login to access this material.

Let's be a Gift to the World in 2015-2016 through projects using District and CAP Grant funding!
—Ina Winter, District Grants Chair



D5610 News // RI News & Reports



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

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

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

GET YOUR REGISTRATIONS IN NOW!

Rotary Monthly Observances

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

September: Basic Education and Literacy

October: Economic and Community Development

December: Disease Prevention and Treatment

January: Vocational Service

February: Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution

March: Water and Sanitation

April: Maternal and Child Health

May: Youth Services



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AN IMPORTANT NOTE FROM ROTARY RESEARCH

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

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