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DG Report: Steve Sikorski

As I visit our Rotary Clubs in District 5610, I continue to marvel at the philanthropy that each Club does in their local community. Every Club that I have visited takes such pride in helping their communities with their donations, investments of time and mentoring. Each city should be very appreciative of what their local Rotarians do for them and how their city is made better because of Rotary's support. From donations to parks and school grounds, food pantries and mentoring of school children - we do make a difference.

That said, we are Rotary International. In addition to local charity, I encourage each and every Rotarian in the District to make an annual donation to The Rotary Foundation. Last year the per capita giving to The Rotary Foundation was \$72. Our goal this year is for Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) to make a donation of at least \$100. Please consider this when making your yearend donations so we can continue to do good Rotarian work around the world. As mentioned many times, every dollar given to the Foundation comes back to our District after three years so we can award both District and Global Grants.

We want to thank District Foundation Chair Joe Mauss (Downtown Sioux Falls) and immediate past District Foundation Chair Bruce Nearhood (Rapid City Rushmore) for organizing and conducting our Foundation Seminar in Mitchell on November 7. We had very informative Rotary experts from outside our District speak on Membership and The Rotary Foundation. We learned valuable techniques to continue building membership in our Clubs and support of the Foundation. Our next Foundation Seminar will be in early November 2016 and we anticipate it will be bigger and better than ever.

Thanks for all you do for Rotary!



Steve and Arlys Sikorski

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D5610 District & Clubs Calendar // Deadlines

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

District Conference, Pierre, August 25-27, 2016

September: Basic Education & Literacy

October: Economic & Community Development

End Polio Now World Day, October 24, 2015

Zone Institute, Salt Lake City, October 24-29, 2016

November: Rotary Foundation

IRS 990 filing due for Clubs and District

District Foundation & Grants, Membership, Rotaract & 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 14-16, 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:

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

6/10-14/2017 Atlanta, Georgia

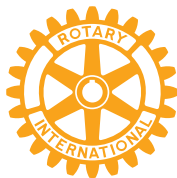
CAP grant, District grant reports closed

and TRF global grant applications/reports due

Club MOUs due for next year

Clubs' Goals Update on Club Central

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CLUB PRESIDENTS-ELECT NAMES REQUESTED BY JANUARY 1, 2016

All board members elected for 2016-17 should be posted on BOTH the District website and the RI website for your club, by your club leadership. Rotary and District leaders **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 on RI website, then use the "synchronize and compare" function at the District or Club website to match the databases.

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](#).

Ever since **Rotary Club Central** was launched in 2012-13, we have been collecting feedback and making improvements. Here are two important improvements, related to goals, for 2016-17:

- The membership goal will no longer be based on retention of new and existing members. Instead, it will represent the number of members in a club at the end of the Rotary year.
- The Annual Fund goal will no longer be divided into levels of giving. Instead, it will be a single goal for total Annual Fund contributions made by the club and its members.

These changes will be reflected in Rotary Club Central starting 16 November. Sign in to [My Rotary](#) to review them. And if you have questions, please contact your [Club and District Support team](#).

If you have questions, contact rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org.

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International Convention in Seoul, Korea ~ May 29 to June 1, 2016

Register now at <http://www.riconvention.org/en/seoul/register>

Zone Institute in Salt Lake City ~ October 27-30, 2016

Rotary at the Cross Roads, Zones 21b & 27

Register now at <http://rizones21-27.org/zone-institute-2016/>

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! Assistant Governors and District Committee chairs may write their reports and send in for timely inclusion in the newsletter. Deadline for copy is the third Friday of every month. The monthly newsletter publishes at the end day of each month.

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

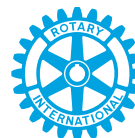


D5610 Youth News // PETS Planning

Rotaract
Rotary Club Partner



Interact
Rotary Sponsored Club



Current Rotaract and Interact Clubs

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

Club Presidents-Elect will receive “Lead Your Club” packets before PETS

Governor-Elect Ed Jacobson has received the “Lead Your Club” materials—manuals for each club officer—and will be distributing them to Presidents-Elect across the District during the next month or so.

NOTE: If your club has NOT elected a president-elect to take office July 1, 2016, please be certain this is taken care of before Christmas!

The letter Ed received in September from Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko specified the materials should be delivered quickly to next year’s officers so they “can arrive at the President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) prepared with questions.”

District 5610 PETS will be held April 15-16 at the Highland Conference Center in Mitchell. Training for Presidents-Elect will be led by District Trainer Nancy Moose, a retired college professor and Past District Governor, and Ed Jacobson, a semi-retired consultant to nonprofit organizations and a former District Trainer himself.

“Our goal for PETS this year is to create a learning experience for Rotary club officers to help them lead their clubs more effectively—and we want every officer to attend expecting to share their club’s best practices,” Jacobson said. “We won’t be lecturing, we will be facilitating discussion.”

General Secretary John Hewko’s letter suggested clubs should begin now “to start thinking about your club’s strategic plan and goals for the year.” Officers can record club goals in Rotary Club Central by logging



**Presidents-Elect Training
Leadership Training
Friday-Saturday, April 15-16, 2016
Highland Conference Center, Mitchell, SD**

**All Presidents-Elect, All Club Officers
Invited to attend!**



District 5610 Projects have Heart!



Rotary Has Heart

Join clubs from across Zone 21b and Zone 27 in helping show how much Rotary cares this year! Let's show everyone in our communities across the nation that **Rotary Has Heart!**

Rotary Has Heart is the over-arching theme each Rotary club can use to promote the work being done in your community. By using a common theme, and common social media, clubs are able to share their good work with others. Together, we can all help our friends and neighbors

see the great work being done each day by thousands of Rotarians.

You can use an existing program, or develop a new service project to highlight how your club is showing heart in your community. This is your chance to help build better publicity across the entire Rotary world by working together to promote the good work we all do each and every day.

We need to talk about what Rotary does, and make sure we use a unified voice in telling our story. Please use the downloadable jpg images and RotaryHeart news release, and adapt it for use in your club. Then, send your news stories, photos, and reports of media placement to me so we can tally the results. Email to Linda4Rotary@me.com —*Linda Peterson, D5610 Public Image Chair*

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. *Why should my club adopt **ROTARY HAS HEART**?*

- So much is being done by so many Rotarians to make a difference in the local community. Unfortunately, most people simply do not know who we are or what we do. Even many of our own members are unaware of the impact their club is having locally!
- To reverse the decline in Rotary membership we must do a better job of clarifying what Rotary stands for and provide compelling reasons for people to join us. It also helps existing members realize the value of their club in the local community.

2. *How long will the program last?*

- Through the current Rotary year but it may be carried over to following years if successful.

3. *What qualifies as a **ROTARY HAS HEART** event?*

- Addresses a specific, recognizable community need
- Has some measurable "outcome"
- Generates coverage in the local print or broadcast media.
- Engages most, if not all club members in some way
- Prominently displays the new Rotary visual identity (club logo, etc.) and the **ROTARY HAS HEART** logo
- Takes place during a set period of time.
 - Something occurring during Valentine's Day or that week in 2016 is desirable but not necessary.
 - Focusing significant energy on a single day or week makes it far more effective in generating both local and regional publicity for Rotary's work.
- Includes posting of the event with photos, description and media coverage on the Zone Website **ROTARY HAS HEART** page and/or Rotary Showcase.

4. *Does my **ROTARY HAS HEART** event have to be a new initiative?*

- NO! An existing program or activity is just fine as long as it is presented to the public as **ROTARY HAS HEART**.

5. *Are any Rotary International funds available to support a local **ROTARY HAS HEART** event?*

- District Designated Funds or Global Grants may be used if the event includes projects that meet Rotary grant criteria and district budgets are available.

6. *Is a **ROTARY HAS HEART** project limited to one club?*

- NO! The project or initiative can include several clubs or an entire district. Other service clubs and community organizations can also be encouraged to participate.

7. *How will successful **ROTARY HAS HEART** projects be recognized?*

- Projects will be featured on the special **ROTARY HAS HEART** link on the Zone 21-27.org website. The District Public Image Chairs will be encouraged to feature club projects on the district website and social media pages.
- Outstanding projects will be reviewed by the regional Rotary coordinators and the top three will be recognized and awarded certificates and prizes at the 2016 Zone Institute in Salt Lake City.

Spotlight on Mobridge: Roses for Rotary Campaign made the front page of the Prairie Pioneer newspaper with a photo of 5 bouquets given by anonymous person to the residents of the Selby Good Samaritan Center.



Members of the Rodeo Association, from the left: Jesse Konold, Dean Tisdall and Michelle Harrison receiving check from Rotary by President Gary Steuck and Secretary Peg Wunder.

Michelle Harrison, president of the Rodeo Association, was presented with a check for \$2,136.11 as their payment from the Roses for Rotary campaign. The Friends of Scherr Howe, for the bathroom project, will receive a like amount but have asked that the money stay with Rotary for the time being to be used as matching funds for a Rotary grant that will be applied for, hopefully, next year. The balance of the money raised through the sale of the roses, \$1,068.06 is 20 percent of the net profit which will stay with Rotary to help fund projects through the next year.

The Robotic Team of the Mobridge Pollock School consisting of seniors Luke Ulmer, Jordan Backmeier and Lacey Steiger presented a fascinating program showing the first robotic they built to Rotary on Monday,

November 16. This is an after school program and has only been available to students for several years. Presently, there are two freshmen, two sophomores, 6 juniors and 6 seniors participating but more students are becoming interested in the program so the three students present feel that the program will grow not only in Mobridge Pollock Schools but in the other area schools wanting to get involved. They traveled to Brookings to learn what their robot would have to do. They then had one month to get the robot built. Mrs. Wells is the advisor for the group. The students showed the first model they built but after competing they made major changes and nearly have the final model completed. Daktronics and the head of the engineering department were very helpful in answering their questions. There were 23 teams at in the competition and the students estimate there will be 64 teams in Fargo. Jordan briefly explained the competition covers all aspects of the robotic competition. He said that 15 percent of the total score was the robot and 35 percent was presentation. They also had to build a booth in which they had a video playing showing the 5 hours they spent building the robot and which was speeded up to play in a matter of minutes. Autumn Schlomer was instrumental in furnishing artwork for the project. They placed 8th which qualifies them to go to the Regional competition in Fargo so they are currently working on raising money to cover their expenses. Businesses have been very good in giving donations. They estimate that it will cost nearly \$1,000 for them to attend the competition as there will be travel expense, motel expense and the team will also wear t-shirts identifying their school, and their sponsors. They ended their presentation by saying that they are still fundraising to get enough money together to meet expenses at which time a motion was made and seconded to donate \$250 to the project which passed unanimously.



Rotary President Gary Steuck on the left presenting a check for \$250 to Lacey Steiger, Luke Ulmer and Jordan Backmeier.



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>

Spotlight on Sioux Falls Downtown: Sioux Falls Downtown Rotary to begin distribution of \$100,000 for community projects! In celebration of the 100th anniversary of its founding in Sioux Falls the Downtown Rotary club recently kicked off a \$100,000 CENTENNIAL FUND DRIVE. The drive aims to raise \$100,000 annually from its 300+ members, and will benefit three Sioux Falls community projects during this inaugural year.

On Monday November 9, 2015 President Joel Dykstra of Sioux Falls Downtown Rotary Club had the



privilege of making a grant presentation to Chad Campbell, manager the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House in the amount of \$22,328. These funds will purchase computers and lockers needed in the non-profit organization's efforts to serve our city's homeless. By combining funding from the Club's project budget, its Centennial Fund, and augmented by a \$5,000 grant from Rotary District 5610, the award to the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House will total \$22,328. This funding will purchase an individual locker system for BDHH clients use to safely store their personal belongings; and to purchase computers for residents use in searching and applying for employment positions. The Rotary funds will fulfill 100% of these two critical equipment needs for the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House.

The presentation will occur during the Downtown Rotary's regular Monday noon luncheon meeting at the Downtown Holiday Inn. Local media are invited to attend the presentation. Officials from both Downtown Rotary and the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House will be available for Q&A after the meeting.

South Dakota Rotary Clubs are known for their generosity and hands on approach to solving problems. The Sioux Falls Downtown Rotary Club has been part of notable projects for the city's disabled community like the Miracle Field at Covell Lake. Rotary West is well-known for the outstanding work it does in distributing wheel chairs to the needy. The Rotary North and South clubs in Sioux Falls are active in many community projects and fundraising events that benefit the local community and support the global mission of Rotary

The Sioux Falls \$100,000 Rotary Centennial Fund typifies the commitment Rotary Clubs have been extending communities since the first club's inception over 100 years ago. Rotary members voluntary service to help overcome community challenges will continue to provide relief for many more people over the next century.



Marshall Clubs' awards ceremonies



On Tues., Nov. 17th at the **Marshall Noon Rotary Club** meeting 18 senior members of the Marshall High School Football team were in attendance to receive their statuette from the Rotary Club. This is the 69th year the Marshall Rotary Club has awarded statuettes to the seniors.

The **Marshall Sunrise Rotary Club** held their 13th annual Foundation Banquet Nov. 19, 2015. Presentation of the Sunrise Rotarian of the Year, which is usually a member of the Sunrise Club, was this year awarded to Minneota's Rotary Club President Rick Bot. Also presented at

the Banquet was the Sunrise Clubs Citizen of the Year, that award went to Tim & Donna Swenson of Marshall. They are the developers & owners of the Action Track Chair manufactured in Marshall, during the Banquet they updated the group on their growing business that has now gone world wide. District Governor Steve Sikorski was present and assisted in presenting the awards.



Rotary Leadership Institute program changes

Following a review of the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) program completion to participation ratio in the past three years, Assistant Governors, the District Governor, and the RLI Coordinator agreed to conduct RLI as a two-part program in 2016. Review of program results for 2013-2015 indicated that a majority of participants did not take RLI 3 and consequently did not complete the program. Similar results have occurred in neighboring districts who, like us, are members of the Rocky Mountain Rotary Leadership Institute. In 2015, some of these districts consolidated the three-part program to two parts, making completion of the program more attainable. They accomplished this by consolidating and/or shortening some sessions, tightening the schedule, and slightly lengthening the day. These efforts have been well received in those districts and the new materials have been made available to us. As a result, completion of the program will be made possible by attending both sessions. Rotarians who need to complete RLI 2 and/or RLI 3 will be able to complete the program by taking the new RLI 2.

RLI course sites have been tentatively set, and to date, courses are planned for Brookings, Sioux Falls (twice), Sioux City, Black Hills (twice), and Pierre/ Winner(twice?) Course schedules will be announced as soon as they have been finalized. If you are not reasonably close to one of the scheduled sites and would like to have the courses in your area, please contact me, Larry Lyngstad, RLI Coordinator (605)280-3119. We would like to make RLI attainable to everyone who wants to complete the program, and although not designed just for club leadership, we would especially encourage all presidents-elect, as well as other new officers or directors to complete the program.



D5610 News // Volunteers // Public Image

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

Nominations requested for DISTRICT GOVERNOR for 2018-19

It is time to ask for nominations for the 2018-19 District Governor position. A fundamental principle of Rotary is that the best qualified candidate should be selected for service in elective offices. If a Rotarian in our District that you know has the skills, knowledge and aptitude for this highest position in a Rotary District, please download the application in the download section of the District website.

The candidate must fill out, sign, and have the club secretary sign, and send your application to Linda Peterson, Immediate Past District Governor, and chair of the Council of Governors. The Council will review the applications received by December 31, 2015, interview in January-February, and select the most qualified candidate before April 1, 2016.

Contact Linda Peterson, DG 2014-15, Linda4Rotary@me.com

Volunteer needed for ROTARY GLOBAL REWARDS Chair

Our District is in need of a Rotary Global Rewards Chairperson. Rotary Global Rewards is a new program from Rotary International that allows Rotarians worldwide to obtain discounts on travel, hotels, car rentals and other necessities by registering at the Rotary.org website. Once registered, any Rotarian will get a list of the companies participating in this program. I personally got a 44% discount on a recent purchase at Office Max in Sioux Falls.

If you would like to volunteer for this chair position, please contact me.

—Steve Sikorski, District Governor

Club Public Image Chairs Needed!

We call them our newsletter editors, social committee, club secretary, or public relations chair. Rotary now classifies the activities of public relations as **PUBLIC IMAGE!**

Please add this position to your club board, along with Membership and Foundation chairs, to assist communication by District leaders. The Public Image chair provides the information channel to assist the Membership and Foundation efforts. Publishing information from these two important functions of Rotary will improve our clubs and provide current data to our members.

In the next few weeks, Linda will be reviewing all the Club websites in our District, and rating them with the criteria below. Let's get our websites updated and improve communications to our members!

Criteria:

RI visual identity & President's current theme logos

Club President's message

Club location, club news

Club membership listing, club committees and leadership

Rotary news links

Calendar of events

Webmaster, Leadership contact.

I would be happy to assist your webmaster!

—Contact Linda Peterson at 605-341-5006

or email Linda4Rotary@me.com

Want to know how to increase volunteering in your club?

Loren Boyens, PDG led a breakout session at Zone Institute. Session notes are available to read and download from the District website.



D5610 News // End Polio Now // Foundation Giving



How can YOU give the Gift of Rotary?

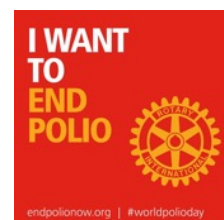
As of the end of October, Rotarians and friends of Rotary around the world have contributed over \$27 million to the Annual Fund.

There are **two actions** that you can take right now to promote giving at this time of year.

1. Participate in #GivingTuesday on 1 December and celebrate giving and giving back with Rotary. Although Rotarians give to their communities and our Foundation year round, #GivingTuesday is a great chance to reach new supporters by leveraging social media and the momentum of Foundation Month in November. Last year, our Foundation raised over \$100,000 on #GivingTuesday to fund sustainable, life changing projects. With your support on December 1st we can transform even more lives this year.

2. Encourage others to give the gift of Rotary this holiday season. Last year we started a “Give the gift of Rotary” page on Rotary.org which shows what a contribution to The Rotary Foundation can accomplish. Visit www.rotary.org/givethethegift and see what a gift to the Rotary Foundation can do to make the world a better place. If you haven’t already, make your gift to the Annual Fund today at www.rotary.org/give.

Use your Rotary website member access, sign in, go to The Rotary Foundation, choose GIVE, pick the appropriate plan, do it in 5 easy steps!
www.Rotary.org



Rotary gives \$40.4 million to end polio worldwide

On the heels of historic success against polio in Nigeria and across Africa, the global effort to end polio is receiving an additional **\$40.4 million boost from Rotary** to support immunization activities and surveillance.

Rotary has earmarked \$26.8 million of the total for African countries, to ensure that the disease never returns to the continent; \$6.7 million to Pakistan, one of two countries where polio has never been stopped; \$5.3 million to India; and \$400,000 to Iraq.

Rotary provides grant funding to our [polio eradication initiative](#) partners UNICEF and the World Health Organization, which work with governments and Rotary members in polio-affected and high-risk countries to plan and carry out immunization activities.

Wild poliovirus type 2 (WPV2) [has been eradicated worldwide](#), the Global Commission for the Certification of Poliomyelitis Eradication concluded in September. The last case of WPV2 was in 1999 in India. And no cases caused by wild poliovirus type 3 (WPV3) have been reported globally since November 2012, in Nigeria. The elimination of WPV3 would leave only type 1 to contend with.



Click on the link below to view the most current Annual Report.

Wonder where 2014-15 is?

Well, it is still 2015, so standby!

<http://annualreport.rotary.org/2013-14/en>



D5610 News // District Projects



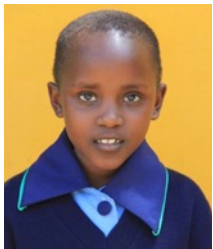
The School of St. Jude
FIGHTING POVERTY THROUGH EDUCATION

School of St. Jude Support Project

Many clubs in our district use this 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 takes \$100 to \$200 or more to get involved and when the total reaches \$1500 we will send it 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.

The teacher and student we are sponsoring are posted on the District website, in downloads. Read their reports for a complete story. Here's a brief from Kailey Gramberg, Sponsor Relations Team at St. Jude's:



"We are very pleased to provide to you a detailed profile of your newly sponsored student; **Glory Fred Kundi**, who is studying at our Sisia Lower Primary Campus. Your newly sponsored teacher; **Ms Lightness Daniel** has been part of our teaching team since 2012. In 2015, she is continuing her role as our librarian at our Smith Secondary Campus." For more background on the School of St. Jude, please go to <http://www.schoolofstjude.org>.



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Global Scholar back to Berlin



Greetings from Berlin! It was so great meeting some of you in Sioux Falls in September. My third semester began in October, and I am settling into the new university and new city. Berlin is a fascinating city with a fascinating history. Of course, in my lifetime, Berlin has always just been Berlin, but many of you likely still remember when it was two distinct cities, separated by the wall. I live in what was East Berlin—in fact, most of the sights (and my university) are located in East Berlin. I am studying at Humboldt University in the College of Life Sciences. Another American who spent some time at Humboldt was Albert Einstein, although he was teaching courses, not studying.

One course that I am taking this semester that is incredibly interesting is Water Resource Scarcity and Management in Jordan. We are conducting a case study to figure out how the Syrian refugee crisis has impacted water resources in Jordan. The country's population has increased by more than 10% because of the refugees. In March, we will visit for 2 weeks to conduct field research. I am excited to see a new part of the world, learn more about applying water resource management skills in real life situations, and learn more about the refugee crisis.

Berlin has already embraced the holiday season. In fact, some department stores had Christmas trees out by October 20. My mom and dad will be flying over to spend the holiday with me.

—**Emily Natchtigal**, Global Scholar





D5610 News // Grants // 4 Way Test Contest

DISTRICT 5610 4 WAY TEST ESSAY CONTEST

It's that time of year again to begin the District 5610 4 Way Test Essay Contest. This is a great way to spread our Rotary ideals into our communities. The contest involves 6th graders and they are asked to write a 200 to 500 word essay on *"How can I apply the Rotary 4 Way Test to my life?"* You will be amazed at the perspective 6th graders have on our 4 Way Test.

You need to find a 6th grade teacher or group of teachers who are willing to participate in this great project. I have found that it is usually easier to approach teachers rather than the administrators as they have so many other issues on their minds. Provide the teacher with the attached forms describing the contest, its history and requirements. When the essays have been written the teachers can narrow down the group and submit their top ten or they can submit all of the essays that they collect to your club. You need judges to determine the top essays and your club can reward a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize if you so choose. Then by the deadline of March 15, 2016 you need to submit your winning essay to the district where it will be judged with all of the other club winners. The District 5610 winners will be announced at PETS in April of 2016. The first place winner will receive a \$200 check, a certificate, a 4 Way Test coin and the chance to read their essay at the District Conference in Pierre. Second place receives a \$100 check, a certificate and a 4 Way Test coin while third place receives a \$50 check, a certificate and a 4 Way Test coin.

I am hoping that many of the District 5610 clubs will participate in this terrific project where we teach young people about what Rotary stands for. Contact *Pat Sutliff* sutliff@midco.net or 605-718-0559.

GLOBAL GRANT FOR ROMANIA - DONATIONS REQUESTED

Steve is currently working on a Rotary global grant application to refurbish a newborn delivery room in the hospital in Focsani, Romania. After an October 13 meeting with the hospital administrators and members of the Focsani Rotary Club, a budget of 35,000 Euros was established to completely refurbish the delivery room.

Births at this hospital are about 2,100 a year and the current delivery room is 1950s vintage. The Focsani Rotary Club has pledged \$5,000 and Romania Rotary District 2241 has pledged \$1,000.

Donations from the Downtown Sioux Falls Club, Rapid City Rushmore Club have been committed, and including District 5610 global funding, still leaves us about \$4,000 short.

If your club would like to participate in this global grant project with a contribution of any amount please contact Steve. Individual donations also welcome. Steve will speak more about this project at the Foundation and Membership Seminar in Mitchell on November 7.

—*Steve Sikorski, District Governor 2015-16*

Start working on next year's grant application!

It's not too early to start planning for next year's grant program. Training for the new year has started with a session in the great city of Marshall, MN on October 26th.

Check out the District 5610 website for 2016-2017 materials: application, report, highlights, MOU, and the grants training PowerPoint presentation (new).

We have two changes to the grant program this year. Reports are due every 12 months. Formerly it was every six months. Secondly, we renamed our District grant to 5610 grant to avoid confusion with the District block grant.

Take notice of needs in your community, take time to plan a project and fill out a grant application and be a gift to the world.

—*Ina Winter, Grants Committee Chair*



D5610 Foundation // Raffle Rules

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 great prizes to our members. Two main changes that were implemented the last 2 years that will continue this year are:

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

Here is a rough timeline for this year's raffle:

December 1: Request 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 PETS Conference: Drawing for prizes.

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

Please contact *Joe Mauss* (joe_mauss@mmi.net) or *Mark Barry* (mbarry@dieselmachinery.com), District Raffle Co-Chairs, with questions.

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, 2015 cannot be applied to this year's raffle.
5. Credit will be given toward Paul Harris Fellow status of the Rotarian selling the ticket for tickets sold to people outside of Rotary.
6. Raffle tickets can be awarded for individual Foundation donations only, not for Club donations.
7. All clubs in District 5610 are asked and encouraged to donate a prize for the raffle. Prizes with a local connection are very nice, but cash and gift cards are also welcome.
8. Tickets are due back at the District PETS conference in April.
9. All prizes will be drawn and awarded at the PETS conference.
10. Names of prize winners will be published in the May District 5610 Newsletter.

Make Your Rotary Foundation Donations NOW!

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

www.Rotary.org

District Foundation Day

The Foundation/Membership Day had 52 attendees representing nineteen clubs in the District. Chris Etienne, PDG from D6290 was the speaker. Bruce and Chris led a workshop on "How to be a Vibrant Club." (see the translated notes on the District website.) Glenda Thomas, PDG from D5770 led the Membership training. She gave multiple tips on gaining and retaining members, and then handed out a jump drive loaded with 40 more tips! Kelly Atkinson, PDG from D5420 led the Foundation training. He dug deep into the Foundation. Then Ina Winter, Grants Chair did her classic two-hour session on the Grants application process. The day concluded with a deluxe dinner and closing talk from Chris. It was a GREAT DAY in ROTARY!



Leaders' Observations:
—Bruce Nearhood, Foundation Day
Leader: The Foundation/

Membership/Rotaract seminar was a great success this year. One of the definite highlights was having the Rotaract members there. We had representation from both of our District's Rotaract clubs in Brookings and Rapid City. It was exciting to listen to these future leaders of Rotary! They have great ideas and a great passion for service. Just like you did when you joined Rotary!

I heard really good moments and feedback on the Foundation and Membership training that were given by our Zone reps. The attendees will take that information back to their clubs to help you not only get new members but retain and inspire the ones you already have.

I hope you will plan to attend next year's seminar. It will be well worth the time you invest!

—Joe Mauss, District Foundation Chair:

- * Every Rotarian Every Year – Rotary Foundation asks every Rotarian to contribute at least \$100 to the Foundation every year.
- * Use Rotary Direct to contribute personally, not through your club.
- * Clubs should know where they stand on a per capita donation basis, and how that compares to the District average. Find the report at rotary.org
- * Overall goal of Rotary is Peace Through Fellowship – This is a noble goal and is worth supporting.
- * The issues the golf industry is facing are very similar to the issues rotary is facing.
- * The movement against immunization has potential to result in increases in preventable diseases.
- * There are opportunities to travel on global projects for any Rotarian who is interested.
- * Rotary Foundation is highly rated – 4 stars – by Charity Navigator.



October 2015 District 5610 Grants Report

The chart below summarizes the District and CAP grants awarded by the Spending Plan Committee for Rotary Year 2015-2016. We had over \$80,000 in requests, but only \$33,400 dollars to allocate. It was a difficult process, but we believe we managed to spread the funds around in the fairest way possible.

Every club but one who requested grant funds received an award. Spearfish Northern Hills did not receive the funding they requested from the District Grant, but the committee challenged them to take their project to the Global Grant level with a promise of \$10,000 District Designated Fund match. It appears they are taking on the challenge and developing their new global project.

Good news! We just received notice that our District Grant was approved by The Rotary Foundation, so checks should be in the mail shortly. (Start your engines, but don't spend any money until the check is in your hands.)

Here is a summary of the Global Grants District 5610 has a hand in.

We are supporting three global scholars:

- Emily Nachtigal is starting her second year of study in Global Perspective of Rural and Agricultural Economies. \$15,000
- Kjelsie Hass is our new scholar and is just starting her studies this fall. \$15,000
- Priscilla Arie, Youth Exchange alum from Brazil, supporting her studies in the Netherlands in Social Marketing. \$8,000

Ongoing global grants:

- Healthy Schools/Healthy Families in Guatemala. Jorge Coromac training 20 Nurse Assistants. \$10,000
- HIV/AIDS Education in East Africa. \$500
- Women's Empowerment in Peru. \$11,800

Global grants awaiting approval and/or full funding:

- India Sewing Machines. \$9725 DDF and \$6,200 cash from D5610 clubs.
- Haiti Water and Literacy. \$5,000
- Haiti - Medical Infrastructure. \$10,000

Global grants currently being developed in District 5610:

- Romania Birthing Room. DDF match to be determined
- Haiti VTT and Education and Education. \$10,000 (this is the Spearfish proposal)

We are on track to having a robust spending side of Rotary grants...what is needed now is a robust revenue effort! All of these grants are funded from contributions made by club members and clubs to The Rotary Foundation. Besides being a stellar charity, contributions to TRF are tax deductible. Please consider adding TRF to your giving portfolio.

—Ina Winter, District Grants Sub-Committee Chair

Club/Award

Brookings, \$1,000
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Canton, \$5,000
Centerville, \$1,000
Le Mars, \$1,000
Luverne, \$2,500
Mapleton, \$988
Marshall, \$4,000
Marshall Sunrise, \$3,500
Rapid City Evening, \$1,000
Sibley, \$475
Sioux City, \$1,000
Sioux City, \$1,000
Sioux Falls Downtown, \$5,000
Sioux Falls South, \$2,500
District 5610, \$2127
District 5610, \$300

Total Awarded: \$33,400

Project Description

Safety Mats for Boys and Girls Club of Brookings.
Junior golf clubs for First Tee Life Skills.
Park playground equipment.
Broadway Street landscaping.
Water disinfection units.
Luverne Rotary Park improvements.
Fan for the new fire truck.
Camden Trail Arch with enhancements.
Food for Kidz meal packaging.
Children's dental health initiative.
Bicycle safety project with helmets.
Improvements to local warming shelter.
Peru - Wheels of Hope.
Computers and lockers for Bishop Dudley Hospitality House.
Food packages for overseas and local backpack program.
District Foundation Day Grant Training.
Administration costs.

