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# District 5610//Gearing Up

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## DG Report: Steve Sikorski

**MEMBERSHIP** - We talk about it every month and at every meeting but our District has fallen behind in recruiting new members. On July 1 we had 1,962 Rotarians in District 5610 but by January 1 we had lost 21 members and our total is 1,941. How can we reverse this trend?

I ask that every current member in our District make an effort to invite a potential member to their meeting and ask them to join. Just about anyone in your community is a potential member. Friends, business associates, spouses, children and grandchildren - they can all become Rotarians. So please take a minute to think of one person who might become a member of your Club.

By the end of March 2016 it would be great for every Club to have added at least one new member net. Those 43 new members will reverse our current downward trend.



*Steve and Arlys Sikorski*

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# D5610 District & Clubs Calendar // Deadlines

KEY: blue = RI and Zone

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## 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

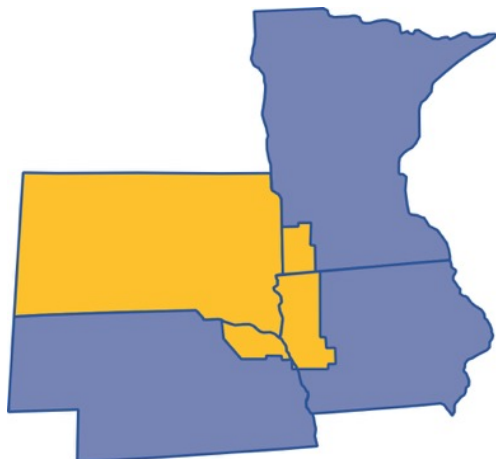
District Foundation & Grants, Membership, Rotaract & Dinner, Nov. 7, 2015 Mitchell Highland Center

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](mailto: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](mailto:linda4rotary@me.com)



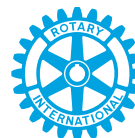


## D5610 Youth News // PETS Planning

**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 required to attend!  
All Club Officers Invited to attend!**





## 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 LeMars Club

The Rotary Club of Le Mars received a 2015 CAP grant for \$1000 in matching funds from District 5610. The club, in conjunction with Safe Water International Ministries and the United Methodist Church of Le Mars, held a service project on November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015, to build 100 Chlorine Producing Units, or CPUs.



These CPUs use electricity to convert ordinary salt water into a chlorine solution that can be used to sanitize water. This project is directly targeted to one of Rotary International has six areas of focus, that being *Providing Clean Water*. One CPU can provide enough chlorine to provide safe drinking water to an entire village of 1000 people or more using just readily available and cheap table salt and a 12 volt car battery.

Unlike commercial chemicals to sanitize a water supply which may be expensive and difficult to obtain, a CPU

provides an impoverished village in a third world country with a sustainable method of sanitizing their water for years to come.



About 50 people, including 11 Le Mars Rotarians, one Rotarian from the Sioux City club, servants from the United Methodist Church of Le Mars, and volunteers from Gehlen Mission Honduras, worked during one of four 2-hour shifts, with each shift building 25 Chlorine Producing Units. Safe Water International Ministries, or SWIM, has the production process well organized into 8 different stations manned by the volunteers. SWIM will later put the CPUs into a tackle box with a chlorine testing unit, a couple of bottles, and instructions in the appropriate language. SWIM then distributes the CPUs to locations around the world, including Central America, Africa, and India.

Mission Honduras, which is associated with Gehlen Catholic School in Le Mars, has organized dozens of trips to Honduras for such projects as building houses, delivering dental and healthcare, and building water systems. They will be taking 20 of the CPUs we built in this project to Honduras on their next trip.

The Rotary Club of Le Mars is very proud to have sponsored and participated in this project and wants to thank Rotary District 5610 for the grant, as well as the United Methodist Church of Le Mars, Mission Honduras, and Safe Water International Ministries. This project which cost about \$2500 for materials, and involved around 100 volunteer hours of time, may provide clean, safe, water to several hundred thousand people once the Chlorine Producing units are distributed and in use around the world. A video about the project can be seen at <https://youtu.be/DwsfG7G4wE0> or by visiting the club Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Le-Mars-Rotary-Club-204968209527616/?fref=ts>.

### Spotlight on Pierre-Fort Pierre club - Boys & Girls Club Concert

Two years ago, the Pierre/Fort Pierre Rotary Club was invited to assist with a fundraising event for the Boys and Girls Club of the Capital Area. The event was a concert, "Holiday Jam with the Hegg Brothers" which consisted of a ten piece ensemble of talented musicians playing their own arrangements. We are now in the third year of what is becoming an annual event. The Rotary Club, together with several community businesses, contribute financially to the event. Rotary heads the ticket sales and promotion for the event, utilizing both Rotarian and non-Rotarian resources to make the event a financial success. However, the benefits to the Boys and Girls Club, to Rotary, and to the community reach far beyond the financial aspects. In addition to providing an evening of outstanding musical entertainment, we have created a new awareness of the services provided by the Boys and Girls Club, as well as a clearer image of some of the activities of Rotary. We display the six banners which list the Rotary Foundation Areas of Focus, our Rotary Club banner, and the four-way test. Boys and Girls Club members distribute programs and conduct a door prize drawing for a print of the Capitol Building donated by a local artist. Although not intended to be a recruiting tool, it has attracted new Rotarians and Boys and Girls Club members.



*Pierre/Fort Pierre Rotary President Jim Mehlhaff presenting a replica of a check for \$22,210 to Becky Spoehr, Director of the Boys & Girls Club of the Capital Area*

### Spotlight on Vermillion club - Holiday Baskets

Pictured are some of the 25 Volunteers who came together on Friday, Dec. 18 to pack 80 holiday food baskets for families in need in Vermillion and the surrounding area. Then on Saturday morning volunteers delivered the baskets/boxes to the families.

The baskets contain a wide array of nonperishable food products – pasta, soups, vegetables, cereals, etc., as well as toiletries – soap, facial tissues and bathroom tissue. Before they were delivered to the homes, fresh produce was added to each basket. Each basket also contained an envelope with a certificate to buy meat and dairy products.



The recipients are always happy to receive the gifts and have indicated that the baskets allow them to have a wonderful holiday meal that they otherwise would not be able to afford. The recipients have also noted that the extra food in the baskets is a blessing following the holiday meal.

Four different groups provide the money and volunteers to make this project a reality. The two largest groups in terms of volunteers are the Vermillion Rotary Club and the Vermillion Lions Club. Our thanks to Ted Muenster, Steve Walters and Dick Abild for coordinating Rotary's considerable contribution to this effort.





## D5610 News // Club News

### Spotlight on Marshall - again!

Between Christmas & New Years, the Marshall Noon Rotary Club presented their annual donation to Lori Lerohl of the Marshall Kitchen Table Food Shelf and to Brad Strootman for the Heart-to-Heart Foundation. These funds were presented by the Marshall Noon Rotary president, Tony Theisen, the funds are gathered from the members that forfeit their lunch expense for these two great causes during the 2 weeks.



### Spotlight on Rapid City

The Rapid City Rotary Club chose Cheyenne River Youth Project for their Christmas donation again this year. The collection during the Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, December 10 netted a large pile of toys and checks over \$400. The club also collected \$450 for Feeding South Dakota. Thanks to all for your generosity!



*Many Clubs and Individual Rotarians  
did good things for their communities during the Holiday Season.  
Thank You!  
Happy New Year!*



## District 5610 Projects have 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](mailto:Linda4Rotary@me.com) —Linda Peterson, D5610 Public Image Chair

### Frequently Asked Questions:

1. *Why should my club adopt **ROTARY HAS HEART**?*
  - a. 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!
  - b. 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?*
  - a. 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?*
  - a. Addresses a specific, recognizable community need
  - b. Has some measurable "outcome"
  - c. Generates coverage in the local print or broadcast media.
  - d. Engages most, if not all club members in some way
  - e. Prominently displays the new Rotary visual identity (club logo, etc.) and the **ROTARY HAS HEART** logo
  - f. Takes place during a set period of time.
    - i. Something occurring during Valentine's Day or that week in 2016 is desirable but not necessary.
    - ii. 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.
  - g. 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?*
  - a. 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?*
  - a. 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?*
  - a. 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?*
  - a. 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.
  - b. 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.





### 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.

### Youth Exchange Works!

Now that I am settled in, I wanted to take a moment to thank all of you for making it possible for me to be an RYE student in Germany last year. I learned so very much and savored every moment. I will forever hold the memories I made and all of the people that I met very close to my heart. I am still in close contact with two of my three host families and many of my friends. Hopefully, I will one day return to Europe to visit many of the wonderful whom I had the pleasure of meeting during my exchange. A couple of my friends and I are already planning a reunion! I am currently planning my next adventure. This summer my travels will take me to South Korea where I will learn Korean, travel, and teach English at a middle school. I am very excited to once again submerge myself in a new culture and explore what the world has to offer.

I hope 2016 brings you all as much joy as 2015 has brought me.

*Best of wishes, Kristen Ahart*

### 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](http://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*



## D5610 News // Public Image // Friendship Exchange

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

### Club Public Image **ALERT!**

Linda has reviewed all the Club websites in our District, and rating them with the criteria below. Some websites are very current, but some are woefully neglected! Let's get our websites updated and improve communications to our members! I would be happy to assist your webmaster!

—Contact Linda Peterson at 605-341-5006 or email [Linda4Rotary@me.com](mailto:Linda4Rotary@me.com)

#### 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.

Does your club website include all these criteria? If not, please assign a club member to work on it. Browse other clubs' websites listed on the Clubs and Membership page of the District website at [www.rotary5610.org](http://www.rotary5610.org)

### District Public Image Plan/Budget/Goals

Zone leaders have asked all Districts to formulate plans and budgets for the three major Committees of every District: Membership, Foundation, and Public Image. There are criteria established for Citations for Districts that achieve their goals.

#### Our District Public Image Plan is as follows:

	Budget:	Completion Date(s):
Create new District welcome banner, 4 Way Test, Leadership	\$617.65	Sept 2015
Conference Presentation on RI Branding, program	-	Sept 2015
Monthly Newsletter, PDF, sent to all D members	-	July-June
Update news & logos on D website, renew website fee	\$1300	Dec 2015
Messages to Club execs about PI Chairs, email	-	Sept 2015, Jan 2016
Story on PI Chair in Clubs	-	Oct, Nov, Dec
Review all 14 club websites/Fb pages in D5610	-	Nov 2015
Messages to all 14 clubs, how to improve websites	-	Jan 2016
Display of 6 Areas of Focus banners locations: Mitchell, Sioux Falls, Pierre, Madison, Spearfish, Custer, Rapid City,	-	Dec 2015, Jan 2016
Post Rotary Has Heart story, encourage clubs to implement	-	
Assist club execs on use of websites, PI materials: Rapid City, RC Evening, Sioux City, S Sioux City,		
Assist club execs on establishing social media pages (Goal: 5)		
Account of Rotary news items: (Goal: 20) Sioux Falls, Mobridge, Marshall, Sioux City, LeMars, Vermillion, Pierre,		
Account of Rotary Has Heart news items: (Goal: 10)		
Create/Award PI Citation to club at PETS: Deadline May 30, 2016.		

### Rotary Friendship Exchange Team going to Australia!

The team is meeting in February to get acquainted, discuss travel arrangements, and prepare a powerpoint on our team to introduce ourselves to the Australian Rotarians. The team will be in New South Wales in late April to early May, 2016. Pat Sutliff, RFE Chair, has selected the following Rotarians from our District:

Sandra Christenson and Jim Shafer from SF Downtown

Larry and Marcia Janssen from Brookings

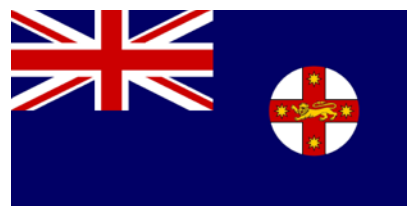
Nancy and Roger Moose from Madison

Carol Nielsen from Sioux Falls West

Norm and Linda Peterson from Rapid City

Verl and Kathy Scheibe from Custer

Dee Werner from Marshall Sunrise





## D5610 News // District Projects

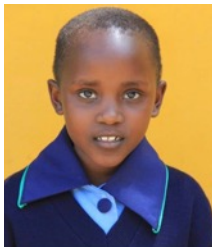
### School of St. Jude Support Project

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.



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

*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>.

For more information contact PDGs:

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

### Global Grant Scholarship Applicants Wanted!

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

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

How to apply:

- . 1) Application deadline is MARCH 1, 2016. Applications are on the District website.
- . 2) Applicants cannot be related in any way to a member of Rotary.
- . 3) Applicants must be residents of District 5610.

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





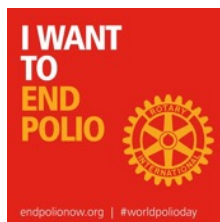
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### DISTRICT 5610 4 WAY TEST ESSAY CONTEST

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](mailto: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*

### 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](mailto:joe_mauss@mmi.net)) or **Mark Barry** ([mbarry@dieselmachinery.com](mailto: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.

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### 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.

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.

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)

—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  
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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.

