



DISTRICT 5610 // GEARING UP

JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 2017 Volume 16, Issue 7-8

DISTRICT LEADERS: DATA: www.Rotary5610.org // PO Box 674, Rapid City, SD 57709

DG // ED JACOBSON, PIERRE, SD // coach@pie.midco.net

DGE // STEVE HARRINGTON, LE MARS, IA // steveharringtonrotary@yahoo.com

DGN // DAVID LORENZ, VERMILLION, SD // david.lorenz@usd.edu

PDG // STEVE SIKORSKI, SIOUX FALLS, SD // sikorski5121@gmail.com

TREASURER // STEVE SIKORSKI, SIOUX FALLS, SD // sikorski5121@gmail.com

EDITOR/WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR // LINDA PETERSON, PDG 2014-15 // RAPID CITY, SD // linda4rotary@me.com

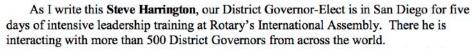
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR // ELLA SHAFER, RAPID CITY, SD // ella.shafer@chssd.org



Would You Believe?

...a brief monthly message from DG Ed Jacobson

Looking for a few more Rotarians to wear this chevron!



When Steve visits your club next year, please honor his service. Recognize he has already given 8-10 years of service to Rotary with little or no compensation. When he takes office July 1 he will have committed two years volunteer work getting ready.

Recently a Rotary club leader made a comment that "District leaders are mostly in it for themselves." It was a man who should have known better — or perhaps he was talking about his own service at the District level. It was an inexcusable gaffe!

Every Rotary leader I've met loves helping others and are worthy of these words from the late Erma Bombeck: "Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another."

My thanks to every Rotary leader reading this. Your service to your community, to Rotary, and to "Doing Good in the World," is worthy of praise. **Thank you!**

District Leadership Conference Calls 2016-17 Schedule

The following schedule has been setup.
The agenda will be conducted by
DG Ed Jacobson.

DG Chain - 6 times a year, AGs - 4 times a year, Committee Chairs - 4 times a year

Conference Call process: Call 605-475-6333 Access code 3481716#

District Governor, DGE, DGN, PDGs -Leadership Tele-Conferences

2nd Tuesdays: Jan 10, Mar 14, May 9, 8:30 pm CDT/7:30 pm. MT

Assistant Governors - Leadership Tele-Conferences

3rd Tuesdays: Jan 17, Apr 18, 7:30 pm CDT/6:30 pm MT

District Committee Chairs - Leadership Tele-Conferences

3rd Tuesdays: Jan 17, Apr 18, 8:30 pm CDT/7:30 pm MT

In this issue...

- 2 RI Notices, RI Convention
- 3 DGE, 2017-18 theme
- 4 Club News
- 5 District e-club promotion

6 Raffle Promotion

- 7 Scholarship application
- 8 Peru & Scholar Global Grant Updates
- 9 Rotary Leadership Institute
- 10 Membership Enrichment
- 11 Public Image news, RI Website





DISTRICT WEBSITE has downloads and calendar of events. www.Rotary5610.org

District Newsletter / Website needs your stories and events! 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.

www.facebook.com/groups/district5610/ Please send your club events/notices to Linda Peterson, for publishing! Deadline for copy is the third Friday of every month. The monthly newsletter publishes at the end of each month.—Linda Peterson, Newsletter Editor // linda4rotary@me.com

ALL CLUB BOARD MEMBERS POST ONLINE!

All board members should be elected by the end of December, for the next term beginning July 1. All officers 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.

Finally, use the **Clubrunner "synchronize and compare" function** at the District or your Club website to match the databases.

NOTICE FROM RITO CLUB AND DISTRICT OFFICERS

Rotary has introduced several updates to the Club & District Administration pages that makes your administrative tasks easier:

Quick links: Designate favorite links from the Club & District Administration section and access them from your My Rotary dashboard.

Terms of access: Incoming club and district officers 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 are grouped together on Club & District Administration pages.

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.

Sign in to My Rotary to review your club goals. If you have questions, please contact your Club and District Support team or contact rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org.

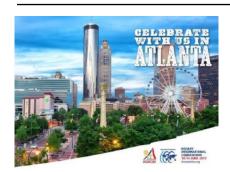
YOUR KEY CONTACT - CLUB AND DISTRICT SUPPORT (CDS)

www.rotary.org/cds

JAMES R. DAMATO, JR. | Supervisor james.damato@rotary.org P: 847.866.3405 F: 847.556.2197

JULIE AUBRY | Coordinator julie.aubry@rotary.org P: 847.866.3429 F: 847.556.2197

ONE ROTARY CENTER 1560 SHERMAN AVENUE EVANSTON, ILLINOIS 60201-3698 USA • WWW.ROTARY.ORG RLI After-HoursRotary



Rotary International Conference in Atlanta, GA ~ June 10-14, 2017

Register now at www.riconvention.org







D5610 News // DGE Steve's Message 2017-18 Theme

District Governor Elect Steve attends International Assembly

The journey to become a district governor in Rotary is a 3-year journey. From district governor-nominee to district governor-elect to district governor. During your year as district governor-elect (DGE) one of the requirements is attending Rotary's International Assembly.

From January 16th through January 20th I attended this International Assembly in San Diego. At this assembly Rotary International (RI) gathers 530 DGEs from almost every country, every culture, and every dialect. DGEs that govern over 35,000 clubs in every corner of the globe.

The event is five full and intense days of learning, inspiring, and motivating for the future of Rotary. There are 9 general assembles where you hear from all the Rotary International leaders, and past RI presidents, and 9 breakouts sessions where we sit with people from around the world in small groups. It is in the small breakouts we learn that every Rotarian and every club face similar challenges. And we learn how small our world really is because we visit with people across the globe.

The primary mission of the International Assembly is for the RI president-elect to assemble with his district governor-elects and set the goals and aspirations for the new Rotary year beginning July 1st.

It was a most incredible experience, and I have made friends in many countries. Rotarians are people of action, and the sun never sets of the good work of Rotary. We truly make a positive difference in our local communities, and across the world. The achievements for this, the world's greatest service organization, is breath-taking.

(top right) Steve with RI President-elect Ian Riseley. Riseley urged incoming district leaders to seek gender and age parity and protect the environment in announcing the 2017-18 presidential theme *Rotary: Making a Difference*. "We know that we can do more together than we could ever do alone. I ask you to keep that spirit of teamwork and cooperation always in your minds and to take it back with you to your districts."

(bottom middle) Steve with Christine M. Grodecki RI Annual Giving Officer, Zones 21b and 27. Christine will be at the 5610 PETs in Mitchell April 6-7. (bottom right) Steve with RI Vice President Jennifer Jones.









ROTARY SERVING HUMANITY

D5610 News // Club Activities

Sioux Falls South Rotary: Join us for our **6th Annual Poker Benefit Tournament** on **Friday, February 3, 2017 at CJ Callaway's Event Center**. This year, all proceeds will benefit Cleveland Elementary in Sioux Falls for literacy projects. Registration opens at 6:30 PM and tournament begins at 7 PM. This a fun event where you're guaranteed to not win any money.

Did you know? Sixty-seven million children worldwide have no access to education and more than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.

Purchase tickets for \$40 online at <u>RotarySouth.com</u> or RSVP a spot at <u>info@rotarysouth.com</u>. Limited to 80 seats.



Marshall Noon Rotary: Mark Siemonsma, Director of Development, from Hope Haven presented a program to the Marshall Noon Rotary Club on January 17. This informative hour consisted of info on the new Beeline Wheelchair built in Iowa and South Dakota, the upcoming trip to Vietnam with wheelchairs and Hope Haven and Rotary combined involvement in this project.

Vermillion Rotary: Chuck Lubbers relates this tip:

We use Clubrunner to send emails to our members each week. The email contains information about that week's program, but also has information about upcoming events, service projects, etc. I also send the email to "friends" of the club—two of them publish newspapers in town (one news and the other is more of a classified). I also told these media guys that they (or any staff members) have an open invitation to attend/join us for lunch if any of the meeting subjects interest them. This week's program was on the local high school's volunteer day. All the high school students do community service on Wednesday of homecoming week. Vermillion Rotary is one of the sponsors of the event. That presentation led to this story: http://www.plaintalk.net/local_news/article_88220586-dea8-11e6-9ac1-378e96ceb8f2.html



The articles that are generated this way keep the Rotary Club being mentioned. I've had some success with local radio stations, too. They don't come to meetings, but if I send them a release, they are very likely to use it.



ROTARY SERVING HUMANITY

D5610 // E-Club Start-Up

Let's start a District 5610 E-Club!

One of my goals for 2017-18 is to develop a district E-Club. This will provide our clubs an alternative meeting opportunity for members, and for new prospective members. New members can attend our Rotary E-Club meetings anytime of the day, and night. Perfect for people who can't attend the standard weekly meetings.

We need to grow membership, and a district E-Club is an important tool for our growth.

Our challenge is to find that person(s) who can help develop the website. And someone to manage and administer the E-Club website. If you or someone you know would be willing to take charge of this project, please contact steve Harrington, District Governor, 2017-18

E-clubs

Rotary e-clubs are a lot like other Rotary clubs: they meet weekly, carry out service projects, support The Rotary Foundation, and socialize with each other. So what's different about e-clubs? You join your meeting online when it's convenient for you, day or night, any day of the week.

How does an e-club operate?

E-club members use webinars, videoconferencing, message boards, instant messaging, or tools like Skype and Google Hangout to communicate. For example, a club member might post content online for that week's meeting, then other members join the discussion throughout the week. Some e-club members also meet in person at service projects, social activities or the RI Convention. Any Rotarian can make up a missed meeting by participating in an e-club online meeting. Find an e-club.

Who can join an e-club?

Members can be from anywhere in the world. Some e-clubs focus their membership in a particular region or community. An e-club could be right for you if you:

- Have a busy schedule and need a flexible meeting time
- Live in different places throughout the year
- Travel frequently
- Have limited mobility
- Live in an area without a nearby Rotary club

How do I start an e-club?

First contact your district governor who will help you get started.

E-clubs need:

- A dedicated website
- Founding members who are able to manage the club's website
- An online meeting platform to host meetings
- Private sections of the website that only members can access to protect members' online personal data
- Online financial transaction systems that allow members to pay dues, make donations, or process payments
- The ability for visiting Rotarians to make up a club meeting

E-clubs are responsible for all costs associated with purchasing a URL and hosting their website on the Internet.

Resources & reference

- What You Need to Know About Rotary E-Clubs
- Organizing New Clubs: A Guide for District Governors and Special Representatives
- Standard Rotary Club Constitution
- Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws

Tools

Club Finder

Rotary support

- <u>District extension committee</u>
- Club and District Support representative









We need YOU for the success of the District Raffle!

The clubs voted overwhelmingly at the 2016 District Conference to continue to hold the District raffle to raise money for The Rotary Foundation. We ask for your help to make it a rousing success!

First, we ask you to consider donating a prize to the raffle — or to solicit a great prize from one of your friends or from one of the businesses you frequent. By increasing the quality and value of the prizes, we hope to positively impact the amount of tickets we are able to sell.

Second, we are changing the way tickets are awarded. In the past, we awarded a ticket for each \$10 that was given to the Foundation. For example, if a member gave \$100 to the Foundation, they could take 10 raffle tickets. This year, we are asking *for actual purchase of tickets*. If you want 10 raffle tickets, you will be asked to pay \$100 for those tickets. The \$100 will still go to the Foundation in your name, but we are hoping it will be an additional \$100, over and above what you would have given.

Two Things We Need From You Now:

- **1. Prizes worthy of a BIG TIME raffle!** Info on your prize needed ASAP, or by Feb. 15 to be listed on raffle tickets. *Email to Ed Jacobson* **coach@pie.midco.net**
- **2.** Name and e-mail address of your club raffle representative who will be responsible for the raffle for your club. *Email to Ed Jacobson* **coach@pie.midco.net**

As you all know, Rotary is the greatest service organization in the world, and The Rotary Foundation is the funding arm for all the great service that Rotary does in the world. We are really hoping that the increased focus on the raffle will help us achieve our District goal of \$200,000 in donations to The Rotary Foundation. Thank you for your support!

NEWS FLASH!!

Karl's TV & Appliances will partner with D5610 to provide a GRAND PRIZE for the Foundation Raffle:

LG Kitchen Appliance package worth up to \$7,500

at Karl's retail pricing. In addition, Karl's will sell raffle tickets for us at every location in South Dakota! A large sign/poster to promote ticket sales will be displayed in each of their 14 SD stores. The twelve communities in SD with Karl's stores are: Aberdeen, Brookings, Gregory, Huron, Madison, Pierre, Rapid City, Sioux Falls(2), Spearfish(2), Watertown, Winner and Yankton. We are only working with the stores in SD because of concerns about state laws regarding raffles. We get permission from the state and from the city of Mitchell to do our raffle. We don't ask for those permissions in our border states, so we thought it prudent to stay within SD borders. However, the winner of the Grand Prize may deal with the closest Karl's store, no matter where. But stores outside SD will NOT sell raffle tickets.

If you have a Karl's location in your community, consider inviting the store manager to your meeting. You might even ask he/she to speak about their newest products.





















D5610 News // Global Grant Scholarship

Scholarships for 2017-18

Now is the time to recruit outstanding candidates from our district for our District Global Grant Scholarship for 2017-18. If you have a candidate from your community or if you have a college or university in your area, please share this information with them and encourage them to consider these scholarship opportunities. Candidates should be identified by February so we can have time to complete the selection process by early spring. Interested persons can contact Tad Perry, Pierre-Ft Pierre Rotary, tadp3@pie.midco.net

There are two different Rotary Scholarships. (Note a flyer is available on the District website -- feel free to post on college campuses or to share with college students you know!)

1. Global Grant Scholarship

Global grants support scholarships for graduate students studying abroad in one of the six areas of focus.

- · Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- · Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- · Economic and community development

Scholarships range from one to four years and therefore can include an entire degree program. Prospective scholars must show proof of admission to the chosen university before the grant will be approved.

Global grant scholars are expected to participate in club or district activities before, during, and after the scholarship.

Global grant scholarships are funded using cash and/or the District Designated Fund, matched by the World Fund. The global grant budget must total at least US\$30,000, but a scholarship may be a component of a larger grant application — for example, a scholarship plus a humanitarian project.

2. Peace Fellowship

Each year, Rotary International selects up to 100 individuals from around the world to receive fully funded academic fellowships at one of our peace centers. These fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship and field-study expenses.

In just over a decade, the Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 900 fellows for careers in peace building. Many of them go on to serve as leaders in national governments, NGOs, the military, law enforcement, and international organizations like the United Nations and World Bank.

Two types of peace fellowships are available.

Master's degree

We offer master's degree fellowships at premier universities in fields related to peace and conflict prevention and resolution. Programs last 15 to 24 months and require a practical internship of two to three months during the academic break. Each year, we award up to 50 master's degree fellowships at these institutions:

- · Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA
- · International Christian University, Japan
- · <u>University of Bradford</u>, England
- · University of Queensland, Australia
- · <u>Uppsala University</u>, Sweden

Professional development certificate

For experienced professionals working in peace-related fields who want to enhance their professional skills, a three-month program in peace and conflict prevention and resolution at <u>Chulalongkorn University</u> in Thailand is offered. This program incorporates two to three weeks of field study. Rotary international awards up to 50 certificates each year.



















D5610 News // Global Grant Report // Global Grant Scholar Report

Update on Peru Global Grant

Thanks again for supporting the Boulder New Generations Rotary Club global grant project, Visionaria Peru GG#1532448 in Peru! We have a loads of exciting updates:

2017 Visionaria Peru Institute is happening NOW! Can you believe it?! This is our *5th* annual Visionaria Peru institute! Even more incredibly, it is now organized and conducted entirely by the local community! Our rockstar leaders, Paola and Miriam, found a fantastic new venue, they worked with the girls homes to sign up young women for the program, and they are teaching the institute using the curriculum we have refined over the past few years. **Our final BNGRC VTT members, Paul Spurzem and Genna Smith, are in Peru now to assist with the institute as needed to wrap up the final stages of GG#1532448.**

Visoinaria Network Organization Sustains the Visionaria Peru Rotary Project I proudly consider this to be a model Rotary project: our Boulder New Gen Rotarians designed a project, we worked with a global network of Rotarians to implement a pilot and then iterate and refine the project, and then we established a sustaining mechanism to transfer leadership to the local community and sustain the program into the future. The sustaining mechanism we created, in collaboration with our contacts in Peru, is Visionaria Network.

After this year, the institute will be sustained by the local community in Peru through the support of our new non-profit organization, <u>Visionaria Network</u>. We formed Visionaria Network to provide sustained support for Visionaria Peru after the Rotary grants end, and for our skilled team members to conduct women's empowerment projects outside of the scope of Rotary.

Our Visionaria Network team looks forward to participating as a cooperating organization on future Rotary projects! You are welcome to follow the Visionaria Peru Rotary project on our <u>Facebook page</u>.

Update from past global scholar

I wanted to share some exciting news with you. I received an email from Trinity College Dublin last week notifying me that after the Court of Examiners met on November 25, it recommended that I be awarded the degree of M.Phil with Distinction. Additionally, I have also been awarded the James Haire prize for best dissertation in 2015-16. It was a stressful 8 months of research and writing and I was beyond shocked when I read that!

After returning to Jacksonville in August I was selected to participate in the inaugural cohort of the Teach For America Jacksonville Halverson Alumni fellowship. Part of the fellowship involves us being paired with a mentor who is a significant leader in the community. We were introduced to our mentors this week and mine is Meg Folds. She is very involved in the Rotary here so I'm attending a meeting with her.

-Kjelsie Hass, Teach For America, '13, Jacksonville, FL



The Rotary Foundation is a non-profit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs.















D5610 News // Rotary Leadership Institute



RLI offers leadership training in shorter program

Have the previous requirements to complete the Rotary Leadership Institute program kept you from participating in the program? Has the thought of committing three Saturdays to sitting in a room, albeit with Rotarians, turned you away? If so, you are probably not alone. Time and travel have been a frequent reason given for not completing the RLI program. Last year, the program was condensed into two sessions, and with additional work this year, the RLI course material has been revised and condensed into a single booklet with the objective of making course completion attainable. The newly revised course contains eleven segments which when streamlined, can be completed in a single day, or two extended post-work days. In addition to class time, attendees have an option of accessing on-line videos and documents to augment the time spent in the face-to-face setting.

What is RLI and what is included in the program? The Rotary Leadership Institute is a grass-roots program associated with Rotary International, but is not under the control of RI. The program includes information and facilitated discussion on a variety of topics, including: My Rotary World and Opportunities; The Rotary Foundation; Service Projects, design and delivery from local to international; Ethics and Vocational Service; Effective Leadership Strategies; Attracting Members; Engaging Members; Public Relations & Club Communication; Strategic Planning & Analysis; and, Making a Difference & Goal Setting. It is NOT a lecture course, but relies on active participation of the attendees, affording opportunities to express and test ideas within the confines of a support group of fellow community leaders who are Rotarians or potential Rotarians.

Who should participate in RLI? One of the objectives of the program initially was to provide training to prospective club leaders, new members to Rotary, and to supplement existing leadership programs. However, the orientation/education/leadership development value has been recognized, and Rotarians at all levels have expressed the value of the course to them personally. Some of my "old dog" friends who have participated in the program are always eager to give testimonials.

When and where are the courses offered, and what is the cost? Courses will be offered in venues throughout the District, which has been divided into five geographical areas to minimize travel issues. Course dates and locations will be posted on the District website, as will the registration form. Assistant Governors and others will be contacting club leadership within the next couple of weeks to establish potential course sites and to encourage attendees. Clubs are encouraged to pay the program fee of \$35 per course attendee, a great investment in the future of your club.

I am exploring the possibility of having a facilitator training session on April 6, prior to PETS, at the Highlands Conference Center in Mitchell, If you know of anyone in your area who has completed RLI and has expressed an interest, would you please contact me their name so I can contact them? I need to move quickly on this.

-Larry Lyngstad, RLI Coordinator





D5610 News // Membership Enrichment Opportunities



Rotary Four-Way Test Essay Contest begins again

Time to start working on 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 and excited 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, it's 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, 2017 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 2017. 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 LeMars. 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, many of the District 5610 clubs will participate in this terrific project where we teach young people about what Rotary stands for. For questions or more information contact **Pat Sutliff@midco.net or 605-718-0559.**

District Membership Report

As of January 10th, District 5610 has lost 60 members since July 1, down to a total of 1,877 total (from 1,937). (Total does not include 30-35 honorary members.)

Retaining members and growing your club is on everyone's mind. Where do you start? Who can you call on to help? Check out https://www.rotary2127.com/cadre-program/. This is a resource provided at no charge by Rotary.

If this resource could be brought to your area, would it be helpful? What would you want to see in that training? Do you have members in your club who would be interested in attending? Do you have any ideas you would be willing share? Let me, or your Area Governor know.

We want to hear your concerns, how we can help.

-Carmen Hansen, District 5610 Membership Chair carmenhansen@rushmore.com 605-484-6056

District Membership Counter: July 2016 1962 January 2017 1907



Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) PHILOSOPHY

"Having leadership skills does not alone assure good Rotary leadership.
An effective Rotary leader must ALSO have Rotary knowledge, perspective about where Rotary has been, where it is now going and a vision of what Rotary can be."

Are YOU a Leader?







D5610 News // Public Image // RI Website Preview

Join the social networks of Rotary-global and local!

www.rotary5610.org www.rotary.org www.facebook.com/groups/district5610/

Public Awareness Campaign to launch in Pierre area!

The Pierre-Fort Pierre Rotary has been approved for funding their application to promote Rotary in the central South Dakota area surrounding Pierre. The club will match District funds for \$1500 for a \$3000 media plan. Media placements to run March through May for radio, newspaper and billboard.

Bring your talents to promote Rotary!

Are you a supporter of Rotary's Public Image? Are you willing to add your talents and skills to increase awareness of Rotary throughout our District? We are expanding the Public Image committee to include the following three skill positions:

video recording/conference tech support social media content builder e-club website administrator

All positions would work with the Public Image District chair. Training will be provided to explain the goals and tasks of each position. Of course, this is volunteering for club service, and no compensation is offered, except for approved material expenses. Membership in a club within D5610 is required, but place of residence is not important. Some travel may be necessary, and training may require time.

I have a great powerpoint on "Publicizing an Event" that I would be happy to present to your club or event committee. I also have website and social media training that will assist your club in using these digital tools. Please contact me to schedule! I will travel anywhere in the District to meet with your club.

—Linda Peterson at 605-341-5006 or email Linda4Rotary@me.com

Check out rotary.org website - it's new! By Rotary staff

In January, visitors to <u>rotary.org</u> will discover a new, contemporary site that tells Rotary's story in a fresh and exciting way. It's the first step in a two-part process to refresh our entire website: first the public site, Rotary.org, and then My Rotary.

Some of the changes will be obvious: a modern design, increased use of imagery and graphics to tell our stories, and better organization of content to help readers find out who we are and what we're doing. Others, like the improved speed of the site, will be a welcome surprise.

We believe these changes will more clearly show that Rotary is making the world a better place — and will persuade potential members and donors to support our work by joining a club, volunteering on a project, or donating to a cause. Visit <u>rotary.org</u> in January to see all the improvements we've made.



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
2nd chance alternative high school, Mitchell, SD
St. Thomas More high school, Rapid City-Rushmore RC SD
Bishop Heelan high school, Sioux City Club, Matt Ricke, Advisor

