

Rotary International District 5630

The District Newsletter

District Governor Edwards Outlines 2012-13 Plans



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Greetings to All District 5630 Rotarians!

It is my great honor to serve with each of you during this Rotary year. Within the next three months, I will have visited each of our District 5630 Clubs and had an opportunity to present our district goals to you and suggest ways in which you can help us achieve these goals. We have an extremely impressive leadership team in place to assist clubs. I hope you will take advantage of these district resources. Please know that I am always available to hear from you as well. Your opinions and suggestions will help us to accomplish the work of Rotary with a focus on this year's theme: "Peace through Service."

As we approach the month of August, which focuses on Membership and Extension, I want to congratulate PDG Ron Bazata on his year of an "Extreme Make-over." Ron's energy and drive has propelled us in a positive direction toward membership growth and retention. We will continue to build on these successes with the formation of an e-Club and the expansion of the number of community based clubs in our district. Our newly formed Information Technology Committee, chaired by Scott McLaughlin, will examine ways to collaborate with other district committees to utilize our district website as an education resource for new club members as well as an information exchange for all district Rotarians.

On the international horizon, our Group

Study Exchange (GSE) with District 4580 in Brazil has been approved. We will soon begin the process of selecting a GSE outbound team comprised of individuals involved in the focus area of Basic Education and Literacy to travel to Brazil in early May. The inbound team from Brazil will visit our district in mid to late April. We have also budgeted for travel scholarships to encourage clubs to identify and participate in international projects.

As Rotarians, we are "This Close" to eliminating polio from the face of the earth! While evidence of endemic polio has decreased in the past year, it is **essential** that we continue our effort to support the PolioPlus Campaign and **finish the job**. Your sustaining support of this important program is essential to the completion of this campaign.

Our New Generations activities continue to thrive as we manage our Youth Exchange Programs, Great Plains RYLA, Rotaract and Interact Clubs. During this year, we will develop the guidelines for the award of global scholarships as a part of the new grant-funding program that will begin on July 1, 2013.

Much of what we do requires fundraising. While our clubs successfully generate the resources needed to support local service projects, we hope that we can become more active in boosting the benefits of these fundraising activities with a greater participation in The Rotary Foundation's (TRF) matching grant pro-



District Governor Dian Edwards

grams. Please be reminded that each individual's personal contributions to TRF through Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) provide a return of investment directly to us for district-managed grant funding in future years. Your personal support of the "Big Red Blowout" district fundraiser provides every Rotarian in our district with another way to contribute to The Rotary Foundation. A percentage of every ticket sold for this fundraiser will be forwarded to The Rotary Foundation as a contribution to the Annual Fund in the seller Rotarian's name. These sales are now underway. Please do your part to make this year's "Big Red Blowout" the biggest success ever!

In Service of Rotary,
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Dian Edwards, District Governor



The McCook Interact members use squirt guns to shoot water at the runners in the McCook Interact Water Run on June 17. The Interact Club held the event as a fund raiser to help drill a water well in Kenya. Squirt guns, water hoses and water balloons were used throughout the 5K course to keep the runners cool.



A child receives a dose of polio vaccination.

US Senate Commends Rotary International

On June 26, 2012, United States Senate unanimously commended Rotary International for its efforts to eliminate polio from the world with emphasis on Rotary's role in the successful eradication of polio from India. The commendation was included in a senate measure, introduced by Illinois Senators Dick Durbin and Mark Kirk. The measure also calls for the U.S. to remain committed to support for world polio eradication.

"Although polio was eradicated in the

United States more than 30 years ago, there are still men, women and children in a few corners of the globe who are stricken with this preventable virus because they lack access to the vaccine," said Durbin. "Rotary International and Rotarians have donated more than one billion dollars and volunteered countless hours vaccinating children to make the full eradication of this cruel disease a reality around the world. Their work is literally saving lives. We are closer than ever to ending the scourge of polio and

I commend the work of the Rotary and many others in advancing that goal."

"Rotary International remains a key contributor to the health and educational development of communities both at home and abroad," said a spokesperson for Kirk. "Rotarians have consistently worked with national governments and international organizations to successfully reduce outbreaks of polio worldwide and a polio free world is a lasting gift to our children and grandchildren."

Ogallala to Host Dam Run for Polio Plus

The Rotary Club of Ogallala will be hosting the Fourth Annual Dam Run for Polio 5K/1Mile fun run at Lake McConaughy/Lake Ogallala on Saturday, July 28th. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. MDT and the run/walk begins at 8:00 a.m. at the Eagle Viewing Center. (A Nebraska Game & Parks permit is required to enter the park.) Pre-registration fee is \$20 until Friday, July 20. Registration on the day of the event will be \$25.

Reserve the date, now and watch for further details in your e-mail and on the District 5630 web site. For more information contact Kendra Casky at 308-284-0926 or e-mail Mary Eisenzimmer at meisenzimmer@21stcenturyequip.com

Clubs Asked to Set Higher Goals for Polio Plus

By Delane Wycoff

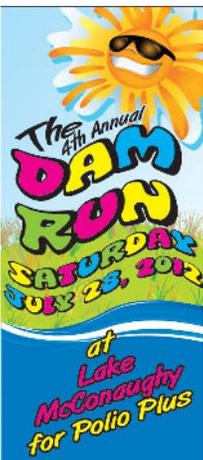
As the new 2012-2013 Rotary Year begins, all clubs in District 5630 are asked to give **top priority** to increased giving for Polio Plus. Although the goal of polio eradication seems to be drawing closer, there is a terrible risk for rapid setbacks because of lack of funding for vaccinations. Currently, there are an estimated **2.7 million** children, at risk, **who have never received even a single dose of polio vaccine**. These children live in Paki-

stan, Afghanistan, Nigeria, Angola, Chad and the Democratic Republic of Congo where polio remains active and new cases are continuing to be reported. It would not take much for a serious outbreak to occur when so many unvaccinated children are in proximity to active regions of persistent polio activity. The need for funds has never been more critical because success or failure hangs in the balance.

How much did your club raise for Polio Plus, last year? Could you do better

this year? Of course, you could! And I hope you believe you should.

Experience shows that **goals** are important in achieving success for any fundraising effort. Consider your club **goal** for 2012-2013. Please get as many members as possible to be part of discussing your goals. If you have "naysayers", ignore them. Think positively, and with some attention and effort you will be amazed at what you can achieve, in just one year. Good luck!



Taliban Halts Polio Vaccinations Over Drone Strikes

A polio vaccination campaign targeting children in North Waziristan, Pakistan, is being blocked by local Taliban leaders with demands that the US Central Intelligence Agency halt drone strikes. Of these 161,000 children, approximately 143,000 have received one dose of vaccine in recent weeks, but additional doses are needed to achieve immunity.

Drone strikes have been stepped up in

North Waziristan over the last two years. Two months ago Al Qaeda's number two, Abu Yahya al-Libi was reportedly killed by such a strike. A Taliban commander was also quoted as saying that there was a "strong possibility of spying on mujahedeen for the U.S. during the polio vaccination campaign; one such example is Dr. Shaki Afridi." The Pakistani physician was sentenced to 33 years in prison,

last month for conducting a fake vaccination campaign with the goal of obtaining DNA from children living in the compound believed to be the location of Osama bin Laden, in Abotabad. Vaccinations have fallen significantly since news of this false campaign, which has fostered distrust and suspicion in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas toward any vaccination efforts.

Sibert Advises: “Plan for a New Year of Giving”

By Frank Sibert

A new Rotary year is now here. The last two years have been good for The Rotary Foundation. We have met our goals and have raised some funds for the people of the world. Our efforts should make each and every one of our Rotarians in the District feel we have achieved something to be proud of.

We are now starting a new year and guess what? Your chairman is still out looking for help. Now is the time to start planning for the new year. If we could get each and every Rotarian to

give \$100.00 to the Foundation the 2012-13 year would be a big success. Those who are Paul Harris Fellows should plan to give an additional \$1000 and become a multiple Paul Harris Fellows. If you are not a Paul Harris then you should plan to set a goal of becoming one this year. If you have some extra cash, a gift of \$10,000 will result in a Major Donor award.

Any gift regardless of the size will help the Foundation reach its goals of helping the needy of the world. If every Rotarian would give something, it would result in financing many of the projects that Rotary is supporting. You

may say that you can't give very much so probably what you can give would not help. If each of the 1.2 million Rotarians around the world would give something it would add up to a large amount. Think about it. Contributions to the Rotary Foundation make it possible for clubs to transform lives worldwide. Your generous support funds projects in Rotary's six areas of focus: peace and conflict prevention/resolution; disease prevention and treatment; water and sanitation; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and economic and community development. All worthy projects.



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Valentine Rotary-Sponsored Drive Reaches 4000 Pints

By Bob Stetter

The first blood drive sponsored by the Valentine Rotary Club was held on January 16, 2003. The location was at Cherry Hills Estates, a local assisted living facility. The drives quickly outgrew the available size at Cherry Hills. The location was changed to the Catholic Church parish hall where they have been held since that time. The Rotary Club sponsored blood drives where instigated by then Valentine Rotary Club President Bob Stetter. Since that time the Valentine Rotary Club has sponsored approximately 63 blood drives. **A total of 4,008 units have been collected from the start in January 2003 through the May 3, 2012 drive.**

The American Red Cross Blood Services, Mid America Blood Services Division, is headquartered in Omaha with sites in Kearney and North Platte. The Red Cross personnel and equipment for the Valentine drive come from North Platte, a distance of 130 miles one way.

Rotary volunteers help the Red Cross personnel unload the trucks and set up the morning before the drive. Rotarians, as well as local businesses and non-Rotarians, donate cookies and sandwiches. Non-Rotarian volunteers have charge of the sign-in desk, the snack area and accompanying donors to the snack area. Some have been volunteering since the drives started. At the end of the day, Rotary members help with

loading the trucks to get them on their way back to North Platte. It is a long day for the Red Cross personnel. The only out of pocket expense to the Valentine Rotary Club is the purchase of fruit juice.

As one donor stated, “Donating blood is one of the most important things you can do to help people. For less than an hour of your time, you can provide a gift that is unequalled in significance—the life giving force of blood. Truly, donating blood is one of the most pro-life actions you can take.”

Service Above Self

**The Need is Constant.
The Gratification is Instant.
Give Blood.**

PDG Stetter Named Chair of Governor's Challenge Blood Drive

As announced in the June newsletter, PDG Bob Stetter has been selected to serve on the Board of Directors of Global Network of Blood Donation (GNBD). He joins Hassan Adelakun (Nigeria, District 9110), Kishore Kumar, PDG (India, District 3020), Ravi Langer, PDG (India, District 3040), Daniel D. Long (USA, District 5810), and Maryann Strumfels (USA, District 6890).

For information regarding GNBD go to

www.ourblooddrive.org

PDG Stetter has also been named chairman of the Governors' Challenge Blood Drive (GCBD) for Nebraska. GCBD is one of the major Rotary blood donor networks under the umbrella of Global Network for Blood Donation. For information on GCBD go to the GNBD website www.ourblooddrive.org. PDG Stetter will be contacting clubs regarding

sponsoring blood drives or getting involved with existing blood drives in their area. For information contact PDG Stetter at:

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Ryan Kilmer, left, donated the 4,000th pint of blood received by the Valentine Rotary-Sponsored Blood Drive. He is pictured with PDG William R. “Bob” Stetter, Blood Drive Coordinator.

Passing of the Pin Dinner Honors Past District Governors



DG Dian Edwards presents an appreciation plaque to PDG Ron Bazata at the 2012 Passing of the Pin Dinner held in North Platte on June 29, 2012.



Past District Governors were honored at the 2012 Passing of the Pin Dinner held in North Platte on June 29, 2012. Back row: PDG Mark Mendenhall; DGN Koby Rickertsen; PDG Ron Bazata; PDG Jim Shreck; PDG Dave Snow; PDG Bill Hasemeyer; PDG Bob Phares; PDG Bill Ballou; PDG Cloyd Clark. Front row: PDG Bob Stetter; DG Dian Edwards; PDG Neal Baxter; PDG Diane Oerter-Finch; and PDG Marcie Schmidt.

Important Dates for Rotary District 5630

Club attendance and membership reports for the preceding month are due no later than the 5th of each month. Send reports to District Secretary Jean Issler, ro-tary5630@gmail.com

Great Plains RYLA	July 15-20, 2012	4H Camp Halsey
District Foundation Seminar	October 6, 2012	Kearney, NE
2013-2014 Club Officers Data Report Deadline; Due to RI and copy to DGE Duane Tappe	December 31, 2012	
2013 District Team Training	February 9, 2013	North Platte
2013 High Country PETS	March 1-3, 2013	Denver, CO
2013 District Assembly	March 23, 2013	Kearney
2012-2013 Presidential Citation Forms Deadline – Due to DG Edwards	March 31, 2013	
2012-2013 Governor's Citation Forms Deadline – Due to DG Edwards	April 1, 2013	
AG Reports Due to DG Edwards	May 15, 2013	
2013 District Conference	April 26-28, 2013	O'Neill, NE
2013 RI Convention	June 23-26, 2013	Lisbon, Portugal

Assistant Governors Named for 2012-2013

The responsibilities of an assistant governor are: assisting in developing district goals; coordinating the governor's official visit with club; communicating clubs' strengths, weaknesses, and progress toward goals to the governor; attending district meetings; participating in Rotary Foundation programs, events, and fundraising; helping develop future district leaders, and, briefing the incoming assistant governor on the status of the clubs. Assistant Governors meet quarterly with the clubs assigned to their areas as follows:

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Clubs Assigned: O'Neill, Valentine

District Chairpersons Serve As Resources for Clubs

The following district leaders have accepted chair appointments to serve as resources with their district committees for clubs:

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Email System Change To Bring Better Service

By Jean Issler

No more bland email!

I've very excited to tell you that we will start using a new email system this month as our main form of email communication between the District and its members.

The ClubRunner email system is still available if you are a user and want to stay with it, but we've increasingly had problems with some of the mass communications we've needed to do. The Executive Board decided to use Constant Contact for our District in order to bypass the frustrations.

Very soon, emails from the District will have a different look and be easier to read. We will also have more tracking information about why a message didn't go through and what the reader did with the message.

I'm sure we'll have some bumps in the road along the way as I learn the new system, but I'm also sure that we will have a better system to serve you.

If you need more information, contact me.

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WE'RE ON FACEBOOK!

Find us on Facebook under *Rotary District 5630*.

A question has been left there....a couple of them, actually. Go answer them and friend us while you're at it.

Kearney on the Bricks Raises Funds With Food Stand

Kearney on the Bricks Rotary Club had a food stand at Yanney Park Heritage Days on June 2nd. This is the second year the club participated and had almost 100% member participation at this event.

Below, Parth Chaudhari, Bricks President, gives a thumbs up on drinks in Kearney Rotary cups. His young helpers are Dayane Rodriguez and Tasha Ritchie. The stand, at right, prominently displays Rotary information to customers in line.

