

## Rotary International District 5630

## The District Newsletter

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## Vocational Service Brings New Four-Way Test Contest, Ideas for Club Activities



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Greetings to All District 5630 Rotarians!

Vocational Service is the Rotary Theme for the month of October. As Rotarians, we are encouraged to refocus on this important avenue of service through an emphasis on the Rotary Code of Conduct and the tenets of our Four-Way Test.

This month our district will begin the process of rolling out the process for the completion of one of our 2012-13 District Goals – the implementation of a district-wide Four-Way Test Essay Contest for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Irving Jennings, D5630 Vocational Service Chair (Arnold Club), has developed a set of materials that will be delivered to each club president during the month of October. We are very certain that the delivery of the Rotary message regarding ethical behavior to our community classrooms will “be beneficial to all concerned.”

I encourage your club to use October programs as a means of expanding members’ awareness of the importance of this Vocational Service in our Rotary World by:

Adhering to and promoting the highest ethical standards in all occupations

Recognizing the value of all useful occupations, not just those that are pur-

sued by Rotarians

Contributing one’s vocational talents to meeting the needs of the community

Some suggestions activities are to:

☐ Devote a meeting in October to examine Vocational Service, including The Four-Way Test and the Rotary Code of Conduct. After expanding members’ awareness, solicit their input in planning projects for the remainder of the year.

☐ Introduce a “classification talk” series in which each member gives a five-minute talk on his or her vocation. These presentations give members the chance to learn the inner workings of jobs other than their own, including the various problems that arise and the solutions used to address them.

☐ Present a vocational award to someone in the community who has exemplified outstanding professional achievement and high ethical standards. Promote the presentation in the community, and consider making it an annual event each October.

Help young people prepare for their careers by sponsoring a character building project, career day, job shadowing day, or mentorship program.

Support professional development in the community by sponsoring a professional networking event or workshop, or start a career counseling program to help



District Governor Dian Edwards

unemployed or underemployed adults compete in the job market.

Have club members volunteer their vocational skills on a community or international service project. Many volunteer opportunities can be found on ProjectLINK, an online database that allows Rotary clubs to publicize projects in need of assistance.

In Service of Rotary,

**Dian**

Dian Edwards, District Governor



## Gates Foundation CEO to Speak at GI Luncheon



Jeff Raikes, CEO, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

A Joint District 5630/5650 Rotary All Club Meeting will be held on November 20, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Grand Island Country Club, 2820 Riverside Drive, Grand Island NE.

Jeff Raikes, Chief Executive Officer at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, will be the luncheon speaker.

“We are very excited to hear his message about the latest efforts being made to push

the completion of the Polio-Plus Campaign,” said DG Dian Edwards.

Reserve your place by submitting your check for \$25, made payable to the Grand Island Rotary Club. Please note “Raikes Polio Program” on the memo line of your check.

Mail to: Grand Island Rotary Club, P. O. Box 973, Grand Island, NE 68802.

Upon receipt of your check, your name will be placed on a pre-paid list that will be referenced at the registration check-in desk. Double attendance credit slips will be available upon check-in.

Checks for multiple reservations should be accompanied with a separate listing of individuals whose registration is covered by the single check. Credit cards cannot be accepted.



## District 5630 Wins Membership Challenge

District 5360 and PDG Ron Bazata’s name are the first entries on a new Membership Challenge banner for Rotary International Zones 21b and 27 .

The award was presented at Zone Institute in Kansas City last month. District 5630 had the largest per capita membership increase of some 20 districts in the 2011-2012 Rotary year.

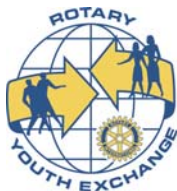
During that year, the district added over 100 new members which resulted in an 8.5% increase in members.

Bazata credits achieving the Zone award to the membership drives of all clubs and the efforts of Paul Stec and Koby Rickertsen in helping the two new clubs in Broken Bow and Gothenburg get chartered.

Pictured with the Membership Challenge banner are, left, Zone Director Andy Smallwood and PDG Ron Bazata.

## Youth Exchange Application Deadline is October 15

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The application deadline is fast approaching for students wishing to participate in Rotary Youth Exchange in 2013-14. By October 15, applicants must submit their application and supporting documents to the local Rotary club.

Rotary clubs that receive applications need to screen the applicant and his/her parents by November 1. The District Youth Exchange Committee has a list of suggested interview questions available. The purpose of the screening is to determine whether or not the student should advance to participate in District interviews, which will be held in North Platte on November 17.

After screening, clubs should notify District Youth Exchange Committee Chairman Ronna Morse by November 1 if they are recommending any students.

All application documents submitted by the student should be mailed to Ronna Morse, 112 West 1st Street, Valentine, NE 69201-1820.

## World Polio Day is October 24

District 5630 Rotary and Interact Clubs will host public awareness and fundraising events in the days leading up to and including October 24<sup>th</sup>. Clubs are invited to submit photos of their activities and events to share in future newsletters.

## Gates Head to Speak on Polio Partnership

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This is a meeting you will not want to miss! Because of this outstanding program, Rotary Districts 5630 and 5650 will jointly host this special meeting at the Grand Island Country Club.

Jeff Raikes, a native of Ashland, NE was a key figure in Microsoft Corporation starting as a manager in 1981 and later President of the Microsoft Business Division.

He is now the President of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, which is the largest transparently operated private foundation in the world.

The meeting will celebrate the accomplishments of Rotary clubs in Nebraska and the partnership of The Gates Foundation with The Rotary Foundation's Polio Plus campaign toward world eradication of polio.

Mark your calendar for the Tuesday before Thanksgiving!

See page 2 of this newsletter for information on reservations.



Jeff Raikes

## UN Secretary-General Sets Polio Eradication Priority

Thursday, September 28, 2012

Ban Ki-moon, the secretary-general of the United Nations, said he would enlist agencies of the United Nations to make eradication a top priority this year. Ridding the world of polio should be a crucial part of a broad campaign to immunize all children against infectious diseases.

"One day when polio is eradicated I want everyone in this room to remember that we were here today and that we made the

right commitment, we took the right action at the right time to leave a polio free world for future generation," he said.

Leaders of countries where polio is endemic - including Afghanistan's President Hamid Karzai, Nigeria's President Goodluck Jonathan, and Pakistan's President Asif Ali Zardari - said they will make polio eradication a priority:

Microsoft founder, Bill Gates, who co-chairs the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, also

spoke ahead of the high-level meeting on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly which launched the new campaign to stamp out polio forever. Mr. Gates expressed hopes that by 2015 no child in the world will be paralyzed by polio and by 2018 the disease will be wiped out.

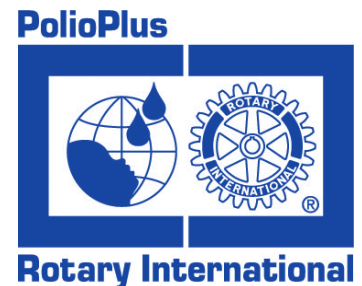
Timothy Wirth, president of the United Nations Foundation, called this "the most important international meeting on polio eradication in the last 20 years."

## District 5630 Called to Commit to Polio Plus

The longer complete eradication is delayed, the greater the risk for new setbacks. Funding shortfalls have forced cancellation of vaccination days in critical parts of the world already, this year. World leaders have declared the situation an emergency, because of the heightened risk for uncontrolled

spread and major outbreaks due to poor vaccination rates. To respond to this need, all Rotary Clubs in District 5630 are requested to make a minimum commitment of \$50 per member per year and encouraged to go above this figure, to whatever extent possible. If your club has not yet discussed this,

please bring the topic forward for consideration. In past years, we have had some clubs exceed an annual average of \$200/member. All clubs are asked to consider the possibility of similar support through fundraising and member contributions. There would never be a better time to make this a club goal!



## RI Pledges \$75 Million for Polio Eradication

Rotary International has made a new funding commitment of US\$75 million over three years to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). Rotary, which has already contributed nearly \$1.2 billion to the GPEI, announced the commitment at a 27 September high-level side event on polio eradication, convened by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon during the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

**INDIA** -- India has not had a polio case for over 20 months! Although India is now considered “polio free”, ongoing immunization efforts are essential to avoid re-introduction of the disease, Rotary International and local Rotary clubs in India continue to provide services toward this critical need.

**PAKISTAN** – Pakistan had an upsurge of polio cases in 2011 with total of 198. This set-back has heightened the sense of urgency in Pakistan to refocus their resources and efforts to eradicate the disease. These efforts are challenging due to ongoing opposition from uneducated populations in the tribal areas where rumors have spread a range of false information that have caused many parents to refuse the immunizations. The Taliban also became a factor when they decreed that immunizations should be suspended until CIA drone attacks ceased.

However, Rotary officials say the new efforts are showing promise. “Pakistan this year has perhaps the best chance ever to achieve success, because tremendous new efforts are being undertaken, led by the government, in implementing a nation-

al polio emergency action plan that mobilized all government and civil society resources,” says Robert S. Scott, chair of Rotary’s International PolioPlus

“There is strong evidence that implementation of the emergency plan is showing results, particularly in key reservoir areas such as Balochistan and Sindh.”

In support of Pakistan’s polio eradication efforts, Rotary recently installed two mobile clinics at checkpoints between Karachi and other parts of Sindh. The clinics are staffed 24 hours a day and supervised by the World Health Organization. Rotary also provided 45,000 vaccine carriers to the government in April.

“Rotary’s district governors and Rotarians at the club level are in the forefront of Pakistan’s drive to become polio free,” says Scott. “They are organizing health camps to vaccinate children, meeting with local politicians to urge their support, and sponsoring walks and putting up posters to promote the country’s emergency action plan against polio. I salute them for their commitment and tireless efforts, which are making a real difference.”

Rotary is also working to organize a committee of ulema, or Muslim religious scholars, to help correct misconceptions about the polio vaccine. Rotary successfully used this approach to overcome resistance to the vaccine in Muslim communities in India, which WHO removed from the list of polio-endemic countries in February.

It has not been lost on the Pakistani people that India is now

“polio free” and Pakistan is not. The historic rivalry between these countries is now working to inspire new efforts not to be outdone by India. So far in 2012, Pakistan has reported a total of 37 new polio cases. This compares to 91 cases during the same period in 2011.

**AFGHANISTAN** – Afghanistan’s challenges are very similar to those in Pakistan. The endemic areas of both countries share a common border in the tribal regions.

President Hamid Karzai was among the world leaders meeting recently on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly to organize new commitments toward fighting polio. “Bill Gates called me in Kabul,” said Afghan President Hamid Karzai. “He told me the steps I should take to further the fight against polio in my country.” Afghan President Hamid Karzai said “Afghanistan will strive harder and harder and harder, and hopefully we will win, sooner rather than later.”

As Karzai spoke those words, Bill Gates was to his right, seated next to Pakistan president Asif Ali Zidari. To left were Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan. Rounding out the panel on stage were Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard, (Australia recently committed \$50 million) US Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius and Ban Ki Moon — all gathered for a high level meeting on Polio. Afghanistan has had 18 new polio cases thus far in 2012. This compares with 28 cases for the same period in 2011.

**NIGERIA** -- Nigeria has been

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Polio Leaders Summit

## RI Pledges...

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confronting opposition to the polio vaccine, especially in areas of the Muslim-dominated north where a minority of people believe it will cause harm. Nigeria has had a worrisome increase in new polio cases. Already 90 new cases have been reported in 2011. This compares with only 33 cases in all of 2011.

Nigeria's President Goodluck Jonathan said there was polio in 26 of the country's 36 states in 2008 but now there are just 11 that have localized incidents. He said there are still "some cultural issues" and the government is meeting with religious, traditional and political leaders as

well as opinion-makers to get the word out that vaccinations are not harmful and save children from paralysis.

"As the president of Nigeria today, I am totally committed that by 2015 when my present term will end polio will be eradicated in my country," he pledged.

**CHAD** -- Five polio cases have been reported in Chad, a country previously considered polio free. These cases are believed to have spread to this country from neighboring Nigeria.

To date, the total number of polio cases in 2012 in the entire world is 150. This compares with 409 new cases during the

same period in 2011 and with 650 cases in the full year of 2011. In 2011 there were already 256 cases in non-endemic countries by this time of the year compared to only the five cases in Chad, so far this year.

These gains are perilous because large numbers of people remain unvaccinated in regions of the world that are near to the countries where polio is active. Although such problems have not appeared, thus far in 2012, large outbreaks remain a genuine risk as experienced in recent years.

## Four-Way Test Essay Contest Announced

Irvin Jennings, District Vocational Services Chair, has announced that there will be an essay contest held district-wide for fifth- and sixth-graders.

The theme is "How the Four-Way Test Can Impact My World".

"When District Governor Edwards asked me to bring the 4-way test to the forefront in our district," said Jennings, "I got excited because I believe the principles represented in the Four-Way Test makes us Rotarians at heart."

Complete information will be sent to all club presidents this month. Here is a summary of the rules for the contest:

Contestant must be a 5th or 6th grader in the school district where a local Rotary club is sponsoring the 4-way test

essay contest.

The essays must be 400 to 800 words in length.

The essays may be hand written or typed but they must be legible.

Each essay submitted must have the student's name, school, town, and sponsoring club on the front cover.

The use of quotes from various sources is encouraged but sources must be credited in the essay or duly footnoted.

A copy of the scoring guidelines, a copy of the 4-way test, and at least one sample essay will be provided to each participant, and help may be offered by teachers or parents but the essay must be the student's own work.

The essay must be submitted for judging no later than February 15, 2013 for the local contest, and must be evalu-

ated and places awarded by March 1.

Club awards and recognition should be planned for March or early April. The club winner's essay must be submitted to the district chair (Irv Jennings) by April 7th.

Prizes and recognition will be awarded at the district conference in O'Neill. The top three winners need to be present to receive their plaques and awards. (If the student has an emergency where they cannot attend, they and their club needs to ensure a representative to accept their award.)



## Where To Go To Be In The Know



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If you are a Rotarian, you need to be "in the know." Yes, it is an old phrase but it is still true. The new thing is how to get in the know. In the ten or so years I have been in Rotary, the RI website has gone high tech. And that makes Rotary really exciting! As district trainer, I would like to share the latest in RI knowledge.

Most Rotarians join a Rotary Club to network with other people. Jump on the Rotary International website and open your Member Access account. The web site is [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org). Click on the Member Access phrase in the upper right corner to open your own account. You may need your Rotary member number (on the address label of your Rotarian magazine) and a password that you create. From there, you can click on one of four areas on the left side of the screen.

First, click on the Rotary Club Central button, then the Rotary

Showcase button and find photos and short summaries of Club projects. Or on the same tab, enter your own Club project. Be inspired or give inspiration in any language.

Next, while still on the Rotary Club Central page, click on Club View to find tools to set club goals and track progress. Membership and Foundation goals set by club presidents (presidents-elect do this at PETS) has been entered in this section and as new members join and others leave the club, information is automatically updated. Any member can access this information. It is a great way to celebrate progress. You can also follow club administration goals on this page. This is a great asset to those Rotarians who have volunteered for leadership on committees or in other ways to their clubs.

Or you can click on the Rotary Club Central, and then on the Resources button to access short videos, power point presentations, and brochures about the RI Foundation and RI projects. These can be great

educational tools for Club meetings or for presentations to others.

On down the left side of the Member Access page, you will find the section Rotary Business. Click LEARN to access some short courses on Building Global Grants or learn more about the six Areas of Focus which are part of the Future Vision Foundation Grant system to be implemented in District 5630 next year.

On the Member Access page, you can communicate for one of several weekly or monthly Rotary International update e-letters. They are quick and fun ways to know about the power of Rotary Service.

Of course, you can always go to the general RI web site - [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) - and find news about the latest Rotary Activities. Check out General Secretary John Hewko's 110-mile bike ride in Tucson to raise funds for Polio Plus. Or visit the District 5630 Facebook page for photos and briefs about activities in the District.

## DG Edwards Meets First Woman President



DG Dian Edwards met the first woman Rotary club president during the Zone Institute at Kansas City last month. Pictured are, left, Sylvia Whitlock and Edwards.

From "Historic Moments: Women in Rotary" ([www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)):

1977

Three separate proposals to admit women into membership are submitted to the Council on Legislation for consideration at the 1977 RI Convention. A Brazilian club makes a different proposal to admit women as honorary members.

The Rotary Club of Duarte, California, USA, admits women as members in violation of the RI Constitution and Standard Rotary Club Constitution. Because of this violation, the club's membership in Rotary International is terminated in March 1978, only to be reinstated in September 1986.

1987

On 4 May, the U.S. Supreme Court rules that Rotary clubs may not exclude women from membership on the basis of gender. Rotary issues a policy statement that any Rotary club in the United States can admit qualified women into membership. The Board "encourages all clubs in the U.S. to give fair and equal consideration to candidates for membership without regard to gender."

The Rotary Club of Marin Sunrise, California (formerly Larkspur Landing), is chartered on 28 May. It becomes the first club after the U.S. Supreme Court ruling to have women as charter members. **Sylvia Whitlock, of the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, becomes the first female Rotary club president.**

## District Dues This Month

District Dues are due in the month of October. The District Dues are the same as last year at \$44 per member (\$35 dues and \$9 PETS assessment) that each club had on its membership roll as of June 30, 2012. District Treasurer Todd Adams will be sending each club's invoice to the Club President at the address listed in the District Directory. Please make sure that each Club's dues are paid promptly, and if there are any questions, please contact Todd Adams at [tsadams@abtbank.com](mailto:tsadams@abtbank.com).

## Permanent Fund: Investment in the Future

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The Permanent Fund is Rotary's endowment. The fund is invested and only the income is used for philanthropic purposes. If you give to the Permanent fund, your gift will support Rotary forever. This ensures the continuation of Rotary long after we are gone.

Giving to the Permanent Fund should be part of each Rotarian's support of the many Rotary

programs.

We have talked about support of the Permanent Fund by becoming a Benefactor or becoming a member of the Bequest Society. Today I want to talk about becoming a Major Donor. A gift of \$10,000 or more will qualify you for Major Donor recognition. You may give \$10,000 or more outright, or you could give in the form of a gift annuity.

If you have some money in a savings account that is returning less than 1% interest, then a gift

annuity may be for you. An annuity will give you a substantial tax reduction plus a return depending on your age. Your accountant can give you advice regarding gift annuities. The Permanent Fund builds long-term stability for the future of the Rotary Foundation.

The Foundation invites you to invest in tomorrow by joining other Rotarians in their efforts to improve and enrich lives of people around the globe.



## Bricks Club Invites Rotarians to Nepalese Event

Kearney on the Bricks club is collaborating with the Nepalese student association to host a social on October 28. The event goes from 5:00-7:00PM in the Ponderosa Room of the Student Union at the University of Nebraska, Kearney.

All clubs in the district are welcome. If club members could RSVP to Parth Chaudhari by October 15, it would be appreciated.

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