

Rotary International District 5630

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New Year Marks Rotary Mid-year, Preview of Events

Happy New Year to All District 5630 Rotarians!

We have all enjoyed a little holiday break, but now it is time to take stock on what activities are scheduled for the remainder of this District 5630 Rotary Year. There are a number of special meetings and workshops designed to help district and club leaders fulfill their duties.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend events important to your Rotary service:

February 9: District Team Training, Mid Plains Community College, North Platte

This event is designed to provide district officers, district committee chairpersons, and assistant governors with training and information they need to function effectively.

March 1-3: President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS), Denver Marriott Tech Center

This annual training will provide incoming club presidents with information and tools they can use in their year as club president. District 5630 budgets for attendance by all

president-elects and encourages clubs to invest in sending their president-elect-nominees to attend as well.

March 23: District Assembly & Grant Funding Workshop, Kearney

This meeting is designed to provide club committee chairs and club officers with guidance from their district leaders. This year we will also use this forum to provide a two-hour grant-funding workshop that is required for clubs to participate in The Rotary Foundation Grant Programs.

April 26-28: District Conference, O'Neill Community Center

The O'Neill District Conference Planning Committee has been busy developing a conference agenda that will provide a nice balance of entertainment, education, and inspiration.

Here is a little "sneak peak" of some fun activities being planned:

- Play 9 Holes of Golf at the O'Neill Country Club
- Shoot Blue Rocks with the O'Neill Gun Club
- Participate in a Texas Hold'Em Tournament at



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the Blarney Stone

- Tour Shamrock Nursery and Shop for Spring Gardens
- Tour O'Neill's own "Tomato Plant" at Garden Fresh Vegetables
- Dance to the Music of the "Rumbles"

We will be enlightened, motivated and entertained by speakers:

- John Baylor, Leader in Rural Development Initiatives
- Kevin Kush, Motivational Speaker and Head Football Coach at Boys Town
- David Moyers, RI President's Representative to our District Conference
- Tanner Odell, Celebrity Chef and Young Entrepreneur

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- Jason Huneke, Magician/Comedian

We will be inspired by presentations from:

- Four-Way Test Essay Contest Winner
- Youth Exchange Students
- RYLarians
- Group Study Exchange

Teams

- D5630’s PolioPlus NID Team
- International and Community Service Projects

I want to close with a word of thanks and appreciation to all who have worked so diligently during the past six months to achieve district membership and foundation goals for this Rotary year. Let’s make a

strong finish to the year with a continuation of membership growth and increased giving to The Rotary Foundation in support of humanitarian programs at home and throughout the world!

In Service of Rotary,

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Dian Edwards
District Governor

Grant changes coming in Future Vision

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The Rotary Foundation is changing. The new Future Vision program will start July 1. You and your club will have to get ready for this change.

You must start preparing for the 201-14-14 Rotary year. How can you prepare? Start by attending one or more of the grants seminars what will be held throughout the district.

You will have to qualify your club. How do you do this? You will learn how at the seminars or you can ask Mr. Don Peterson, our Future Vision chairperson. He is available to come to your club and make a presentation to get your club on

track.

You must determine your grant plans for the year 2013. Under the Future Vision plan, the grant procedure will be much simpler. Instead of having twelve grant types, the number is cut to three. The whole process is streamlined.

The grants will be District grants, Global grants and Packaged grants. District grants will be educational and humanitarian activities consistent with the Rotary mission. These grants will be for smaller short-term projects, local or international in nature and will be eligible for DDF match.

Global grants will be for long-term projects, larger and for projects of \$30,000 of more.

They will have sustainable and measurable outcomes and will be eligible for word fund match.

Packaged grants will be working with strategic partners, but will be planned by Rotarians. Clubs will be encouraged to get involved at no cost to the clubs.

You and your club will have an opportunity to assist those who need assistance by working with the Future Vision grants program. Thank you for help this past year and your investment in the work of the Rotary Foundation. Your gifts to the Foundation are helping people around the world. Have Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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Rotary Club Trio Assists Churches at Pine Ridge

By Gene Nerland
Assistant Governor

The Alliance, Chadron, and Rushville Rotary clubs recently donated \$600 to help heat two

churches on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

The Wounded Knee Church and Pass Creek Church are also social gathering spots for the Pine Ridge people.

Church leaders say there are no governmental agencies that provide heat assistance for them. This is the third year the Rotary clubs have provided this help.

Baxter Earns Rotary International Award

Dr. Kim A. Baxter, member of the North Platte Noon Rotary Club, was awarded the Rotary International "Service Above Self" Award for 2012-13 in December. This award is one of the most prestigious RI and is given to no more than 150 nominees worldwide.

To qualify for the award, the nominee must have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service with an em-

phasis on personal volunteer effort and active involvement in helping others through Rotary.

Most recently Baxter made a trip to Guatemala to participate in a volunteer project to bring eye examinations and eye care fittings to the local population. Both North Platte Rotary clubs participated by providing funds that Baxter used to purchase and install clean water sys-

tems and dependable cooking stoves for people in central Guatemala.

When presenting the award, DG Dian Edwards noted that this trip is one of many made by Baxter and other Nebraskans through a volunteer group known as Volunteer Optometry Services to Humanity.



Dr. Kim Baxter

Travel Grants Available, Deadline is January 31

This year the District 5630 budget includes a provision to award up to a \$500 travel stipend per individual for Rotary missions.

If interested, please read the following guidelines and submit your application to District International Chair Bill Ballou weballou@gmail.com by January 31.

The primary purpose in awarding these grants is to assist with the travel expenses for Rotarians involved with an International humanitarian project.

There are several reasons for making these international visits:

1. It allows Rotarians to see, work, and experience another culture and help them become more aware of our International Rotary network.
2. This experience in turn should be used to make

others, Rotarian and non-Rotarian, more aware of the needs of other cultures.

3. These travel experiences will let other cultures know that they are not alone in their circumstances and that Rotary may and will offer assistance when possible and appropriate.
4. These visits will help fulfill our primary Objects of Rotary.

All Rotarians within District 5630 may apply for these awards.

These awards will only be made available to Rotarians in good standing with their club and the respective club is fulfilling its obligations to the District and Rotary International.

Primary consideration will be given to Rotarians who demonstrate a need and offer

vocational skills to meet the criteria of the respective Rotary mission. We will give special consideration to those who might not otherwise be able to make the mission trip.

The awards will be considered on a revolving basis and will be offered as long as funding is available.

In event the applications exceed the funding available consideration may be given to first time recipients and/or those who have not previously been gifted by the District, Rotary International or The Rotary Foundation.

The applications will be reviewed and awarded by the International Service Committee in consultation with the District Governor.

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Polio Vaccination Campaigns face New Challenges of Violence

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PAKISTAN – As the year 2012 drew to a close, Pakistan was beginning to show significant progress in reversing a two-year trend of growing numbers of new polio cases. Then, as the year drew to a close, polio workers in multiple locations came under nearly simultaneous gunfire attacks by Islamic militants.

The count, so far, is nine deaths arising from this attack with others wounded. None of the victims were Rotarians. Most of the dead were dedicated young women working for the government at low wages. Their murders were presumably carried out by dangerous men who believe a woman's only place is to serve her husband by preparing his food, keeping his house, and rearing his children. Similar violence against women in this region was behind the abhorrent October 9th shooting of 15-year old Malala Yousafzai who angered such men by advocating the right for all Pakistani girls to receive an education. For this they attempted to kill her. Although seriously wounded, Malala survived and appears to be making a remarkable recovery, in spite of being wounded in the head.

The most recent attacks have

disrupted polio vaccination efforts in Pakistan because many young women are too frightened to continue service in the vaccination efforts. Vaccination days in many communities have been postponed or cancelled, altogether, while officials attempt to reorganize. Only a third of the planned vaccinations have taken place. Although a large group of Muslim clerics have previously issued a fatwa against such killings declaring them un-Islamic, this has not deterred the vicious militants who apparently answer to a small number of unusually malevolent clerics who preach their own extremist views, wrapping themselves in what they claim to be Muslim doctrine.

Pakistan President Zardari has condemned these attacks and declared that the priority of polio eradication will not be deterred by such senseless violence. His condemnation has been echoed from many corners of Pakistan, but how long will it take to overcome these terroristic attacks?

It increasingly appears that the battle against polio will only be won if the militant activity can be controlled to provide sufficient security for families with unvaccinated children and the vaccination workers, themselves, to conduct vaccinations without fear. This statement unfor-



tunately applies not only to Pakistan, but also to Afghanistan and Nigeria...the only three countries where polio remains endemic...and all countries which have suffered violence sponsored by Muslim extremists.

As the year 2013 begins, additional murders in Pakistan are being directed against people who educate girls. The battle against traditions of ignorance may become a pre-requisite for polio eradication. Only time will tell.

Relatives of Nasima Bibi, a worker in a polio vaccination drive, at a hospital morgue in Karachi. (Photo credit: Athar Hussain/Reuters)

