Rotary International District 5630



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District Newsletter

YOUR DISTRICT FOUNDATION

By DON PETERSON

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Annual contributions to The Rotary Foundation enable Rotarians to implement life-changing projects that empower youth, enhance health, promote peace and advance communities locally and internationally.

Our District Foundation ended last Rotary year on an all-time high with total giving to the Annual and Polio Plus funds thanks to great District leadership and engaged Rotarians. Contributions to the Permanent fund or "endowment" was down last year but with education and encouragement we hope to see that increase this year.

Future Vision is now just a term of the past as all of Rotary worldwide is currently operating under the new foundation grant model. Our District has approved "District Grants" for 28 of our clubs to implement service projects both locally and internationally to be completed during this Rotary year. A total of \$17,500.00 was approved for the club's grants which came from our annual funds giving three years ago. You can review District Grants from our clubs service efforts at http://www.matchinggrants.org/district/.

DISTRICT 5630 SUBMITTED ITS FIRST "GLOBAL GRANT" TITLED LIGHT FOR EDUCATION

Light for Education is a concerted effort by RI Dist. 3190 in India & District 5630 to provide rechargeable solar electric lamps to needy rural school children in Karnataka and alleviate the demoralizing effects of massive and frequent power outages on their performance in the crucial 10th grade state-level matriculation exams in April, as well as the mid-term and preparatory exams of each year. The objective is to provide about 3600 (Continued on page 2)



This is a rechargeable solar lamp. The District Foundation is working on a project to provide thousands of these lamps to students in India.

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"No one can tell us what Rotary will be tomorrow, but one thing is certain: What Rotary will be tomorrow depends upon what we Rotarians do today."

- Arch C. Klumph

SAVE THE DATE FOR 2014 PETS



It is not too soon to begin planning for your **mandatory** attendance at the 2014 High Country PETS President-Elect Seminar (PETS). Please mark your calendars for February 28 – March 2, 2014.

The training will be held at the Denver, Colorado Renaissance Hotel, 3801 Quebec Street. President-Elect Nominees (PENs) are encouraged to attend as well. Stay tuned for more information that will be sent directly to you during the next six months.

LIGHT FOR EDUCATION GRANT

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solar charged lamps to children in about 114 semi-urban and rural schools with a total project budget of \$100K. The project is scheduled to be implemented by March of 2014.

The global grant committee consists of six Rotarians; a host committee of three Rotarians from India where the project will take place, and an international committee of three Rotarians from Kearney Dawn Rotary as the sponsoring club from District 5630

Srivatsa "Sri" Seshadri from Kearney Dawn has been serving as the primary contact with the India District on the grant.

Reminder: New Global Grant applications can be submitted to District Leadership for consideration at anytime throughout the Rotary year!

Thank you all for your commitment to our Foundation!

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

ALIVE AND WELL!

Rotary International District 5630 is alive and well! After about a month of serving as District Governor, I can report that we have a lot going on.

The Club visits that I have made thus far are interesting and gratifying. I appreciate the hospitality and hearing about the Rotary activities taking place in each of your clubs. Each club does things differently, but one senses that we are all united for the common cause of "Service Above Self."

Sometimes it is easy to slip into a "our club only" way of thinking but then we have to remember that we have power in numbers and have many resources that we can tap into. Our current district grant activities and the upcoming global grant are good examples.

Please remind your club members to check out our monthly district newsletters to see what your compadres are doing. Also, feel free to submit articles and photos of your club activities to Jean Issler, District Secretary, so that you can share your news with other clubs. I am also encouraging all of you to try to find the time to read our monthly magazine "The Rotarian" so that you can be aware of the fantastic work that Rotary International clubs are doing around the world. Doc Mathews, of the St. Paul Rotary Club, agreed with me that our RI magazine just keeps getting better and he said that he could hardly put the August issue down. Reading about Rotary activities taking place elsewhere reminds us that we are an integral part of something bigger.

I also had the opportunity to spend a little time at RYLA camp this year. It was a great example of some super volunteers throughout our district spending time and energy working with youth no matter which club they were from. It appeared that everyone enjoyed this experience. We should all be grateful for the extraordinary commitment that our adult and youth counselors have made to this program. A day later, I was able to sit in on RYE training provided by Ronna Morse (Valentine Rotary Club) for the good folks taking in exchange students this year. What a great example of international service provided by Ronna and the host families!

Also, don't forget to sell and buy your raffle tickets for The Big Red Blowout. Paul Stec of the Kearney Dawn Club and a couple cohorts have put together an opportunity for us to do something that benefits our own Clubs, supports District funding and provides a donation in seller's name to RI Foundation. It is a WIN-WIN-WIN and a lot of FUN but we have to get the tickets distributed. As, RI president Ron Burton reminds us, we are one big Rotary family and are all in this together.

Keep up the good Rotary work. Duane Tappe



PDG Dian Edwards and Dale Schultz, chair of the Foundation Grants Subcommittee visit over lunch at the RI Leadership Institute held July 27 in Denver.

DISTRICT ATTENDS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

By LORAINE LAWLOR District Trainer rololawler@charter.net

Four District 5630 leaders attended the Zone 27 Leadership Institute in Denver on July 27. Past District Governor Dian Edwards, District Governor-Elect Koby Rickertsen, Foundation Committee member Dale Schulz, and District Trainer Loraine Lawler attended

Each went to separate sessions on Public Relations, Effective Leadership, Rotary Foundation, and Building Membership. Changing practices, updates on Rotary International Resources, and peer-teaching and coaching were available.

Updates from Rotary International included:

- New website roll-out on August 19
- Using Club Central on Member Access to develop and measure club goals for each club including Membership and Foundation
- Less paper and more web-based reporting and resources. For example the Planning Guide for Effective Clubs may now be entered on Club Central, saved for future comparisons, and measuring progress
- More emphasis on public awareness of Rotary's current accomplishments. Online templates to support Clubs as they develop their public message. Use of social media to spread the good deeds of Rotary at the club level
- Second website update in mid-December.
- Know your values and beliefs then build your public image on these

Ideas from other clubs included

- Special fundraising dinners
- Mentoring and engaging new members within the club
- Supporting small clubs from the District Membership Committee
- Engaging younger members with international projects
- Vocational-Technical Team projects

PASSPORT TO ROTARY

By MISHA GARAFALO

President of the Rotary Club of Shorewood, Illinois

From http:// blog.rotary.org/2013/07/25/ garafalo/

As a former Rotary Youth Exchange student to Sweden more than a quarter century ago, one of my fondest possessions is my beloved passport filled with sought-after stamps from countries I visited so long ago.

Although I haven't had the opportunity to travel internationally in many years, every now and again, I would come across the passport, flip through the pages, and reminisce about the sights, smells, and sounds which stirred my global awareness, curiosity, and perspective.

When I became president of my club this year, the only African-American club president in Will County, Illinois, USA, I decided to incorporate the theme with my love of that impactful experience by creating Rotary-themed passports.

At my installation ceremony, each member received a "Passport To Rotary." The "visa" on the inside had to be signed by me and the member as an understanding of their commitment to care. Subsequent stamps would be provided to help them engage Rotary through specific activities and projects within the club, community, district, and beyond.

At the end of my term, I will personally award Rotarians who have filled their passports with service and, hopefully, memories of how they changed lives.



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SHARE YOUR PASSION FOR ROTARY! REFER A MEMBER!

Complete the Membership Referral Form at www.rotary.org/membershipreferral to recommend a friend, family member, business associate, or other qualified individual for potential membership in a club other than your own.



This ad and other free downloadable resources are available at www.rotary.org for use by your local club

POLIO PLUS UPDATE

By DELANE WYCOFF District Polio Plus Chair delanew@charter.net

2013-2014 Polio Plus Club Fundraising

District 5630 Rotary Clubs are should have all established a CLUB GOAL for Polio Plus support during the coming Rotary year. I your club has not yet discussed a goal, please do so. Clubs are free to establish their own levels of support. A minimum level of support is suggested which would be \$50 per member per year. This amount could be met if each member were to contribute \$1 each week. It could also be met in any other way, including public fundraising events and donations collected from any source.

POLIO OUTBREAK IN AFRICA

Have you seen news about the recent outbreak of polio in the horn of Africa? This is a serious outbreak with over a hundred cases reported, so far. This comes at a time when there was hope that polio cases would again be reduced this year. That hope is slipping away. The year 2013 has already seen a pace of polio cases in the first seven months that will likely mean more polio this year than recorded in 2012. Here are the basic case numbers by country for 2013 compared to 2012:

Afghanistan: 3 cases in 2013 15 cases by this date in 2012
 Pakistan: 22 cases in 2013 23 cases by this date in 2012
 Nigeria: 40 cases in 2013 60 cases by this date in 2012
 Somalia: 95 cases in 2013 NO cases in 2012

 Kenya:
 10 cases in 2013
 NO cases in 2012

 Chad:
 0 cases in 2013
 5 cases in 2012

 Niger:
 0 cases in 2013
 1 case in 2012

TOTAL WORLD CASES IN 2012: 223

TOTAL WORLD CASES IN 2013 (so far): 170

Polio Eradication remains the TOP PRIORITY for Rotary International. The goal has never been so near, yet the risk of failure remains high without continued intense pursuit. The outbreak in Africa has prompted new rounds of vaccination to contain the spread. Meanwhile the risk of disease remains for anyone in the world not previously vaccinated. With world population continuing to expand, the number of vaccinations needed just to keep up with the birthrate is continually growing, also. Many countries have fallen behind in this effort leaving large populations of unprotected children and the risk of new epidemics a growing concern in under-vaccinated regions.

Rotary Clubs around the world have been leaders in the polio eradication effort and keeping up the work and financial support is critical to assuring that the eradication effort does not lose more ground.

Consider your club goals for 2013-2014 and thank-you in advance for your generous and faithful support. When polio eradication is achieved, it will be one of the finest gifts imaginable. A gift that will benefit all humanity for generations to come.

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

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Tidbits of information included:

- RYLA will have an updated logo that explains what the initials RYLA stand for
- Seattle's Best Coffee beat Starbucks in a city-wide vote for best coffee
- Zone 27 includes the following states: South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Idaho, Utah, Colorado, Western Texas, Western Iowa, Western and Central Nebraska. Check out their websites!



G'Day from Sydney



Our own Ron and Jetta Burton invite you to experience the 2014 Rotary International Convention at the site of the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney. It is a wonderful venue with full handicap access & an extra large House of Friendship.

n addition there is so much to see and do in one of the most beautiful and vibrant cities in the world. Its glorious harbor make it a "must see" destination. With the dramatic silhouette of the Sydney Opera House, the arch of the Sydney Harbor Bridge, fantastic shopping, waterfront dining, and buzzing nightlife, the city will leave you captivated.

REGISTER NOW AND BOOK A HOTEL

(Hotel prices are all inclusive.)

www.rotary.org, then click on the convention icon on the lower right hand side.



When you cross the International Dateline, you lose a day. Plan to leave the U.S. not later than Thursday, May 29 to arrive in Sydney by Saturday, May 31st. Or leave by Wednesday, May 28th to have a day to adjust to the new time





The House of Friendship & the Train Station

HOST ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

(HOC) is planning many wonderful events and activities beginning with a fabulous fireworks display over Sydney Harbour on the evening, of Saturday, May 31, 2014.



The famous Sydney Opera House is the site of Monday night's HOC Event: Sydney's Symphony Orchestra Concert! Attendance is limited to 2,500 so be sure to get your tickets early. Online registration for this & other HOC events will be available next month.

Questions? Contact

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TRANSPORTATION



The new South Wales government is providing free public transportation for up to 3 days before the Convention. & one day after the Convention. This will make it easy to enjoy attending the convention at Olympic Park as well as every corner of Sydney and the nearby legendary beaches, the Hunter Valley wine country, and the majestic Blue Mountains.

President Ron says, 'SPEAK AUSSIE'



"G'Day Mate, — hello, my friend"

Used by everyone often regardless of gender

Look for the next issue of 'G'Day Mate "
in late-August



CLUB AND DISTRICT SUPPORT (CDS)

www.rotary.org/cds | THE AMERICAS

CDS staff is your key Rotary contact. We provide personalized service, training, and guidance on Rotary resources, policies, and procedures. Contact us if you have questions on

- Rotary resources and services
- Administrative procedures
- Board policy and Rotary constitutional documents
- Conducting Rotary business with Member Access



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SEND US YOUR SIGN!



Does your community have a sign that includes your Rotary club? Send in a photo and we'll show it off.

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August Dates



New RI website roll-out on



August 19 @ www.rotary.org



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