



District Newsletter



Governor's Message

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First of all, I would like to express my appreciation to Sri Seshadri and Don Peterson from the Kearney Dawn Rotary Club and the rest of their Global Grant Committee for their hard work on the Solar Light project. They are to be congratulated for finally being approved by RI for this cooperative venture with a Rotary District in India.

I also want to congratulate the Gothenburg noon club for their recent recognition from RI for being an EREY and a Sustaining Member Club. They are the only Club in District 5630 to have every member donate at least \$100 to the Rotary Foundation. I hope that we can announce more clubs receiving these awards in the near future.

I also learned at our recent District Foundation Seminar that we have quite a few generous Rotarians in our district that have joined the Paul Harris Society. That means that they have pledged \$1,000 a year to the Rotary Foundation as long as they are capable.

Believe it or not, we are already looking for nominations for District Governor for 2016-2017. Your club presidents should be receiving information on the process soon. The selection committee will be chaired by PDG Dian Edwards. Remember that primary qualifications are that the Rotarian must have been in Rotary for at least seven years and must have served as club president. If you know good candidates, please talk to your club president or Dian Edwards for more information.

I hope your club is getting future leaders lined up. President-elects should be in place to sign up for PETS, which will take place in Denver on Feb. 28, 2014. It is beneficial to all if you also select a president-elect nominee (PEN) for your club for the 2015-16 Rotary year to get in on training opportunities.

I also received some relevant information on The Shelter Box program that has been sanctioned by Rotary International. My understanding is that the need is greater than ever, with tents being set up from Oklahoma to Syria. With winter fast approaching, they are urgently preparing to assist an additional 5,000 families around the world. If your club would like to participate in an international project, this is a good one. You can contact the Shelterbox USA president Emily Sperling at 941-907-6036 or esperling@shelterboxusa.org. As we sleep in our warm beds at Thanksgiving time, we might pause to count our blessings and think of others not so fortunate. We will have a Shelterbox set up at our District Conference here in McCook May 2-4.



District Governor Duane Tappe

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ROTARY ACTIONS HELP IN MANY WAYS

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It is now November, and we are officially into Foundation Month!! I was recently moved by a Rotary story that I wanted to share with you. What moves me about this story is all that it accomplished. A Vocational Training Team of [eye surgeons traveled to Guinea](#), West Africa to perform much needed cataract surgeries on a trip that was coordinated with our strategic partner, Mercy Ships. While there, the team performed 65 life-changing surgeries, donated 16 ophthalmoscopes and trained 17 medical graduates. The trip had a lasting impact on those involved. The team leader remarked how serving as a volunteer is a truly rewarding and exciting experience and one of the local eye surgeons was so moved that he is now interested in becoming a Rotarian.

By supporting YOUR Rotary Foundation, you're able to:

- * Send volunteers with **skill and expertise** to part of the world in need
- * Align your project with our **strategic partners** for double the impact
- * Educate and train those you work with- the key to **sustainability**
- * **Donate** items that are too costly or not available in certain parts of the world
- * Inspire others to **join you in Rotary**- increase membership and in turn, support of YOUR Rotary Foundation
- * Provide **life-changing experiences** both for the volunteer and the recipient

This is a very powerful story about how your support of The Rotary Foundation can work in so many ways. I am thankful and grateful to be able to help you do this day in and day out. Happy Foundation Month to all!

Rotary Celebrates November as Foundation Month *District Foundation Challenge:* Be Like Gothenburg!

- What:** EREY = EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR
- When:** Month of November
- How:** Every Member from Every Club Contributes "Any Amount" to the Annual Fund
- Goal:** Every Club is 100% EREY
- Prize:** Club Recognition "Banner" from Rotary International & Presentation from DG

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The Gothenburg Club set the bar last year by becoming the only club in District 5630 to reach the prestigious status of EREY, meaning every member of their club contributed something to the Annual Fund during the Rotary year. Their club then stepped up further by each member contributing at least \$100 to the Annual Fund making them a 100% EREY sustainable club, great job Gothenburg!

Remember 50% of all contributions to the Annual Fund come back to our District three years later for us to do great projects through the new grants program. Our District currently has 28 District Grant projects in motion doing service at both local and international projects. Our District also just received great news that our joint Global Grant application for solar lamp education with District 3190 in India was just approved. Read more about that great opportunity in this month's newsletter.

Don't let Gothenburg get all the glory – talk with your club in November on how easy it is to become an EREY Club and 100% sustainable.

November is Foundation Month
Every Rotarian Every Year Challenge



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The Gothenburg Rotary Club is a shining example in District 5630. In RY 2012-2013 they were one of only a handful of clubs to be recognized as an EREY club and the ONLY club to achieve 100% participation with each member donating over \$100 to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund. Pictured above are Gothenburg P resident Mike Teahon, Assistant District Governor Brett Meyer, District Governor Duane Tappe, and District Foundation Chair Don Peterson.

- Will you commit to an individual contribution to the Annual Fund?
- EREY Clubs will be recognized with a club banner
- 50 cents of every dollar donated are returned for District Funds 3 years later



What does EREY mean?

Generous support from Rotarians like you will fund local, District and International projects helping Rotary change lives. Our goal is for EVERY Rotarian to give ANY amount to the Foundation, even \$10 a year. There is no other organization that can leverage your contribution like Rotary.



Frank Sibert of Kearney, Marcie Schmidt of Minden and Jana Osborn of Alliance concentrate on Foundation Seminar speaker Mike Tormey's message.

Guest speaker Mike Tormey, RI Zone 27



Foundation Assistant Representative from Denver, spoke on Member Access.

He told the story of George Washington Carver, who inspired Henry Wallace, who inspired Norman Borlough, researcher of the green revolution to feed the world.

Tormey noted that one never knows what small actions may lead to major changes that affect the lives of so many.

Foundation Seminar: Giving and Receiving

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Twenty-seven Rotarians participated in the annual District Foundation Seminar on October 12, including four members via the Internet. This allowed those from greater distance to forgo travel time yet get important updates to grant opportunities and procedures.

Rotary International Zone 27 Foundation assistant representative Mike Tormey presented the new Rotary web site information including the public web pages available to anyone and the member only web pages that brings member and club information into the 21st century.

After establishing member access, individual can update member information, request e-newsletters, and track individual and club information. Foundation giving and membership goals can be entered by Club Presidents, Secretaries, and Foundation Committee chairs. However, club presidents or club secretaries must designate these individuals for the club. This replaces the "paperwork" and provides instant access to giving history. Other web based information includes membership trends, and engagement, publicity of service projects, and eLearning about the foundation. Check it out!!

District Foundation committee chair and members Don Peterson, Dale Schultz, Tammy Jackson, Scott McLaughlin, and Sri Seshadri explained the Foundation Funding for service projects through District Designated Funds (DDF). District 5630 has over \$100,000 available for Global Grant projects. Seshadri has led an effort on solar powered lights for students in India. Jana Osborn is the Alliance Club lead on a sustainable fish farm in Guatemala. Ken Gnadt and Richard Van Zyl (Grand Island) shared information on medical clinic improvements in Zambia.

Smaller and local projects will have access to DDF through a competitive grant process. Tentative guidelines for grant awards were discussed at the seminar; these will be available during PETS and District Assembly. Clubs must file the IRS 990 forms/postcard to be eligible for grants.



Paul Harris

Paul Harris Society Easy to Join

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We are seeking Rotarians who are prospective members of the Paul Harris Society. It is easy to become a member. All you have to do is agree to give \$1000.00 per year to The Rotary Foundation as long as you can afford it. This is a small price to pay to help those in need around the world.

The best part of becoming a member of the Society is as a new member the District will receive a \$1000.00 gift from a donor who has made this offer. The money will go to the annual fund and at the end of 3 years, the district will get \$500.00 as part of the share program. This sounds

like you can have your cake and eat it too.

If you are interested in a good deal and want to help Rotary and those who need help, here is your opportunity.

I realize there are a few members that cannot afford to become a Society member but most of us can and should. I am a member and find that \$1000.00 per year does not affect my life style in any way. If you elect to become a member, you will find that as I have that you can give and live as always. It is also deductible.

Help if you can. You will be glad you did.

"The thought persisted that I was experiencing only what had happened to hundreds, perhaps thousands, of others in the great city ... I was sure that there must be many other young men who had come from farms and small villages to establish themselves in Chicago ... Why not bring them together? If others were longing for fellowship as I was, something would come of it."

--Paul Harris on the founding of Rotary

Paul Harris Fellows and Society Members Honored

Several District 5630 Rotarians have signed Paul Harris Society agreements to donate \$1000 annually as long as they are able. This will enhance District revenues through a Rotary Zone 27 challenge match for the money they donate. Look for their "wings" attachment to their Paul Harris pins.

Paul Harris Society members at the District Foundation Seminar include (top photo, front row, l to r) Frank Sibert, PDG Cloyd Clark, (back row, left to right), DG Duane Tappe, DGE Koby Rickertsen, Dale Schultz, Scott McLaughlin, PDG Ken Gnadt, PDG Ron Bazata, and Tami Jackson.

District Governor Elect Koby Rickertsen spoke at the Alliance Rotary Club and presented new Paul Harris Fellow awards to (bottom photo, l to r) David Briggs and Elaine Hall accepting for her late husband, Bob Hall. ADG Troy Unzicker receives his Paul Harris Society wings.

Meeting the Zone 27 Challenge





PolioPlus Event slated in Curtis

Curtis Rotary is sponsoring "A Night with Jeff Wahl" with all proceeds to go to PolioPlus. The program will be held in the First United Methodist Church, 402 Center Avenue, Curtis, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be obtained by calling 308-367-7627 or at the door.

Wahl is a classical guitarist from Colorado's Front Range area. He has performs and teaches. He is a master of six-string and 12-string guitar and writes much of his own music. This is Wahl's second concert in Curtis.

Rotarians remember the enjoyable evening they first heard him play. This will be well worth the drive to Curtis November 23.

Polio Cases on the Rise

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Yes, it is true. Polio is resurging in 2013, after giving ground in recent years. In 2012, India was declared polio free for the first time in history. Rotary played a BIG role in this achievement. Total polio cases worldwide in 2012 numbered only 223, a new historic low. Unfortunately, 2013 has already recorded 322 polio cases and we have two months of the year left.

On a positive note: Two endemic countries, Afghanistan and Nigeria, are recording fewer cases than last year. Also of interest is that the number of cases caused by wild poliovirus Type 3 this year is NONE (ZERO). Perhaps Type 3 poliovirus is now eradicated. It is really too soon to know. Experts believe that Type 2 polio is effectively eradicated because it has not been seen for seen in the wild for several years.

Here are the basic case numbers by country for 2013 compared to 2012 (as of October 30): (Figures in **RED** are worse than last year and cause for special concern.)

Afghanistan:	8 cases in 2013	25 cases by this date in 2012
Pakistan:	53 cases in 2013	47 cases by this date in 2012
Nigeria:	49 cases in 2013	99 cases by this date in 2012
Somalia:	180 cases in 2013	NO cases in 2012
Kenya:	14 cases in 2013	NO cases in 2012
Syria:	10 cases in 2013	NO cases in 2012
Ethiopia	7 cases in 2013	NO cases in 2012
Cameroon	1 case 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): 322		

The newest outbreak in war-torn Syria is almost certain to grow. Twenty-two cases are suspected, so far, but only 10 have been confirmed as of October 30. Unvaccinated younger children in the unsanitary conditions of militarily disrupted areas are like tinder waiting for a spark, and now a response is urgently needed.

The World Polio Eradication website reports as follows: "The situation in North Waziristan is dire. It is the area with the largest number of children being paralyzed by poliovirus in all of Asia.... It is in an area where immunization activities have been suspended by local leaders since June 2012. It is critical that children in these areas are vaccinated and protected from poliovirus. Immunizations in neighboring high-risk areas are being intensified, to further boost population immunity levels in those areas and prevent further spread of this outbreak."

We dare not ignore these outbreaks! They need to be contained with rapid vaccination response to surround each outbreak area with new vaccinations to contain the virus and prevent further spread. Rotary's Polio Plus is the major source of funding for the polio vaccines used worldwide.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY DONATING, TODAY!

Go to <http://www.endpolio.org/> or make your contribution to your local club.

Thank you, for any amount you can donate.

Purple Pinkies Popular in Imperial

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Members of the Imperial Rotary Club and Chase County Interact Club collected over \$900 from the community of Imperial during their Purple Pinkie Project on Thursday, October 24.

Members of Interact, with help from Rotarians, set up a table at Chase County High School before school and during the lunch period, brought in a total of \$57. Past President Bill Bryan said some students approached the table with dollar bills in their hands. One student appeared to be giving – or loaning – dollar bills to her friends so they could also participate.

Club President Tom Gaschler and Rotarian Jane Moreland went to downtown businesses, and collected in some \$360 in donations. Past President Bill Bryan and Membership Chair Bernard Lorenz continued where Tom and Jane left off, adding the Highway 61 "Miracle Mile" and hospital to their efforts.

This is the second year the Imperial club has participated in the Purple Pinkie Project. Last year's effort yielded \$137 from the community. The club expects even better participation next year as community members anticipate World Polio Day and stand in line to have their pinkies painted purple.



Riders of the 2013 Rotary Big Red Blowout bus traveled to the Nebraska v. South Dakota State football game in Lincoln September 21.

Big Red Blowout Scores Another Successful Run

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Big Red Blowout 2013 was another success!! A few pictures of the winners enjoying the day. The day started early in North Platte picking up our first winners and the rest along the way. We participated in the HuskerMax Tailgate party, than off to the game. We enjoyed the WIN, and then it was time to celebrate at Chances R in York. What a meal. Than in was the quiet bus ride home. The day was enjoyed by all!

Not all of the winners were on the bus. The REAL WINNERS are the Rotarians that sold the tickets! This project raised \$42,000 to help others and to touch their lives. There are many people to thank that made this project a success but I'm only naming four, as always it starts with the District Governor, Duane Tappe as it has in the past. The other person is Beth Lobner, my detail person. She had big shoes to fill this year without Sharon Hoffman. And the most important people are those who sold the tickets and the people that bought them.

I would also like to THANK the people that secured game tickets: James Friesen from Town & Country Bank, Connie Francis, Steve Brodine from Kent Schroder, Rand Peterson from Nebraska Chiropractic Physicians Assoc., Frank Sibert, Dale Eatinger from First Bank & Trust Cozad and Bob Phares.

Thank YOU for all you do for Rotary!

Ogallala Rotary Club Hosts Governor Heineman

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The Rotary Club of Ogallala hosted Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman October 31. The Governor talked about tax reform, the current state of health care and how the Healthcare Act will affect Nebraskans. Club members asked questions about economic development, tourism, the federal government shut down and a variety of other topics.

Club President Mary Eisenzimmer told the governor that the club is supporting the Live Well Nebraska Challenge for Wellness with the annual Dam Run polio fundraiser at Lake McConaughy and presented him a t-shirt from the event.

Member Profile: National Racquetball Champ

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Jaekun Cho, a member of the Kearney Dawn Rotary Club, participated in the National Racquetball tournament in Minneapolis, MN on October 2-5. He won a bronze medal in 25+ Single C Division.

Cho has been a member of the Dawn Rotary for two years and five months. He is the Korean-Asian Recruitment Support Specialist at UNK more the last two years. He currently is recruiting students from South Korea and Southeast Asia.

He was born in Incheon, Korea and graduated from In-Ha High School. He attended Chung-Ang University for three years, and after a year of participating in the exchange program at UNK, he transferred to Kearney from Korea. He graduated from UNK in 2010 with a Business Administration Emphasis in Marketing.

Cho is very active in the Kearney Dawn Club and activities at UNK. He is also a member of Leadership Kearney class 2013-2014.



Jaekun Cho



Governor Dave Heineman is presented a Dam Run shirt by Mary Eisenzimmer.

November Dates

DECEMBER 2013 – MAY 2014		Coll
DEC 31 Tue	2014-2015 Club Officers Data Report Dec 31 all-day	
FEB 28 Fri	2014 District Team Training @ Renaissance Denver Hotel Feb 28 all-day	
	2014 High Country PETS @ Renaissance Denver Hotel Feb 28 all-day	
MAR 1 Sat	2014 High Country PETS @ Renaissance Denver Hotel Mar 1 all-day	
MAR 2 Sun	2014 High Country PETS @ Renaissance Denver Hotel Mar 2 all-day	

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