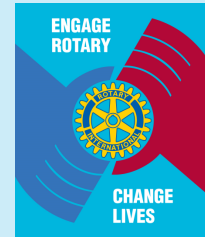


Rotary International District 5630



March 2014

## District Newsletter



*District Governor Duane Tappe*

## Governor's Message

By DUANE TAPPE

*District Governor*

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Greetings District 5630 Rotarians.

After this long cold winter, I hope you are planning a trip to McCook for our District Conference. It starts on Friday, May 2 and concludes before noon on Sunday, May 4.

Registration should be available online soon on our District website. Paper forms will also be mailed out soon to all clubs. Our planning committee has worked hard to assemble meaningful programs and activities for your education, inspiration and a chance to have some fun with your friends around the district.

We will have an outstanding RI representative, Carolyn Jones, with us all three days. Attending functions beyond the club level helps all of us to become better Rotarians in addition to being members of a local club.

Please get these dates in your calendar and register when you get a chance. Hope to see you then.

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## Jones from Alaska on tap for convention

Carolyn Jones will attend the District 5630 Spring Convention in McCook May 2-4.

Jones describes herself as a small town girl from Tarrytown, New York. She graduated from Stanford University with distinction and received her LL.B. from Yale Law School. She practiced law for 31 years and was an Assistant Attorney General for the Alaska Attorney General's office for 23 years before her retirement in 1998.

Jones joined the Rotary Club of Anchorage East in 1987. From 1997-1998, she was the governor of R.I. District 5010 and a trustee on the Board of Directors of the Rotary Foundation. Jones's recent Rotary activities include: serving on the 2012 RI Constitution and By-Laws Committee, and the 2013 Council on Legislation Operations Committee. She chaired the 2013 and 2014 TRF Peace Centers Committee, and the 2011 Convention Promotions Committee (New Orleans).

Jones has received the Rotary "Service above Self Award" and the Rotary Foundation's "Distinguished Service Award" as well as the Anchorage East Rotary 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2002, she was named the "Volunteer of the Year" by the Russian Children's Foundation – a nonprofit organization based in Moscow, Russia. Jones has traveled to Russia 32 times in her service to Rotary – five of those visits as a Rotary Volunteer.

## Belated New Year's Greetings

By DUANE TAPPE  
*District Governor*

An elephant never forgets—but what does it have to remember?

I hope that District 5630 Rotarians have created many good memories during 2013. January is designated as Rotary awareness month. Let's hope that we can make Rotary even more memorable in our respective communities during 2014.

Are we doing enough to let other folks know that we exist? Do we have a Rotary sign at our entrances into town? Do we have signage where and when we meet? Do we wear our Rotary pins? Do we get publicity for the projects that we engage in? Do we invite local folks to our special meetings or prospective members to visit any time? Do we read and share our Rotarian magazine?

At Rotary International level, we are receiving a lot of publicity for our efforts to eradicate Polio by 2018. I learned at a recent Rotary Zone meeting in Texas that Rotary International will most likely be nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize. In order to piggyback on the notoriety of this achievement, we need to do what we can at our local level to maintain awareness of Polio issues, advocate solving this problem and continue to provide financial support to get vaccines to three remaining countries. Did you know that since 1988 that Rotarians have given \$1.2 Billion towards this cause—that Polio has been decreased by 98%—and that an estimated 10,000,000 cases of Polio has been averted? That's an amazing accomplishment. The end is in sight if we don't give up.

At our Rotary Zone meeting, we also discussed membership issues. As you know, we are slipping in numbers in almost every District in the U.S.A. Our discussion group seemed to have two schools of thought on how to rectify this problem. One thought is that we can attract new members by doing great things in our communities, raise awareness of our presence and attract people to join in—in other words "Build it and they will come". The other thought is that no matter how much good we are doing, it is unlikely that folks will seek us out and ask us if they can join the team. We need to ask men and women to join our Club. We need to ask them to attend a meeting or two so they can see what we do. My own thought is that we need to do both approaches to increase our membership. We need to do "enough good" and create public awareness so that the average citizen knows that a Rotary Club exists and has somewhat of a notion that we are an ACTIVE Service organization. The next step is that we actually have to ASK someone if they would consider joining Rotary.

I did an informal survey of about 20 of my fellow District Governors while I was in Texas. I asked them the question "Why did you join Rotary?" All but one said that they joined because someone ASKED them to join Rotary. The other one said that she joined because her parents were Rotarians. Let's all make a New Year's resolution to ask at least one person to join us this year.

## Editor's Note

Your messages of concern and encouragement were greatly appreciated this winter.

We apologize for the absence of the District Newsletter in January and February. We are almost back to full health and are resuming operations.

DG Duane did prepare a message for January and we hate to waste his engaging writing and thoughtful view of Rotary. So we are presenting the January message here. Enjoy.

Jean Issler

Administrative Assistant/  
Newsletter Editor



*Imperial Rotary gives dictionaries to third-graders in December.*



## *Winter Service Above Self Projects*



*"The Rotary Club of Ogallala and the Ogallala High School Interact club helped to serve the annual Christmas dinner at the Keith County Senior Center in December. This was an act of "Service Above Self" and a terrific way for the Rotary Club and Interact Club to work together in the spirit of the holidays and give back to our community."*

*—Mary Eisenzimmer*



## District Assembly

March 22

Kearney

See page 7 for more info.



## Typhoon victims helped by ShelterBox, Rotary

**From:** [Emily Sperling ShelterBox USA](#)  
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**Sent:** Monday, February 03, 2014  
11:20 AM  
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**Subject:** Rotary and ShelterBox:  
Work continues in the Philippines and  
beyond

Dear District Governor Tappe:

It has been my observation that when Rotarians are presented with an opportunity to help, whether that be to assist locally or internationally, they really step up to the challenge. Typhoon Haiyan, which struck the Philippines in November, was one such opportunity for Rotarians to serve those in need – and what a difference Rotarians are making. Efforts ranging from matching challenges to passing the hat at meetings or holding charity auctions, many districts, clubs and Rotarians have been raising funds to assist families made homeless by the tragedy.

In the months since, we have assisted more than 4,800 families in the Philippines - Families like Hazel's. During the typhoon, Hazel gave birth to baby Yole. With her home destroyed and no safe place for her newborn baby, Hazel soon after received and moved into a ShelterBox tent. With the help of Rotary, the tent we provided is more than just a temporary shelter. To Hazel and her family, it's Yole's first home.

Our efforts are only possible through the generosity of our donors. I want to take this opportunity to thank you and your district for their efforts to help those impacted by this disaster. Our goal is to assist a further 3,000 families in the Philippines over the coming weeks. Photos from

the deployment can be viewed here <http://www.flickr.com/photos/shelterboxuk/sets/72157637551983974/>.



*Hazel considers the Shelterbox tent her baby's first home.*

Many Rotarians are also supporting our efforts to assist families affected by the unrest in Syria. Since 2011, violence and conflict have defined life within Syria and bordering countries. More than four million people are displaced inside Syria. According to the UN, two million Syrians have fled their homes, streaming into northern Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon. ShelterBox has responded to alleviate the suffering in each country and has provided assistance to 4,500 families to date.

Natural disasters and conflicts continue. So long as there is need, ShelterBox and Rotarians will be there to help.

On behalf of all of the families which have received ShelterBox aid because of your district's efforts, thank you!

Regards,  
Emily



## Solar lamp project launched in India

By Don Peterson  
Foundation Chair  
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First and foremost – thank you to everyone for your involvement in making this global grant a reality, which in my view has really engaged Rotarians and changed lives!

Rotarian Bob Butz and I from District 5630 have recently returned from Bangalore India who along with many Rotarians from District 3190 visited many schools, communities, and Rotary Clubs involved with the implementation of the Light for Education global grant. This was a lifetime opportunity for Bob and myself to see firsthand the works of Rotary International and be involved with the implementation of this project.

From our experience:

The project scope was very well defined in that the local site assessment with feedback from the educational system and local teachers / administration was utilized to target immediate needs along with a sustainable future outcome. The schools and local Rotary Clubs knew of the project and timing of the event because of their involvement in the planning, which provided very positive communications and anticipation with the parents and communities.

There were very important partnerships formed within this project. The Project Management Institute partnered with District 3190 to develop a management structure for implementation, monitoring, and assessment, which was very valuable to the current and future success of this project. The fact that a local business had the vision and trust with local Rotarians and the belief in the project was very impressive to see happen. The local partnership with a company that provides all of the installation of the solar panels including future maintenance and telephone hotline availability for service was represented proudly. The commitment of the Menda Foundation to extend the positives of this project because of their belief in this project and the work of Rotary is very commendable and convinces us that the project scope and assessment was correct.

The equipment provided lamps, chargers, solar panels, and E Learning kits were very well thought out and best equipment available were provided along with a seven-year warranty and maintenance plan in place to sustain the life expediency of the project and its benefits. All of the schools we visited were very proud of the new equipment and eager to take ownership in training staff and developing monitoring and scheduling of the equipment. The children were excited for their or their siblings turn to get to use the technology.

The engagement of the Rotarians in District 3190 to this project and other projects was unbelievable, which was very visible at every level of Rotarians within the District. Local Clubs took positive ownership of the schools within their areas. It was obvious that Rotary impacts the schools and communities we visited. District leadership has in place a very positive communication path, which promotes accountability and engagement.

The school staffs were excited and engaged with the new teaching resources within the project and were positive about the benefits they could expect. We had meetings with the India Ministry of Education with very positive responses for the opportunities being provided to support education in India.

With children as are our future and education being the key, this project can and will make a huge impact in our view. Children need opportunities to be successful and our teachers need resources to help the children reach their potentials, which then magnifies within our schools and communities. We definitely saw that happen during our visit with local representation of the community, parents, and media at the schools we visited. The real benefit for this type of project is to build goodwill through showing students and communities that we care and to show the true importance that education can make. Bob and I both feel that we experienced that behavioral change at the schools with kids and the staff through Rotary.

This has been a very well developed and well-run project in our view, one that definitely needs to be expanded in the future. We wish to thank our very hospitable hosts from District 3190 and especially the Bangalore West Club, and President G. Shantaram for seeing to all our needs during our stay. Thank you also for receiving us at the district conference; it was great to all the dedicated Rotarians and speakers.

Read more about the grant and the trip to India at  
<http://www.rotary5630.org/?s=solar+lamp>





Social Year 2013 – 2014  
President  
Giambattista Schininà

### **X ROTARIAN WEEK OF IBLA BAROQUE**

Dear friend,

We would like to invite you to attend the 10<sup>th</sup> Rotarian week held in Ragusa (South-eastern Sicily) on June 7<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> 2014. This event will take place again in Ragusa after the success of last year and will be hosted by the local Rotary Club. Aptly named the Rotarian week of Ibla Baroque, the event intends to introduce Rotary club members of the whole world to this beautiful part of Baroque Sicily, recognized by the UNESCO as world heritage site.

The program begins upon your arrival at Catania airport on Saturday 7 June, and ends your departure from Catania, Saturday 14 June; includes a stay in Ragusa in a double room, Mediterraneo Palace Hotel with full board from 7 June dinner to 14 June Breakfast and participation in tours as per program.

**Programs, itinerary and booking form on [www.rotaryragusa.it](http://www.rotaryragusa.it)**

This initiative is not for profit and all proceeds will be donated to the Rotary Foundation. Instead losses will be charged to the host club.

### **Bookings**

Participation is limited to 120 persons. **Reservations can be made prior to march 30<sup>th</sup> 2014 or until complete, using the form published on the website site [www.rotaryragusa.it](http://www.rotaryragusa.it).**

Airfare from your city to Catania airport is not included in the package; however discounted flight reservations are available from Sojanni viaggi (Tel 0039 0932248025) upon request.

We will do our best to make your stay in Ragusa memorable. We hope to see you soon.

With kind regards,

Giambattista Schininà  
President Rotary Club Ragusa



TO: All Rotarians  
RE: District Assembly

SAVE THE DATE

ROTARY DISTRICT 5630 DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

WHEN: Saturday, March 22, 2014, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: West Center, room 254W, University of Nebraska, Kearney, or via the Internet

35 computers available, your computer or tablet is welcome!!

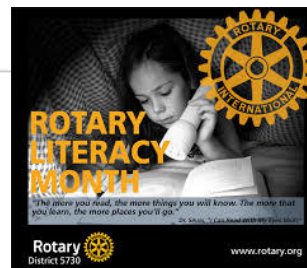
Goals: Get all District Clubs engaged in Rotary Central with access, club goals, and project ideas.

Get all District Clubs certified for District, Global, and Package grants.

Light Up Rotary - in your community!

All Club officers and committee chairs for 2014-2015 should attend. All Rotarians welcome.

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