



District Newsletter



Governor's Message

By DUANE TAPPE
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I agree with RI President Ron Burton that reading the award-winning (see page 28) Rotarian magazine is an essential component of being an informed and inspired Rotarian.

The stories remind us of how much we can achieve through Rotary. Ron says that "through these stories, we can see what our Foundation dollars do, we see what our fellow Rotarians are doing, and we are inspired to Engage Rotary, Change Lives even more"

I hope that all of you are spending some time reading the Rotarian. In our new April magazine, there is a very interesting story about Howard Buffet. It is about how this billionaire's son ended up on the front lines in the effort to end world hunger. It was very interesting to me because I recently read his book entitled *Forty Chances*. There are forty short stories about his travels around the world providing philanthropy and advice.

This book was a gift from Howard mailed to my home. He also mailed a copy to over 500 other Rotary District Governors. I have decided to donate my copy to the McCook Rotary Club as a door prize at our upcoming District Conference. This is my Segway to talk about the conference coming up in McCook May 2-4.

It is customary for each club in attendance to bring a door prize to be given out during conference. This basically is an incentive for attendees to go to sessions and stay until the end. It is also customary for each club to bring along an item for silent auction to be held during conference. We plan to donate a Shelterbox from District 5630 with the proceeds.

We will also have tables set up if any club wishes to display items related to a club project. You can make your reservation any time now online or with paper copies mailed to club presidents.

Motel rooms are being held until April 15. They are at a premium due to several weddings that weekend and a lot of economic activity related to oil strikes west of McCook.

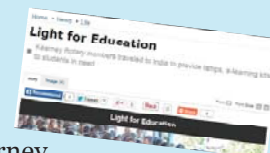
I also want to congratulate the Rotary Club of Chadron. I just found out that they have chartered a new Rotaract Club. I understand that Karen Pope, Brenda Morford and other good Chadron Rotarians worked hard to make this happen. Way to go!



District Governor Duane Tappe

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Kearney Hub article about District 5630 solar lamp project in India.

[Light for Education](#)

Click the link to see the on line story and photos.

NEW FOR
DISTRICT 5630
IN 2014-2015!

SHORT-TERM INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Rotary District 5630 of Nebraska and District 3190 of India are excited to announce the launch of the *Global Experience in India* for youth.

This is a 2-week journey to India where two young men ages 18-23 will join leaders, exchange ideas, and “*Change Lives.*”

Check out
www.rotary5630.org

Is your Rotary Club helping the Polio Eradication effort?

If your club has not yet raised funds totaling \$50 per member since July 1, would you please consider doing so? This is the requested minimum annual support level for polio plus and is less than \$2 per member per week.

Your contributions will be effectively tripled as part of Rotary International’s campaign to raise \$35 million before 2018. For every dollar Rotary raises, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will contribute two matching dollars.

Grants and Foundation Mark Milestones

Don Peterson
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India was declared polio free on March 27 by the World Health Organization leaving only Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Nigeria before the world is polio free.

Currently our district’s PolioPlus fund goal of \$55,375.00 is at \$16,812 or only 30.4% achieved. If your club has planned or is planning a polio day in your community please let the world know.

Currently our district’s annual fund goal of \$124,880 is at \$66,910 or only 53.6% achieved.

Our district has 17 new Paul Harris Society members. Because of their commitment to our district’s foundation, the district has an additional \$17,000 in the annual fund through an anonymous donor from our zone.

District grant training had its first session at District Assembly in March where 22 clubs successfully fulfilled the training requirement to apply for grants in 2014-2015. The last opportunity to attend this training will be Friday morning on May 2 before the opening of the district conference in McCook.

Clubs need to complete their 2013 – 2014 district grants by May 15 of this year to qualify for 2014 district grants. Applications for district grants for 2014 – 2015 are due online by May 15.

Grand Island Noon Club is in the process of writing a global grant in partnership with a district in Zambia to support the development of medical services in that area.

Rotary Spearheads World Polio Effort

By DELANE WYCOFF
District PolioPlus Chair

Rotary International started the world campaign to eradicate polio and continues to spearhead what has become the largest internationally coordinated public health effort in history. Participants in this effort include Rotary Clubs across the globe, national governments, The World Health Organization (WHO), the US Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF with further financial support and partnership from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The effort has used by more than 20 million volunteers worldwide to immunize nearly 3 billion children over the past 20 years.

There are three strains of polio known as Type 1, Type 2 and Type 3 wild poliovirus. Type 2 was eradicated in 1999. Type 3 is close to eradication with record low numbers reported in 2013. Type 3 has shown some resurgence and cases in 2013 were more numerous than in 2012.

Special challenges to eradication include the hot spots of insecurity and ignorance-fueled violence against vaccinators, especially during the past year in Pakistan. Pakistan remains the endemic country with the largest number of cases. The recent violence has contributed to polio rates that have more than tripled in early 2014 compared to the same period in 2014.

So far in 2014 there have been 36 cases of polio in Pakistan compared with only five cases for the same period in 2013. In Afghanistan there have been four cases compared with one for the same period in 2013. However, there is some hopeful news from Nigeria where only one polio case has been reported this year compared with 10 cases by the same date in 2013.

Small outbreaks of polio in other countries this year include Iraq-1, Equatorial Guinea-1, Cameroon-3 and Ethiopia-1. So far, there have been no cases reported in Kenya, Somalia or Syria where there were polio outbreaks totaling over two hundred cases in 2013, which makes it believable that polio could yet be eradicated from all of Africa by 2015.

Alma Rotarians Bring Out Plunge Costumes, Irish Food and Fun

The Alma Rotary Club hosted its annual Polar Plunge on March 15. The event is co-hosted by Rotarian John Nelsen's Patterson Harbor at the Harlan County Reservoir.

The event marks the opening of the lake for the 2014 season.

Alma Rotary raised funds for the TeamMates program. A portion of the funds collected were awarded to a lucky participant for taking "the plunge."

Although the water temperature was not immediately known (but it was cold), the weather that Saturday was nice and helped to bring out a crowd of spectators. Guests were treated to a corned beef and cabbage dinner, followed by some Karaoke after the big event.

See more of Bob Taylor's Plunge Photos at www.rotary5630.org



Ogallala Supports Shower Project in Ecuador

By Mary Eisenzimmer
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Illaghua is a small Indian community in the highest mountains of the province of Tungurahua, Ecuador. The altitude is 13,000 ft. and the normal temperature goes from the low 20s to high 40s Fahrenheit depending on the season.

The citizens are concerned about diseases and other health issues since the people of Illaghua do not take showers often. The weather is too cold to take a cold-water shower.

To improve their standard of living and educate them on personal hygiene, the Rotary Club of Ambato is building at least ten hot water showers. The showers will be located in the same building that contains the fresh water system. Ambato Rotary is raising funds to start the project by building two shower rooms. They also need funds to cover expenses for gas water heaters, showers, flooring, walls, and all other materials needed.

Each shower room will cost about \$1,500. The total project will cost about \$15,000. People will be charged a minimum fee of 50 cents to use the showers.

Beckius is originally from Ecuador and completed a Rotary Youth Exchange program in Ogallala a few years ago. Her father is a member of the Rotary Club of



Agustin Sanchez, President of the Rotary Club of Ambato, Ecuador accepts a \$1000 donation from the Rotary Club of Ogallala. Presenting the check is Lorena Beckius, Rotarian from Ogallala, and a native of Ecuador.

Ambato. She is now living and working in Ogallala.

All clubs in District 5630 are welcome to help Ogallala support this international service project. For more information, contact Mary Eisenzimmer, Mary@21equip.com or Lorena Beckius, sales@jzford.com.

Looking a bit like Duck Dynasty, John Nelsen, left, hosts plungers at Alma's annual Polar Plunge.

District Conference: Looking Back—Going Forward

Join District Governor Duane Tappe and the Rotary Club of McCook in celebrating the past year's highlights and in preparing for the upcoming Rotary Year

May 2-4, Republican River Valley Event Center, McCook

Download Conference Brochure and Register On Line at www.rotary5630.org under District Events

2014 Conference Schedule “Looking Back – Going Forward”

Friday, May 2, 2014

- 8:00 Heritage Hills Tee Times – Call Alan Gunther (308) 340-8885 or (308) 345-2234 before April 29 to schedule
- 10:00 Foundation Training—Don Peterson
KBC - 402 Norris Ave., 3rd floor
- 11:30 Registration – Republican River Valley Event Center 905 East 7th Street, McCook.
- 1:00 District Opening Ceremony
Flag Presentation – American Legion Post 203
Welcome/Song – Walt & Gabe Sehnert - Patriotic Medley
4-Way Test – Kellie Soden, President - McCook Rotary
Remarks – Duane Tappe – Introduction of RI Speaker, Carolyn E. Jones
- 1:30 Business Meeting
Secretary Report
Treasurers Report
Approve Budget
Nominate Delegate to the RI Council on Legislation
Foundation Report - Don Peterson (Solar Light Project)
- 3:00 Break/Tours
- 5:00 Social Hour – Republican River Valley Event Center
- 5:30 Dinner – Old Fashioned Car Hop (informal attire)
- 6:30 Looking Back – Speaker: Darrel Draper – Nebraska History—Humanities Council
- 7:30 Skit: History of Rotary
- 8:00 Silver Creek Band – Old Time Rock & Roll (Open to the Public for \$5.00/per person fee)

Saturday, May 3, 2014

- 8:00 Breakfast Buffet
- 9:00 Rotary International Speaker - Carolyn E. Jones “Rotary in Alaska & Russia”
- 9:45 Break
- 10:15 Dr. Delane Wycoff—Polio Report
- 10:45 GSE Team – Report on Trip to Brazil

2014 Conference Schedule “Looking Back – Going Forward”

Saturday, May 3, 2014 Continued

- 12:00 Lunch – Mexican Variety
- 12:45 Ronna Morse Introductions: RYE (Exchange Students) Performance
- 2:15 Break
- 2:45 Panel: Women Leaders in Rotary – PDGs: Marcie Schmidt, Dian Edwards, Diane Finch-Oertner & RI Rep. - Carolyn E. Jones
Moderator: Terri Shipshock
- 3:45 Rotary Leadership Institute - Dian Edwards
- 4:15 Chuck Larson—Water for Haiti
- 4:45 4 Way Test Essay Contest Winner
- 5:00 Break – Displays & Socialize
- 5:30 Governor Elect’s Reception
- 6:30 Governor’s Banquet
- 7:30 Dr. Stan Sibley – “Why I joined Rotary and why I stayed in Rotary”
- 8:00 Dr. Kim Baxter – RI “Service Above Self” Award Winner
- 8:30 Announce Awards: - Rotarian/Year, Club/Year, Non-Rotarian & Ben Hormel Award - Silent Auction Winning Bids (proceeds for a Shelter Box)
- 9:00 Koby Rickertson – Gothenberg Conference 2015
- 9:30 McCook High School Drum Line Performance

NOTE: Silent Auction Closes at 7:30

Sunday, May 4, 2014

- 8:00 Breakfast – At Sehnert’s Bakery & Bieroc Café 312 Norris Avenue – downtown
- 9:00 Memorial Service –Rev Kyle Dellevoet
- 9:15 Vocal Performance - Jesse Keslin
- 9:30 Memorial Awards - In Memory of Dr. John Batty And Peter M. Graff
- 9:45 Going Forward
RYLA - Report
McCook Interact Club
RI Speaker—Carolyn E. Jones
“Future of Rotary”
- 11:45 Conference Adjourns

Rotary District 5630
2014 District Conference
May 2-4
Duane Tappe
2013-14 Governor
Registration Form
McCook, NE

The 4-Way Test
Is it the things we think, say, and do?
Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR to All Concerned?
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to All Concerned?

Available Attractions and Tours of McCook Community

Frank Lloyd Wright House

Parks

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Complete an individual form and mail with payment to:

Rotary District 5630
2014 District Conference
Registration Form
McCook, NE

Registration Fee: \$120.00
Meal Fee: \$20.00
Travel Fee: \$20.00
Hotel Fee: \$10.00
Registration Fee Total: \$170.00

First Name: _____
Last Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
Cell Number: _____
Email: _____
Club: _____
Guest Name: _____

Payment Method: _____
Total Due: _____

Rotary Club of _____

April is Magazine Month



selection of articles & links
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MAY 2 Fri	2014 District Conference @ Republican River Valley Event Center May 2 all-day
MAY 3 Sat	2014 District Conference @ Republican River Valley Event Center May 3 all-day
MAY 4 Sun	2014 District Conference @ Republican River Valley Event Center May 4 all-day
MAY 14 Wed	AG Reports Due to DG Tappe May 14 all-day
JUN 1 Sun	2014 RI Convention @ Sydney Olympic Park Jun 1 all-day

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