



## District Newsletter

### Governor's Message

By DUANE TAPPE

*District Governor*

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It seems that once we hit the month of March, that time really marches on. Graduations are right around the corner for many of our youth.

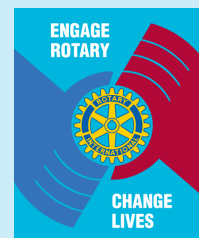
I especially think about our Rotary youth exchange students. How did their year go here in the U.S.A.? What kind of memories will they have? What kinds of changes have happened in their respective home countries with families and friends? Will they miss their American friends and families after they get back home?

We have been blessed in McCook with a wonderful student from Austria this year. His name is Valentine Zech. He made many friends with his participation in Band, Cross-country and Track. We also have an exchange student from Germany attending McCook High School. She is with a different exchange student program. She is an amazing singer and is a very good student.

As our club members were getting our Rotary Conference venue set up, these two students entertained us with singing, guitar playing and a little piano music. These two have added a lot to our community this school year. I also have had a chance to meet the other five Rotary Youth Exchange students placed within District 5630 this year. Ivo, Yoyo, Vladimir, Hannah and Ivy seem to be great ambassadors from their respective countries.

I also have talked to the mom of our McCook exchange student attending school in Germany this year. Anna's mom reports that she is having a great year overseas.

Our Rotary Youth Exchange program gives us one more reason to be proud Rotarians. Ronna Morse and her team have maintained an outstanding program. What a role they have played in the development and maturation of these young people!!! Congratulations to them and to our temporary students that will be graduating from our Nebraska high schools and marching on.



*District Governor Duane Tappe*

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## Sponsorship opportunities for RYLA

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Each year we appeal to Rotary clubs, individuals and business owners to sponsor various aspects of RYLA. The sponsorship opportunities are for expenses not covered by the "participant fee" clubs pay for each student. The estimated total cost for a successful RYLA camp is \$29,500. Uncovered expenses are approximately \$5,000 from year to year.

What's in it for you? You (club, individual or business) will receive recognition on all printed materials and the "feel good" sensation of knowing you are contributing to a phenomenal leadership program for our young people. Below is a list of items to help provide for another excellent adventure at RYLA 2014:

T-shirts	\$1,250
Etiquette Dinner – Facilitator, special dinner, and supplies	\$ 350
Project Supplies	\$ 200
Snacks	\$ 300 or actual snack
Speakers Expense (4)	\$1,400 (\$350 each)
Program Supplies	\$1,000
Service Project at camp	\$ 300
General Supplies	\$ 500
Total	\$5,300

Contact Leslie Stramel if you have questions or would like to participate in this **Sponsorship Opportunity**. It takes an entire district pulling together to make RYLA an incredible experience for our "RYLarians".

**RYLA 2014      July 20-25      4-H Camp at Halsey, NE**



## Ogallala launches new

By Mary Eisenzimmer

For Literacy Month in March, the Rotary Club of Ogallala read to preschoolers throughout the month. Three Ogallala schools were visited by Rotarians: Ogallala Public Preschool, St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool and St. Luke's Catholic Preschool. At the end of the month, Rotary gave each child his or her own copy of Josh the Otter, a book about swimming safety.

This was a new service project for Ogallala this year. The teachers said they appreciated having volunteers to help increase early learning and promote good literacy skills.



Rotary members read to preschoolers at Ogallala Public Schools, (above) and at St. Paul's Lutheran School (inset) for Literacy Month in March.

## Save the Date

Rotary 5630's

Passing of the  
Pin Dinner

June 20

North Platte

Lodging reservations should  
be made early.



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## Passing Of The Pin

Honored Guests  
Duane and Diana Tappe  
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Koby and Carrie Rickertsen  
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Friday, June 20, 2014

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2012 South Jeffers, North Platte, NE

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ROTARY 5630



## Water 4 Haiti total tops 400 pumps

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Water 4 Haiti had a very successful winter with work groups and projects. To name a few, we were able repair nine pumps and install five new pumps over existing hand dug wells. This improves sanitation and safety, especially in a schoolyard, and brings the total to 50 projects of this kind.

We built our fourth toilet for a community and completed another 25,000-gallon cistern to be used for irrigation.

We brought down 600 pairs of shoes, which were gone in a flash, as everyone needs shoes. We delivered many pounds of school supplies and helped paint the school.

Our focus this year was to install pumps to set beside a stream or river and then pump the water sometimes 30' up the bank to the farm ground. We set seven of these and had three more to go when I left for the States. As a Nebraska irrigator, I appreciate the smiles on these farmers' faces as the water comes to their gardens.

We have ordered 25 more pumps and I am sure 100 would not be enough even when 8-15 farmers share the pump. After 8 years, W4H has now repaired 400 pumps; some of them 3 times because of the heavy use of 12-15/day, and then carry it a mile if lucky. One village we installed a new pump the women said they were walking 3 hours one way for water.

Thank you to those of you who have helped support W4H. If any club would be interested in supplying a pump, it costs \$600 for a pump and needed hoses.

Sincerely,

Chuck Larsen



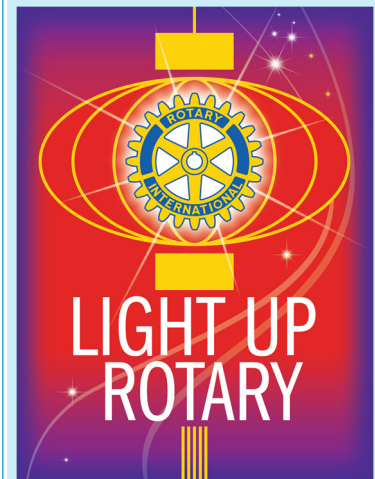
*Pumps are  
set at the  
edge of a  
stream to  
push water  
up to 30 feet  
higher to  
reach fields  
above.*

*Photos by  
Chuck Larsen*



District 5630 2014-15  
District Governor's Schedule  
DG Koby Rickertsen

DATE	DAY	CLUB	TIME	Notes
July				
7	Mon	Kearney	Noon	
8	Tue	Grand Island Sunrise	7:00 AM	
8	Tue	Grand Island Noon	Noon	
9	Wed	North Platte Noon	Noon	
21	Mon	Alliance	Noon	
21	Mon	Sidney	6:15 PM	
22	Tue	Broken Bow	Noon	
24	Thur	Curtis	Noon	
25	Fri	RYLA	10:00 AM	Halsey, NE
25	Fri	Zone Training	6:00 PM	Denver, CO
26	Sat	Zone Training	All Day	Denver, CO
27	Sun	PETS Planning	All Day	Denver, CO
29	Tue	McCook	Noon	
31	Thu	Chappell	Noon	
August				
5	Tue	Minden	Noon	
7	Thur	St Paul	Noon	
12	Tue	Burwell	Noon	
14	Thur	Holdrege	Noon	
19	Tue	O'Neill	Noon	
20	Wed	Lexington	Noon	
21	Thur	Cambridge	Noon	
26	Tue	Rushville	Noon	
27	Wed	Kearney Dawn	7:00 AM	
27	Wed	Alma	Noon	
28	Thur	Ord	Noon	
September				
2	Tue	Hastings Sunrise	7:00 AM	
2	Tue	Cozad	Noon	
2	Tue	Gothenburg After Dark	6:00 PM	
4	Thur	Chadron	Noon	
5	Fri	Hastings Noon	Noon	
10	Wed	Rotary Zone Institute	All Day	Denver, CO
11	Thur	Rotary Zone Institute	All Day	Denver, CO
12	Fri	Rotary Zone Institute	All Day	Denver, CO
13	Sat	Rotary Zone Institute	All Day	Denver, CO
14	Sun	Rotary Zone Institute	All Day	Denver, CO
22	Mon	Gothenburg Noon	Noon	
23	Tue	Imperial	Noon	
23	Tue	Kimball	6:15 PM	
24	Wed	Grant	Noon	
25	Thur	North Platte Sunrise	7:00 AM	
25	Thur	Valentine	Noon	
25	Thur	Arnold	6:30 PM	
October				
2	Thur	Ogallala	Noon	



2014  
7th Annual  
**Johnson Lake  
Walleye Open**



Entry Fee  
\$175/2 man team  
70% Payout

**\$300 for  
Big Walleye  
each day!!**

**PAY OUT**

1st	\$1675
2nd	\$900
3rd	\$700
4th	\$550
5th	\$500
6th	\$450
7th	\$400
8th	\$350

**Pre-Tournament  
Banquet Dinner & Calcutta  
Friday, May 30th at 6pm  
Lakeshore Marina Resort  
Johnson Lake**

**Saturday, May 31st - Sunday, June 1st  
Fishing Hours 7:00AM-3:00PM**

Go to [www.cozadchamber.com](http://www.cozadchamber.com) to download an entry packet.  
Tournament Director Craig Stephens 308-233-7397

**HOSTED BY THE COZAD ROTARY CLUB**



**Zook's Welding Shop, Inc.**

**TED'S TRUCK & AUTO REPAIR**





<b>MAY</b> <b>14</b> Wed	<b>AG Reports Due to DG Tappe</b> May 14 <b>all-day</b>
<b>JUN</b> <b>1</b> Sun	<b>2014 RI Convention @ Sydney Olympic Park</b> Jun 1 <b>all-day</b>
<b>JUN</b> <b>2</b> Mon	<b>2014 RI Convention @ Sydney Olympic Park</b> Jun 2 <b>all-day</b>
<b>JUN</b> <b>3</b> Tue	<b>2014 RI Convention @ Sydney Olympic Park</b> Jun 3 <b>all-day</b>
<b>JUN</b> <b>4</b> Wed	<b>2014 RI Convention @ Sydney Olympic Park</b> Jun 4 <b>all-day</b>



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