



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

DISTRICT 5630



2014 DECEMBER - NEWSLETTER

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District Governor's Message

By Koby Rickertsen
Rotary 5630 District Governor

"When I went to school, they asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I wrote down "happy." They told me I didn't understand the assignment and I told them they didn't understand life." This famous quote from John Lennon comes to mind as Rotary Family Month begins. We have just spent a day considering all the things that we are thankful for and now we spend a few days looking back at the last year, questioning whether or not we have truly accomplished anything. The world is starting to light up in preparation for the holiday season. People are a little happier in general during this time of year. Christ-

mas songs are taking over the radio waves.

It may surprise you that one of my favorite things to do during this time of year is to snuggle up on the couch with my wife and watch the Hallmark Channel Movies. You all know the ones, the cheesy love stories, stories of miracles, stories of faith or spirit tested and the stories of people making a difference in others lives. I am a sucker for a great "feel good" story. I think that is why I have such a love for Rotary. I really want to be apart of a story that makes my heart happy. I want the story of my life to have lots of chapters about love and charity.



Koby Rickertson
District Governor

December is a great time to count all the blessings in our lives. It is a time when we can spend time with our family and friends and cherish those that touch our lives. We also start to do an inventory on ourselves and make a conscious decision to make good positive changes in our lives going into the new year. I urge you all to make the conscious decision to look all around your communities and see



what we can do to make a difference in the lives of our neighbors in 2015. I know in this day and age it is really easy to assume that our government is taking care of the needs of the less fortunate but this is not enough. If we bless others we are in turn going to be blessed. Giving of ourselves and our resources always starts a chapter of love in your life's story.

I give thanks for my family of Rotary this holiday season. I thank all

of you who have inspired me with your amazing projects and passion. My hope is that I return the favor and inspire you too. I hope that all Rotarians in our area are inspired to do great things! I pray you all know how much I love and appreciate each and every one of you. I know that you are all working hard in your communities to make our world a better place. You are so amazing my friends and I am thankful for each and every one of you.

I would like you to think

about the words of one of the worlds most famous Technology giants Steve Jobs as you look at the beginning of 2015, "If today were the last day of your life, would you want to do what you are about to do today?" May the Lord bless you and keep you, may he make his face shine on you and give you His peace! Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to you all!!!

Yours in Service,

Koby

WELCOME OUR NEW OCTOBER MEMBERS TO THE DISTRICT

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DECEMBER 6 @ KEARNEY



Central and Western
Nebraska USA
Rotary
District 5630



You're Invited

District 5630 Foundation and Membership Growth & Retention

Speakers from Rotary International focusing on Foundation
programs and Membership Growth and Retention.

Lunch will be provided.

When

Saturday
December 6, 2014
9:00am—4:00pm

Where

University of NE @Kearney
West Campus
WSTC 254W
Kearney, NE

Enter through the south door directly across from Viaero office on Hwy 30.

Parking is best in the horse shoe parking lot or west of the building

Remote location for distance participation are also available.

Call or eMail for registration

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Giving Tuesday

BLACK FRIDAY. CYBER MONDAY.

#GI♥INGTUESDAY

DECEMBER 2, 2014

THANK YOU



As you celebrate the season of gratitude, we want to say a very special thank you. *You* have rallied around the idea and movement that is #GivingTuesday, and it is being recognized around the world, even by the White House. Your passion and commitment led to President Obama's recent statement, "#GivingTuesday is a grassroots movement that illustrates the impact we can have when we all pull together."

You are that grassroots and we're so grateful for all you do. Whether it is in the White House or in your house or in a house half way around the world, we are grateful that people everywhere are talking about the great power of giving in their lives. That's something the world can agree on.

Put yourself and your donations to work at www.rotary.org

REMEMBER POLIO PLUS IN YOUR HOLIDAY GIVING

Rotary International is the primary funding source for polio vaccine administered around the world. Give the gift of a polio-free life to children who still need this protection.

Follow this link to donate on-line: <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/take-action/end-polio>

Become a Paul Harris Fellow



Governor Koby has asked me to be the Paul Harris Society Coordinator for District 5630. As such, I want to share some information about this relatively new Foundation giving level. The Paul Harris Society (PHS) recognizes Rotary members who contribute \$1,000. each year to the Annual Fund, Polio Plus, or approved Foundation global grants. This recognition level was made official by RI in July 2013.

District 5630 is blessed to have a substantial number of Rotarians who have become Paul Harris Fellows by donating \$1,000. or more over the years to the Rotary Foundation. A lot of them have also become multiple PHS members. Last year, an impressive number of these folks pledged to become Paul Harris Society members. This pledge will put them on the path to become Major Donors, a recognition level which puts them in a relatively small elite group of Rotarians. We currently have a number of these folks in our district already but would like to see that category grow to help achieve the worthy goals of serving communities around the world.

Last year, I made the Paul Harris Society pledge and asked our Club Treasurer to bill me \$250. quarterly along with my dues statement. It is also possible to make the pledge direct to the Rotary Foundation by going online. You can also go online to www.rotary.org/paulharrissociety and find an attachment on "frequently asked questions" and a pledge form.

If any of you good folks decide to make this pledge, let me know. I have a supply of PHS insignias that can be attached to your Paul Harris Fellow pin that I will get to your club president for presentation to you or maybe I could present it myself at a club meeting or district function. Thank you so much for your time, talents and treasure that you give to Rotary.

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Imperial Club Loses Charter Member Gene Haarberg

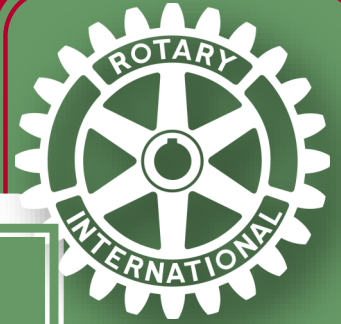
William Eugene "Gene" Haarberg, one of the charter members of the Rotary Club of Imperial, passed away on Thursday, November 20. Gene was born in 1936 and had been a Rotarian since 1966 – 48 years. He and his wife Kay, who frequently accompanied Gene at Rotary social events, were married for 57 years.

Gene began farming with his father in Chase and Dundy Counties and later with his son Dirk. He served his community in numerous capacities, as a member of the City of Imperial's Planning Commission, member of the City Council, Jaycees, and Toastmasters. He was the Imperial Rotary Club President in 1981, a Paul Harris fellow, and remained active in Rotary until a few weeks before his death.




Gene was devoted to the protection and preservation of groundwater, working with state senators and others to develop legislation that eventually created natural resources districts in Nebraska. He also served on Gov. Bob Kerry's Nebraska Water Conference in 1982-1983 and received the Nebraska Distinguished Service Award in Agriculture for 27 years of service on the URNRD board.


Gene left behind his wife Kay, two married children, and four grandchildren.



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POLIO NEWS AROUND THE WORLD

POLIO PLUS – DECEMBER 2014

POLIO ERADICATION FACES “GOOD NEWS”...”BAD NEWS”

AFRICA ON THE VERGE OF BECOMING POLIO FREE

Thanks to rapid containment of the polio outbreaks in 2013 in Somalia, Kenya and concentration of the continued vaccination campaigns in northern Nigeria, the entire continent of Africa has not had a recorded case of polio in more than three months and

only one case more than months. The last reported case from Nigeria was in July, 2014. Nothing like this has happened before and it is all the more noteworthy because this development has come during the peak season of polio transmission.

If continued monitoring and ongoing vaccination efforts can be maintained, the possibility that all Africa may become polio free appears

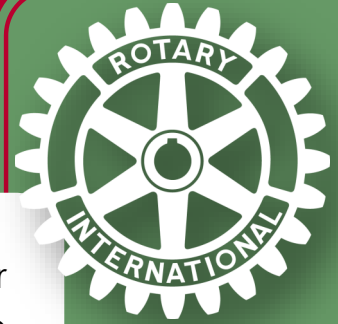


“A child gets polio drops in Nigeria”

now to be very near. Maintaining the vigilance and dedication shows promise of the dreamed-for success. Rotary International continues to lead the way in this effort and contributions are still needed to keep immunization levels high enough to avoid re-introduction of polio into area considered polio free.

FOUR DEAD IN TERRORIST ATTACK ON PAKISTAN POLIO VACCINATORS

November 26, 2014 in Quetta, the capital of Pakistan's province of Balochistan, was the site of a cowardly attack, when two masked men on a motorbike fired into a group of polio vaccina-



tors before they had joined their security detail for the final day or a 4-day vaccination campaign. Two women vaccinators were killed outright and two others died in hospital. Additional members of the group were wounded.

This attack prompted the suspension of polio vaccinations in a region where the needs are very great. Pakistan's polio cases in 2014 have now climbed to more than 260 this year. This is more than four times the number of cases, last year. Pakistan has not seen this



"Emergency team transports an attack victim"

number of polio cases in more than 15 years. Polio is waging a come-back with the help of terrorism, poverty and ignorance. Many parents refuse vaccinations because they believe the Taliban's propaganda that such vaccinations are a Western-designed plot to sterilize their children.

However, suspension of vaccinations would be giving in to Junjulah, the banned militant group claiming responsibility for this attack. Pakistani polio workers are showing incredible bravery and determination to continue their work even in the face of such deadly attacks. It was announced on November 30, 2014 that the Pakistani army would begin providing security for future vaccination efforts.

POLIO ERADICATION FEATURED IN NEWSWEEK, NOVEMBER 28, 2014:

<http://www.newsweek.com/2014/12/05/last-stand-against-polio-287862.html>



November/December District Calendar

DATE	EVENT
All Dec	December Theme—Family
12/6	Foundation and Membership Seminars in Kearney, NE
12/31	2015-2016 Club Officer Data Report due to RI and to DGE

Merry Christmas!



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