

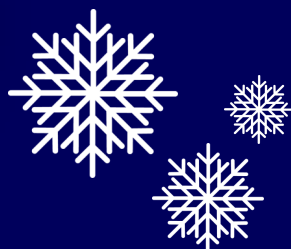


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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 5630

2015 JANUARY - NEWSLETTER



District Governor's Message

By Koby Rickertsen
Rotary 5630 District Governor

"Around here, however, we don't look backwards for long. We keep moving forward, opening new doors, new things, and doing because we are curious... And curiosity keeps leading us down new paths." These famous words by Walt Disney ring true for me as we begin a brand new year. As for most of us we spend a little time reflecting on the good, bad and even sad of the last year it is important to not spend too much time in reflection. What I really like about his quote though is the use of curious. I never thought of that word in respect to progress or success before. I think that it is an awesome way to think and move forward.

So how does being curious relate to Rotary you might be thinking. Well, as our organization

moves into the future we face some extreme challenges when it comes to finding and keeping new members. We need to start being curious (not concerned) about this challenge in our clubs and districts throughout the world. I believe currently with the new Satellite Rotary Clubs, the Wheels of Rotary Club and our new upcoming e-club we in Nebraska Rotary are doing just that. We are using our curiosity to increase and strengthen our membership throughout our District. How many of you dear friends have some curious ideas about where Rotary can go in our part of the world. This brings up another excellent point from our friend Walt "If you can dream it, you can do it."

In a few weeks we will find out the 2015-16 Rota-



*Koby Rickertson
District Governor*

ry Theme. This is an exciting time of the year for Rotary because we start the training of the new officers from our clubs to RI we start to see the future take shape. When I was selected as District Governor I thought that a year sounded like a long time, but I can tell you it is flying by very quickly. I ask though that we all finish strong this year remembering the goals that we are trying to achieve in membership increase and foundation giving. I would like to see every member try and find a way to get \$100.00



to the Rotary Foundation and \$50.00 to End Polio Now. I would also like to have at least one Paul Harris society member from each club. We are a little over 100 members away from our membership goal so please keep giving the gift of Rotary to others.

I hope everyone had an amazing Holiday season. I personally was able to spend all of Christmas day in my Pajamas which was my goal this year. It has sort of become a tradition in our house to totally relax and enjoy

each other watching the holiday movies opening our gifts and eating cookies and other goodies. I highly recommend it to anyone needing a "curious" new tradition to try. As for the new year we steam ahead. We are planning for an amazing District Conference in May and a fun fundraiser in April. I would also like to visit any club that would like me to come for more fun in person interaction. If you where not motivated and empowered by my previous visit I would love to have another shot.

My prayer is that each and everyone of you have an AMAZING 2015!! I hope that you all dream big and continue to be "curious" as we take on the challenges of yet another great year. I want to leave you with yet another quote from one of my favorite businessmen, from Walt Disney to you, "it is kind of fun to do the i m p o s s i b l e ! " #GOROTARY

Yours in Service,

Koby

Koby Rickertsen
District Governor

WELCOME OUR NEW DECEMBER MEMBERS TO THE DISTRICT

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In the promotion of understanding



"In the promotion of understanding, it is important to reach large numbers, non-Rotarians as well as Rotarians, and you cannot reach large numbers privately."

Paul Harris, founder of Rotary

There are several creative ways to increase exposure to our great organization, here are a few ideas.

1. Engage- Bring a potential member to a service project instead of the regular meeting. Use your Rotary Day to gain exposure to your community and give potential members the story of why you love Rotary.
2. Be Social- Like and Share information from our District Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/rotary5630?ref=hl> local club Facebook pages, Rotary International, and Rotarian friends on Social media. The important part here is to "Share" relevant information with your network.
3. Educate- Attend RLI training sessions. Ensure that leadership is enrolled in President Elect Training Seminar. Not only are these events educational, they are great fun, and offer amazing networking opportunities. Stay up to date with the latest information by visiting our District Website www.rotary5630.org and the Rotary International site at www.Rotary.org
4. Make it FUN- Everyone wants to have a little fun now and then. Host a social hour, concert, BBQ, or maybe a game night.
5. BE PROUD- We are part of the Worlds greatest service organization. Go tell it on the mountain!

Please contact Brett with any ideas to help increase membership, exposure and share your stories and photos to 5630pr@gmail.com



Paul Harris Society

Greetings and best wishes on a prosperous New Year!! I wanted to share a little bit more about the opportunity to become a Paul Harris Society Member. If you are blessed in life and would like to give back becoming a PHS is an excellent way to give and know your hard earned dollars are going to good work in the world. It is our goal this year to have a PHS from every club in our District. It is really easy to set up and you can do it a few ways. One annual contribution of \$1,000.00 quarterly donations of \$250.00 each or a monthly contribution of \$85.00 if you would like. Please contact me at dg5630.2013@gmail.com for more information.

A special thanks to the following clubs for promoting and acquiring PHS members...

Alliance

Gothenburg Noon

Grand Island Noon

Hastings Sunrise

Kearney Dawn

Kearney Noon

McCook

O'Neill

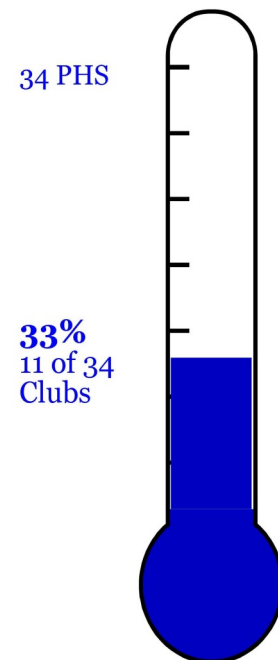
St. Paul

Valentine

Thanks again for all your help!!

Duane Tappe, District Governor 2013-14

District 5630 Paul Harris Society Goal 2014-15



***1 Paul Harris Society Member
from every Rotary Club***



WHERE

Wild Horse Golf Course

Gothenburg, NE

100 Holes of Golf Tournament

District 5630 fundraiser for District Youth Programs official event. Full day of activities including lunch, raffle, hole in one contest, 18 holes of golf and end the day with our Foundation Dinner at the clubhouse. We would love to see not only the golfers but their fans as well. Come cheer on your team and be a part of this fun filled day!!

Team Packets are being sent out to Rotary, Rotoract and Interact Clubs in the next few weeks!!!

date

April 17, 2015

time

10:00AM

Shotgun Start

**Looking for a
foursome from
each club.**

rsvp

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2015 DISTRICT 5630 DISTRICT CONFERENCE SPEAKERS!!!

Katie Ehlis

At 31, Katie Ehlis has had some great Rotary experiences! After being a RYLA camper in 2000, Katie founded the Rotaract Club of Thunder Bay to engage and empower young adults to learn more about Rotary and give back to their community. After graduating college in her home town of Thunder Bay, Ontario and completing a Master's degree in Minnesota, she went on to found the South Metro Minneapolis Evenings Rotary Club and became its President at the age of 27. Chartered in June 2010, it has already achieved a goal that eludes many clubs: attracting younger members. Ehlis has had the opportunity to be a speaker at the Rotary International Assembly, be part of a Rotary International membership committee, has been featured in the Rotarian magazine and is now an Assistant Rotary Coordinator for Zone 28 serving Districts 5580, 5960, 5950 and 6250. She's now a member of the Fargo-Moorhead PM Rotary Club in Fargo, ND and is the proud mom to 5 month old Porter who is already an honorary Rotarian.



Join Us in Gothenburg, NE

May 29 and 30, 2015

Miss Veteran America—Amanda Wirtz

Amanda Wirtz is a Chicago native who studied in Stockholm, Sweden for a year as a Rotary Exchange Student. After high school, she graduated from the Center for Information Dominance, earning the highest recognition as top graduate before serving six years as a Cryptologic Analyst for Naval Intelligence. She supported military, counter-narcotics and search and rescue operations in Florida, Spain, Canada, and Washington D.C. In addition, she served twice in combat in both Iraq and Yugoslavia.

During the years that followed, she faced seemingly insurmountable health challenges. Resolved to fight for her own future, she began building hope for herself and others. The crux of her journey began by asking 'The Right Question'.

Amanda completed her B.S. in Community Health at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign earning the highest University honors: the Bronze Tablet. She completed her Masters in Public Health in Health Promotion and Behavioral Science from San Diego State University and was recognized as the 'Top Graduate Student' within the College of Health and Human Services.

She is a nationally renowned speaker and performer who continues to share her story of hope, inspiring others to 'Ask The Right Question'; her outreach to the world continues to be her greatest passion. She also works as a research scientist, consultant, and is scheduled to release her first book in the fall of 2015.

This October, Amanda Wirtz was officially crowned Ms. Veteran America 2014 at the National Convention Center in Leesburg, VA!



India – Jordan Ingersoll



This past August I was granted the opportunity to travel abroad to India for a two week experience with a grant from the Kearney Dawn Rotary Club. My destination was Bangalore India, where I stayed with several Rotary host families. My first day was

a cultural explosion of new sights, smells, and tastes, among many other experiences. Notably, I remember being awestruck by the sheer volume of people, all navigating within the confined roads and walkways. I also appreciated the many forms of architecture I was able to witness each day, different than anything I had ever viewed before. This was especially evident from the many different temples I was able to visit. Addi-



tionally, the food itself was a highlight of the trip, as my host family either prepared home cooked meals or took me out to enjoy other native cuisines. I enjoyed the many kinds of curry and tropical fruit not available at the local grocery stores in Nebraska. However, among everything I experienced, the thing that impressed me most was the appreciation individuals showed each other in Bangalore. With so many cultural backgrounds, it was amazing to see how much respect each person shows to one another.

Yet, it isn't just that those living in India respect one another; they take it a step further and get involved with bettering their community and the lives of others. Primarily, the Bangalore Rotary Clubs (all 60 of them) seek to tackle the largest problems present in their area. I had the opportunity to travel around the city and see firsthand some of the projects the clubs worked on. I visited a Hospice for those with terminal cases of cancer, where their stay was free of charge and each individual was passionately cared for. Also, I accompanied Rotarians to a musical play put on by children from both a school for Autistic children and an orphanage, each funded by Rotary clubs. Upon returning to Nebraska, I have felt inspired to go out and give back to my community. I chose to get involved with the newly founded UNK Rotaract club, with hopes of providing others an opportunity to participate in service too. I feel blessed and thankful to have been given such an amazing chance to witness a culture so unique and different from my own.





Short-term International Experience

Rotary District 5630 is excited to announce the "Global Experience in Haiti" for district's youth. This is a 7 to 10 days trip to Haiti between May 19th and June 3rd for two youths from the district, ages 18 to 26, to engage in an international service project with other Rotarians, exchange ideas, and "Light up Rotary." The district will cover the transportation costs for the two selected youths. More details will be coming soon in www.Rotary5630.org

2015 High Country PETS

March 6th – 8th, 2015

To register, visit your district website or go to: www.HighCountryPETS.org

President Elect Training in March is our first step in making 2015-2016 Rotary year a success in every club throughout our District. Great opportunity for President Elects and Nominees to meet and work with Club, District, and International Rotary leaders to make your Pets experience memorable. Our District will be holding a Leadership assembly on Friday morning March 6th from 8:00am – 11:30am prior to the opening session for Assistant Governors and District Chairs at the Renaissance Hotel to help facilitate what we know will be a great Pets experience.

See you in the Rockies in March!

[Click here for the full flyer](#)



New Hybrid Rotary Club

"Wheels of Rotary"

Coming Soon to Nebraska

In the Spirit of our District Governor's January Message "being curious" we are hard at work recruiting New Rotarians to our Hybrid Rotary Club. The First ever Rotary International MC should be chartered by time of President Elect Training March 6th 2015. The concept is very unique since we are using Terra, Website and Facebook for our meeting requirements. We all know Motorcycle enthusiasts and the strong brother/ sisterhood that they feel. "I want to be a part of a brother/ sisterhood and not just another club" states Gene Darling and soon to be Charter Member of the "Wheels of Rotary" Club. He is not alone as we already have close to 15 new members that are ready to get started in the near future. Some of the goals that have already been set are, an annual bike rally, 40 hours of community service for each member every year and going into rural Nebraska to find projects they can tackle. "You don't have to have a bike to join just a heart for service in a new and unique way." tells District Governor Koby Rickertsen about the new club idea. "I love Rotary and I love my Motorcycle for me it is a nature fit. I also believe that the growth potential worldwide is extreme" Check out the clubs Facebook Page and give them a like @ <https://www.facebook.com/wheelsofrotary> Please encourage your motorcycle/ hotrod friends to join the family and look for the group to visit your community very soon.

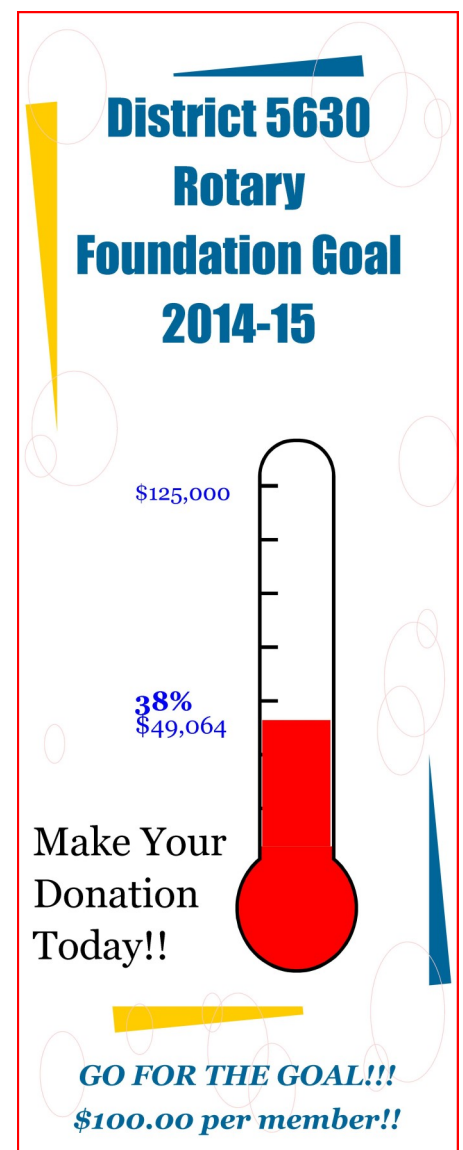
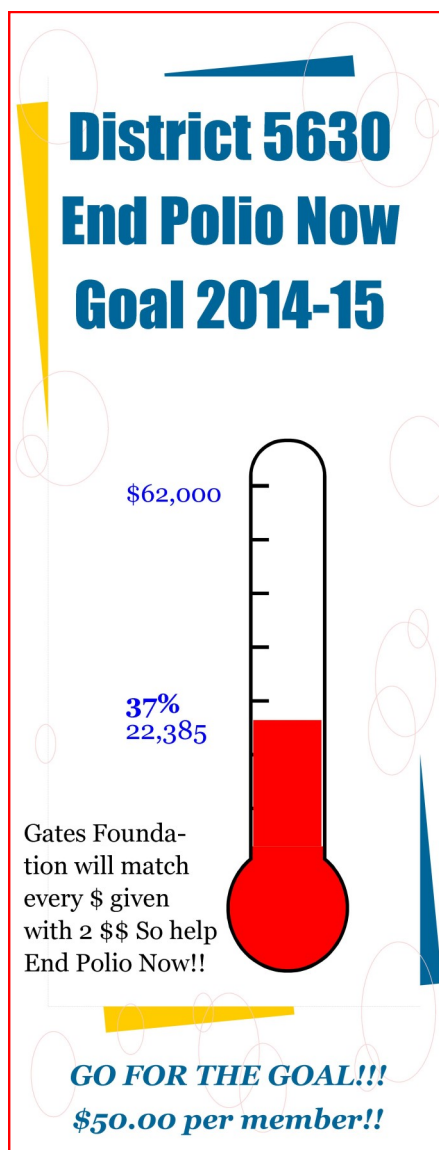
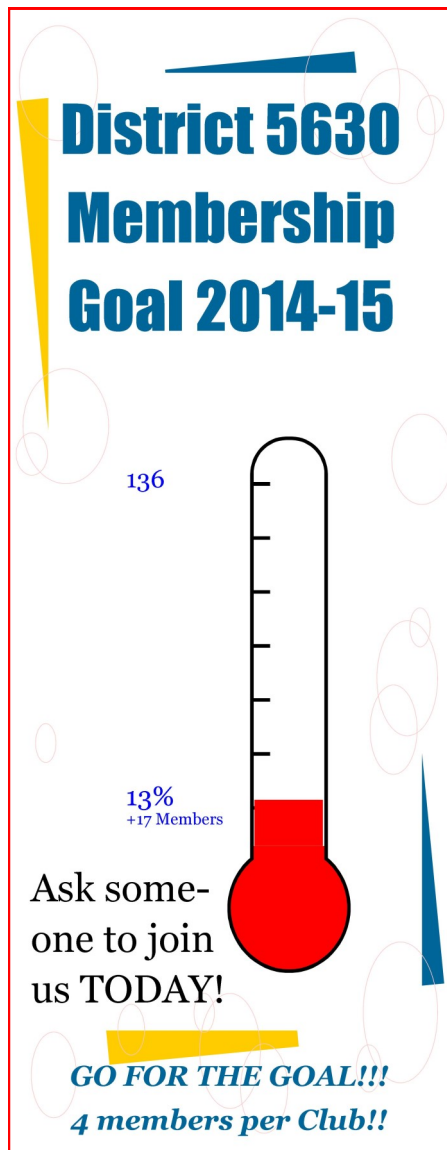


RI President Gary Huang enjoying 2 wheels earlier this year



2014-15 GOALS!!

We are hoping to announce at District Conference this coming May 30th that we have met and exceeded each of these goals!! Help out and lets all get this done over the next 5 months!!



RECORDS SET AT ROTARY SPONSORED BLOOD DRIVES



"RECORDS ARE MADE TO BE BROKEN". This adage is obvious at this time of year with all the sporting events going on.

But what about Rotary sponsored blood drives? Jeanie Cozad, coordinator for the Rotary sponsored blood drives in Valentine states in her blood drive report of September 4, 2014, "WOW!!! 100 units has got to be a record. We have had some in the 90's but to the best of my recollection, none hit 100."

Then there is the Rotary sponsored blood drive on November 6, 2014. Jeanie reports, "Records are made to be broken, and we broke 2 records on Nov. 6th 105 units were collected. That is the most ever collected for the Valentine Community". But wait, there is more. Jeanie reports further, "The second record set is for the North Platte Red Cross in their collections. No other site that they visit has ever collected 16 Double Reds which is the number collected."

The Rotary sponsored blood drives in Valentine began on January 16, 2003 and since that time the Valentine Rotary Club has sponsored 69 blood drives with 5,220 units of blood collected. The next Rotary sponsored blood drive in Valentine is scheduled for January 8.

Since 1970, January has been designated as National Blood Donor month. With this in mind, January would be a great time for Rotary clubs in District 5630 to step forward to sponsor their own blood drives. It is a great way to keep members active in an ongoing club project as well being in the business of saving lives, SERVICE ABOVE SELF.

For information to start your own blood drives please contact the American Red Cross at redcrossblood.org or 1-800-RED-CROSS or Valentine Rotarians Jeanie Cozad at 402-376-4715 or Bob Stetter at 402-389-1485.



World Polio Update

2015 Records First Polio Case in Pakistan

Pakistan's first polio case in 2015 was reported January 1st in a two-year-old child. The polio virus was found in the child who lives in an area that lies close to the Pakistan-Afghan border in restive Balochistan province.



The 2014 was the toughest year for the Pakistan anti-polio program as the number of confirmed cases rose to 296, the highest in the country for the last fifteen years. During the past six months, Pakistan has topped the world polio cases, recording 85 per cent of all the polio cases reported around the world.

Lack of security is the main reason for the spread of polio virus as vaccination cannot be easily organized in tribal areas where Taliban still control large areas. Militants have killed at least 64 health workers and their escorts. They consider polio medicine as a conspiracy by the West to sterile Muslims.

The need for better success in vaccination strategy has prompted testing a new idea called "Justice for Health" which combines Rotary-provided polio vaccine with other government health delivery measures. Justice for Health offers not just the polio vaccine but a "sanitation bucket" containing water

purifying pills, bars of soap and clean towels. Households are also given general health information, and vouchers for other, popular, vaccines, such as measles and diphtheria. Justice for Health is a health campaign, not a polio campaign. And each vaccination round lasts just one day, so opponents do not have time to mobilize.



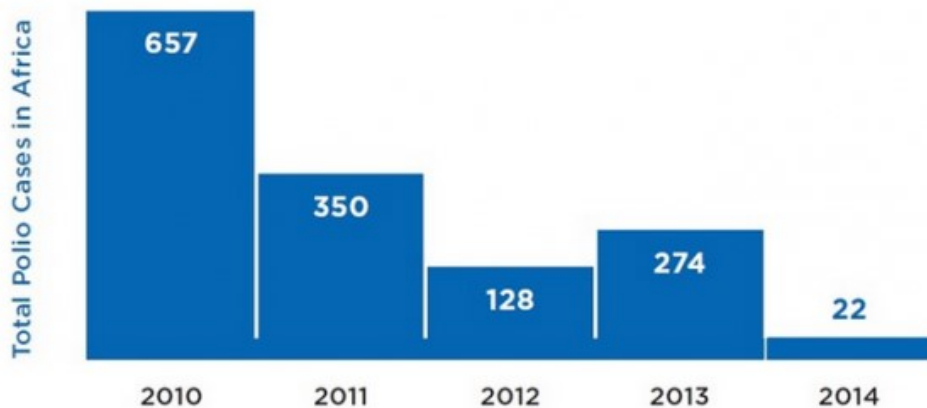
2015 Raises Hopes for Polio-Free Africa

The recent success in Nigeria raises hopes for a polio free African continent and ultimately for success in the rest of the world. Nigeria has recorded only six polio cases for the entire year and these were restricted to a small region. Since July 24, 2014 there have been no polio cases in Nigeria.



In January, 2015, Nigeria will qualify for preliminary certification as polio free having gone six months without any new polio cases. This is a remarkable achievement considering that polio cases were on the rise in Nigeria only three years ago.

POLIO-FREE AFRICA IN SIGHT



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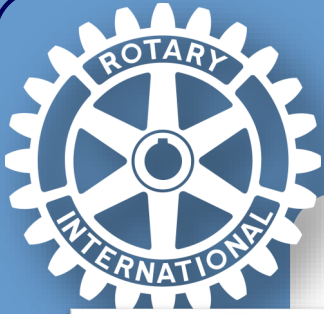
World Polio Cases down about 6% in 2014.

In 2013 there were large polio outbreaks the spread of 225 cases to non-endemic countries. In 2014 this number was cut to less than a 10th of the previous year with only 19 cases in non-endemic countries (as of Dec 24th). While increased cases have hit Pakistan, the world-wide number of total polio cases is down from 2013. Final numbers are still not in, but it appears that 2014 will end with about 94% of the total from 2013.

Rotary's ongoing efforts to provide vaccine have never been more important than now. There is every potential that polio could again spread from Pakistan and therefore vaccinations must be continued to protect from possible spread.

Syria represents a very risky situation. Previously Syria was polio free and had over 95% vaccination rates. Now, half the Syrian population is displaced by war and public health efforts have been totally disrupted with hundreds of thousands of children now unvaccinated.

All clubs are urged to consider how to produce additional funding for Polio Plus as we enter the last half of our Rotary Year.



News from Imperial

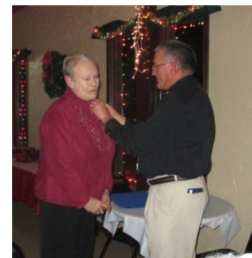
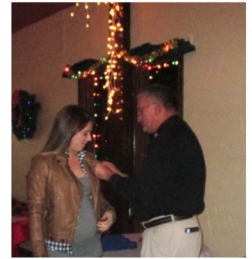
Mercy Meals Packoff



On Monday, December 8, the Lions Club and Rotary Club of Imperial met at Mercy Meals in Wauneta for a "Pack-Off" to see which club's representatives could pack the most meals in two hours. At the end of the evening, the Rotary Club side (with the help of a Lion and other volunteers) had packed 4800 meals, 300 more than the Lion Club side's 4500 meals, for a total of 9300 packages. That's enough for 57,600 servings for citizens of Ukraine who are in need of a nutritious meal.

Two New Members and Paul Harris Fellow Inducted

On Tuesday, December 9, during their annual Christmas party, Imperial Rotary Club president Tom Gaschler inducted two new members. Brianna Pribbeno and Kate Davis are both residents of Imperial and are anxious to be used in community service. Brianna is already involved with Interact, and Kate is recruiting Rotarians to help with the annual community Christmas dinner, of which she will be the chair in future years. Lori Pankonin also awarded former Rotarian Mary Wilson with a Paul Harris Fellow for her past service to the club, particularly in the area of fundraising.



Rotarians at School

Also on December 9, several Imperial Rotarians went to the Chase County Schools during the lunch hour to award dictionaries to 50 third graders. Later that day, in a visit to one of the classrooms, Imperial club president Tom Gaschler saw several students sitting in the hall-way as they waited for class to start, pointing out to each other the discoveries they had made. Later that week, Tom presented dictionaries to students at the Wauneta-Palisade elementary school.



Arnold 100% PHF



From Left; Koby Rickertsen, District Governor, Kelli Blevins, Amanda Koubek, Melody Jennings, Todd Thompson, Karen Hough, Holly Hornung-Redmund and Brad Atkins, proudly display the Rotary Foundation 100 percent Paul Harris Fellow Club Banner that Arnold Rotary will add to its many awards.

Arnold Rotary was a 100 percent Paul Harris Fellow Club in 2008. The club achieved that status again last Thursday night, when five of the members were awarded their Paul Harris Fellow pins. Kelli Blevins, Amanda Koubek, Todd Thompson, Holly Hornung-Remund and Arnold businessman Brad Atkins were all awarded their first PH pin. Melody received what is called PH +2. Sunya Peters and Debby Moninger will be awarded their Paul Harris pins at a later date.

Paul Harris began a law practice in Chicago in 1896 and in

1905, organized the first Rotary Club with only three members, establishing a goal of "fellowship and friendship." He realized early on that the club should initiate a "service" project and so they were responsible for the construction of public toilets in Chicago, thus transforming their Rotary club into the first "service club." By the time of his death at the age of 79, there were over 200,000 members in 75 countries. Rotary has grown to the largest service club in the world. Starting in the 1937-38 Rotary year, individuals who had contributed more than \$1000 to the ro-

tary foundation were recognized as Paul Harris Fellows. This recognition is not limited to Rotarians.

Karen Hough was awarded the first "Friend of Rotary" award during the evening also. Karen tirelessly helps with any Rotary service project that she can. She can be seen serving at the annual Pancake Feed or serving for at the 4th of July barbecue.

"She is always a phone call away and willing to help on any of our projects," said President Berni Crow. "This was our way of saying 'Thank you Karen for a job well done.'"



January District Calendar

| DATE | EVENT |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| All January | January Theme—Rotary Awareness |
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