

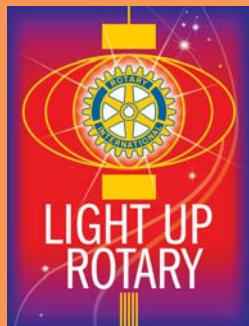


Rotary International —District 5630

2014 August-Newsletter

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District Governor's Message

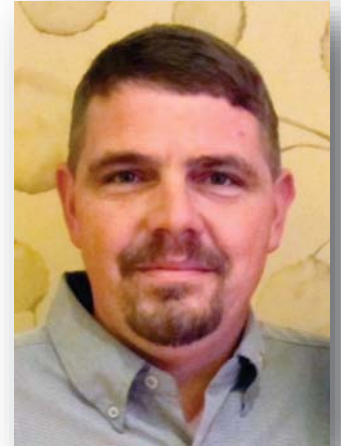
By Koby Rickertsen
Rotary 5630 District Governor

Well I have survived the first month as District Governor. In the last month I visited 9 clubs, spent a week with the Rotary International President, had a blast at RYLA and attended some great training at the Zone Institute. I am now going to take a few days off and head to Sturgis, SD on my Harley with my beautiful wife and some great friends.

As you may know Rotary International has themes for almost every month of the year, August is Membership month. As District Governor one of my jobs is to encourage our clubs and members to increase membership throughout our district. I have mentioned before

that I do not believe in growth for the sake of growth but as a part of a strategic plan to do more in our communities and in our world. With more members we can accomplish even more awesomeness when ever and where ever we decide to put forth the effort.

I am asked by Rotarians all of the time about how we can find and keep members in our clubs. It seems to some that the weekly meeting is fast becoming a hurdle to prospective new members. We are living in the "now" generation where we all want to leave our options open and don't want to commit to attending a meeting every week. Though there



*Koby Rickertson
District Governor*

is some truth to this, most people just want to know there is value in the way they spend their time. It is important that our meetings are fun, informative and meaningful. This is not just the responsibility of the President of our clubs but all Rotarians everywhere. We need great programs and fun events. I love the fellowship that my Rotary Club has to offer and the avenue to serve others is a bonus as well. Prospective new



members need to see that our organization is a must have in their lives.

I believe that we need to take away the excuses not to join Rotary. One great example of this is allowing small children to attend your meetings weekly. Young parents may not be able to afford child care so they can attend meetings. If you make it so that child care is available during the meeting or give these kids something to do during that hour you might see a big increase in the younger

members. Use Facebook and other social media to advertise programs and special events. Not only do you remind your members of the meeting but some of the folks that normally would skip a meeting might see an interesting program coming up and stop in.

The bottom line is that we can make even more amazing things happen with more members!! We need to constantly be asking our friends, neighbors, co-workers and perfect strangers to join with us in our attempt to make

the world a much better place. So, as you go through this month ask those you know well or barely know if they would like to hang out with you for a hour, letting them know that joining us and our awesome organization will be the best decision they will ever make!

So go forth, find great new members and invite them to be apart of our AWESOMENESS!!!

Yours in Service,

Koby

Koby Rickertsen
District Governor

WELCOME THESE NEW ROTARIANS TO THE DISTRICT

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Saying Goodbye to a beloved Past District Governor Neal Baxter __1923-2014

Kim Baxter, son of Neal Baxter was asked to write an article for the newsletter for all of those who knew and loved Neal. Kim is also a dedicated Rotarian from Club 1496.



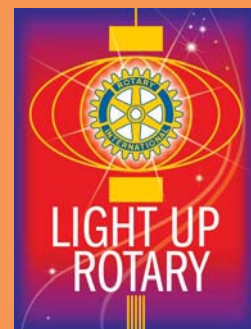
I have been asked to write a short note for our Rotary District newsletter concerning my father, Neal Baxter, and his recent passing. Many of you have known my dad and of his passion for Rotary which he has shared with me and others over the years. For those who haven't heard, we checked dad into the hospital because of pain in his hip and lower back. It turned out that this was due to multiple fractures in that area, as the bone had been weakened by cancer that was also then located in the liver and likely the brain. We suspect this may have originated from a malignant melanoma that had been surgically removed a little over a year earlier. They knew it was close to metastasizing, but felt they had it contained. It seems highly likely that this was the origin of the cancer that had spread throughout his body. The blessing was that dad did not suffer a lot and he passed from this life peacefully, on March 30th, just 5 days after this diagnosis was delivered.

Dad truly loved Rotary and all of the fine people he had met through this amazing organization. He was a Past-President and Secretary of our North Platte Noon Rotary Club and went on to be District Governor in 1985-86. He served as Team Leader of a GSE to Birmingham, England in 1988 and also represented the RI President at District Conferences in California and Wisconsin. He was chosen as a delegate to the Triennium Council on Legislation in Caracas, Venezuela in 1995. Perhaps his most memorable Rotary experience was when he and Jim Conley drove a Rotary-donated fire truck to El Paso, TX to be delivered to Rotarians from a community in Mexico who was badly in need of this fire truck. The video of this trip is priceless! Dad was also a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and believed strongly in the Polio-Plus program, partly due to the fact that he lost his only brother to polio when he was in his early teens.

Many of you have asked about my mother and I am pleased to report she is doing well, as she is a woman of amazing spiritual strength. We miss dad, but we find much to celebrate about his life and what he was able to contribute toward a better world, especially through Rotary.

Best regards to all of our dear Rotary friends,

Kim Baxter



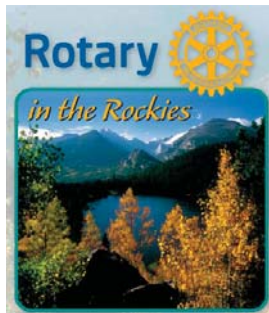


Expand Your Network

Together we are tackling the world's toughest challenges and winning! Engage Rotary's most INFLUENTIAL people at the Zone Institute and enjoy Colorado's most entertaining city.

Rotary Institute – 2014 It's more than just training

The Institute will be offering exceptional training not only for our District Governors – Nominee, District Governors – Elect, Emerging District Leaders (formerly District Resource Leaders), but also for our District Foundation Chairs, District Membership Chairs, District Public Image Chairs and District Trainers. We will also be having a Zone Summit for our District Governors and District Rotary Leadership Institute Coordinators!



Current, Future and Past Leaders of your District to attend the Rotary International Institute, **September 9 – 14, 2014** in **Denver, Colorado**.

The Brochure can be downloaded [here](#)

Membership Resource Center

Start building a stronger District and make a positive impact on the communities you serve. Your Rotary Zone is here to provide you the resources you need to be successful.

Big Red Blowout

Sell your tickets, and return stubs to your Club BRB Coordinator by August 15th.

GO BIG RED

LAST WEEK TO SELL YOU BIG RED BLOWOUT TICKETS!!

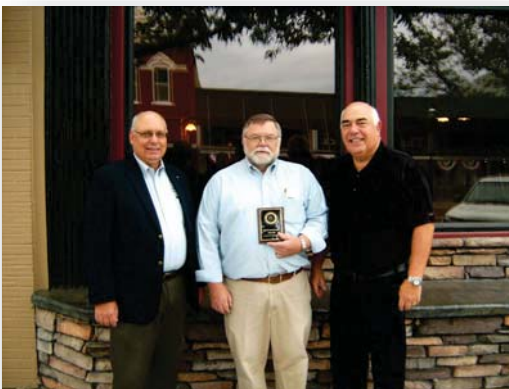
The 40 winners of the trip will experience one of the best experiences that they will have going to a Husker Game!!

We all want to win the trip but you are a WINNER when you sell your book of tickets. The purpose of this project is the money used to prevent children from getting polio, providing clean water to a family, giving a solar light to a child so they can study at night, that special community project your club is working on to help others, Grant Money that is coming back to the District, which in turns go back to the Clubs, keeping your dues down that goes to the District and the list goes on and on. All the things of why we are a Rotarian!!

I still need tickets for the game that are donated or sold at cost.

Please sell at least 10 tickets MAKE YOUR CLUB A 100% CLUB. Remember the top 5 sellers in the District get on the Bus with a friend. I guarantee you it will be a day to remember!!

BE A WINNER SELL YOUR TICKETS!!



2013—100% Club Kearney Dawn
David Keiter-co-chair, Tom Bosshardt-
President, Paul Stec-Chair



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Polio Update

POLIO SPREADING IN PAKISTAN – ELSEWHERE RE-TREATING

For the last three years, children in the tribal areas of northwest Pakistan have been trapped in an area where polio is spreading and vaccination is not generally available. The Taliban have opposed vaccination until the USA halts drone attacks in this region which is also a haven for Islamic militancy and extremism. The vicious opposition to polio vaccination has resulted in multiple assassinations of polio vaccinators and police trying to provide them some protection. The consequence of this is a steadily rising number of polio cases in Pakistan with only 58 infections in 2012 followed by 93 cases in 2013 and as of mid-July in 2014 already 99 cases. This is compared to just 21 at the same time in the previous year...more than four times the cases for the same part of the year!

Rotary's new strategy has been to provide cell phones to midwives to help gather information on unvaccinated kids and target the "missing children" who have not yet been reached. The midwives are already involved in tracking pregnancies and providing other vaccinations, so this a simple way to target polio vaccinations more precisely.

Another Rotary effort involved working to Coca-Cola to build a water treatment plant in Karachi near a school to give polio-age kids clean water. The diabolical challenges of polio eradication and the role of Rotary in these continued efforts are highlighted in an interesting July 29, 2014, TIME magazine article by Jeffrey Kluger which you can read by clicking here: [Polio in Pakistan](#).



NEW PAKISTAN VACCINATION CAMPAIGN

Rotary is not alone in the campaign to provide polio vaccinations to Pakistan. A large-scale campaign under the slogan “Health for All – Better Future” is being sponsored by Shaikh Mohammad, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and the United Arab Emirates armed forces. The humanitarian initiative in the month of June reported reaching 3.04 million Pakistan’s tribal areas, which is well ahead of the goal of 3.64 million by end of September.

ROTARY’S POLIO PLUS LEADERS FEATURED IN FORBES MAGAZINE

In a July 21, 2014 opinion contributed by Devin Thorpe, Forbes Magazine features a look at the tremendous progress toward Polio eradication inspired by the leadership of Rotary International. While citing the reduction

of polio cases from 400,000 per year three decades ago to around 400 annually, the article also notes the challenges of providing vaccinations in areas of violence and conflict and highlights



the role of Rotary in the eradication effort. You can see this informative article and also see the photos and biographic summaries of Rotarians in the roles of Polio Plus Chair for the three remaining endemic countries (Afghanistan, Pakistan, Nigeria) by clicking here: [Rotarians Leading Polio Eradication](#).

POLIO CASES THIS YEAR

As of July 31, 2014, Pakistan has reported 102 cases of polio with two more new cases already in the first two days of August (compared to 22 cases by this time a year ago). Similarly, the neighboring areas of Afghanistan have seen an increase counting 8 cases (compared with only 3 by the same time, last year). With polio flaring up in these tribal regions, the efforts to vaccinate are urgent.

Meanwhile signs of progress are being noted in Africa with only 5 cases of wild polio virus in Nigeria (compared to 40 in the same period last year). The total number of patients affected elsewhere included only 16 cases (compared to 105 by the same time last year). These breakout cases are spread across Somalia, Equatorial Guinea, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Syria and Iraq with none seen in Kenya, so far this year.



Rotary Tidbits

GUESS THE ROTARIAN

Can you guess this Rotarian?



I would like to do this each month and make it a fund raiser for Polio Plus. I need some ideas! Contact me at:
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CLUB UPDATES

We are starting early on updating the District Directory for 2015-2016. There are several areas missing or have incorrect information. Please take the time to update your club information using this [form](#). We would like to have the most up-to-date information for the Directory and can't do it without your help. Please print the [form](#) and fax it or eMail it to the Rotary District office at: Fax: (866) 365-5649 or eMail: daa@5630.rotarydistrictmail.org

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August District Calendar

DATE	TIME	EVENT
12	12:00 PM	DG Rickertsen Visit: Burwell @ Legion Club
19	12:00 PM	DG Rickertsen Visit: O'Neill @ The Blarney Stone
20	12:00 PM	DG Rickertsen Visit: Lexington @ Lexington Grand Generation Center
21	12:00 PM	DG Rickertsen Visit: Cambridge @ Cambridge Senior Center
26	12:00 PM	DG Rickertsen Visit: Rushville @ Yoba's and Home Café
27	7:00 AM	DG Rickertsen Visit: Alliance @ Newberry's
27	12:00 PM	DG Rickertsen Visit: Alma @ Alma Municipal Golf Club

GUESS THE ROTARIAN—ANSWER

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