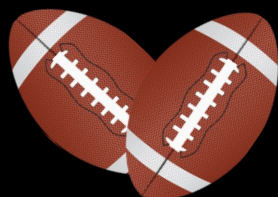




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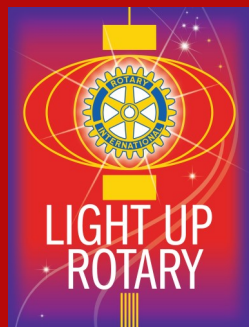
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District Governor's Message

By Koby Rickertsen
Rotary 5630 District Governor

The story goes... A man was passing through a small town in Nebraska when all of a sudden the left rear tire of his vehicle goes flat. The man pulls his truck to the side of the road and gets out to assess the damage. He had just spent his last few dollars a few miles back filling up his tank with enough gas so he could make it home. So the frustrated man stares at the flat wondering what he is going to do. The more he stares the madder he gets about his situation, he begins to curse at the tire and kick it relentlessly. This goes on for quite a while until he tires and falls down in despair and begins to sob uncontrollably! A young man of about 12 years approaches the man

and says "Mr. I couldn't help but notice your pretty upset is there anything I can do to help you out?" The man tells the boy that unless he can miraculously fix a flat tire then he can't see how. The boy simply points his finger at a sign across the street and walks away. The sign was drawing attention to a new tire shop that had just opened and said "GRAND OPENING! Free tire repair all day".

Sometimes we are so involved in our problems that we simply forget to look around for what can help us out. Membership is a problem for many clubs throughout the Rotary world and some of the 17 clubs I have visited over the last two months are extremely



Koby Rickertson
District Governor

concerned about the decreasing numbers and the lack of interest from potential new members. I can tell you that we are all in this together. Our district has so many great Rotarians that are willing to travel to your town and walk your streets introducing folks to Rotary. They are fun people with a great knowledge of our organization. Look up from your frustration and find the help that is available to you. As Rotarians we are all family



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and we are all willing to help out wherever there is a need. Feel free to contact me for more info about all the tools available to your club.

September is New Generations month for Rotary International! As Rotarians we have the opportunity to focus for an entire month on the future leaders of our world. I will be the first to admit that District 5630's crowning achievements have to be our New Generations programs! Whether we are talking about RYLA, RYE, Interact or Rotoract Central and Western Nebraska Rotarians take great care of our young people. If you have never had the opportunity to attend RYLA as a staffer I would highly recommend you put this opportunity to serve on your bucket list! Helping out with our

exchange program is absolutely fascinating and rewarding also. You want your club to be amazed ask your local Interactors to join you with your next project or better yet have the Interact President come lead your next meeting.

My beautiful daughter Bailey moved to College in North Platte a week ago and so far has been having a great transition. She was amazed and disappointed that she did not have the opportunity to move up to Rotoract from Interact because there is no Rotoract Club at Mid-Plains. Now's your chance North Platte Rotarians to charter a Rotoract Club I know of several great Gothenburg Interactors that are attending NPCC that would love to help you out!

In other news my son Ryan is playing in the first football game of the season tonight against Holdrege, and though I loved spending time in Holdrege a few weeks ago I have to say I hope the Dust-ers go down tonight!

I want to send out a HUGE Thank you to the 17 clubs that have been so great to me during my travels and I am so excited for the clubs to come.

Remember to go on Facebook and "LIKE" the Rotary District 5630 page right now you have a chance to win a \$100.00 VISA card. IT IS A GREAT TIME TO BE A ROTARIAN!!!!

Yours in Service,

Koby

Koby Rickertsen
District Governor

BIG RED BLOWOUT WINNERS

***Congratulations to the Big Red Blowout Winners.
What an unexpectedly exciting game to attend!***

WINNER

Sarah Everett – Kearney
Shirley Brown – St. Paul
Rob Pinkal – Indianola
Bill Ballou – Kearney
Sherri VanPelt – Indianola
Jerry Milner – Grand Island
Erin Cafferty – Hastings
Gaven Ericson - Axtell
Brian Crumm – Overton
Jerome Gilg – North Platte

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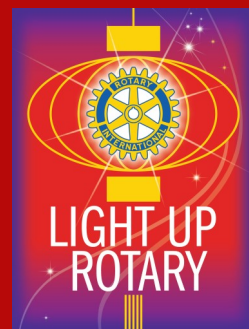
Rick Brehmer – Kearney
Loraine Lawler – St. Paul
Sharon Kircher – McCook
Bill Ballou – Kearney
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Jerry Milner – Grand Island
Erin Cafferty – Hastings
Paul Stec - Kearney
Jerry Karges – Gothenburg
Jerome Gilg – North Platte

TOP FIVE SELLERS

Ron Bazata, Kearney - \$2,560.00
Paul Stec, Kearney - \$1,060.00
Matt Moore, Sidney - \$420.00
Shelly Witt, Ogallala - \$400.00
Cindy Schneider, Cozad - \$300.00

100% Clubs

Hastings Sunrise
Kearney Dawn
Kearney Noon



WELCOME OUR AUGUST MEMBERS TO OUR DISTRICT

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RI Convention Dates have Changed

Bom dia! You're invited to the 2015 Rotary International Convention in São Paulo, Brazil.

If you haven't already heard, the convention dates have changed. The fun now begins one day earlier on **Saturday, 6 June and continues through Tuesday, 9 June 2015**. Plan now to enjoy the Rotary Carnival at Anhembi Parque following the opening plenary on Saturday.



São Paulo offers all the excitement and activities of a world-class city, along with diverse neighborhoods filled with ethnic restaurants, art galleries, and trendy bars – the perfect backdrop for connecting with Rotary members from around the world.

For those wanting to learn more about the Brazilian culture, music, and cuisine, the Host Committee has planned exciting [events](#) including the Rotary Carnival, concerts featuring renowned Brazilian performers, and bookings for fine restaurants every night of the convention.

[Register now](#) to receive the lowest rates available. And book your convention hotel room through Rotary's [housing agent](#) to take advantage of competitive nightly rates.

Warm, engaging, playful – these are the words used to describe the people you'll meet in Brazil.

Don't miss this opportunity to [discover Brazil](#) through Rotary.

See you in São Paulo!



The Kindness of Others



Kearney: Mission II Haiti has been repairing wells and providing clean drinking water in northern Haiti for many years. When the foundation first began, the local directors were given a truck by a Minden farmer to take to Haiti to use to haul equipment and pipe for the well repairs. That truck has been invaluable. However, now that Mission II Haiti has constructed volunteer lodging and more people

are accompanying the directors on their quarterly trips to Haiti, there was once again a need for another set of wheels.

In steps Duane and Diana Tappe, of McCook, and his gift of a Chevy 2004 Pickup Truck. "I am in awe that some of my Rotary friends and their colleagues actually travel to Haiti and donate so much of their time and energy to work on clean water projects. Clean water is so important to the health and well-being of people in any society and is especial-



ly important for the survival of children in third-world countries. When I read in the Mission II Haiti brochure that they were looking for a used pickup to haul supplies and to do work with it in Haiti, it made sense to donate my well – used pickup after I purchased a newer pickup for my use." I am sure that good folks like the Mission II Haiti directors and their friends in Haiti will put it to good use. I encourage others to be inspired by my gift and support this wonderful mission," said Duane.

"We need continual funding for the well repair projects in Haiti," Roger Hoffman, one of Mission II Haiti directors said. "Each pump we repair requires a variety of new parts and those come with a price tag. However, with minimal cost and a bit of hard labor, we can bring a whole village of Haitian people the joy of life-giving water."

All monetary donations raised go toward well repair.

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Polio Update

Rotary supports WHO director-general's public health emergency for polio

In May, the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the international spread of polio a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC), and issued a set of recommendations to all polio-impacted countries. On 31 July, the situation was reassessed and the Director-General has declared polio remains a public health emergency. Several factors played into this decision, including:

1. Both Pakistan and Equatorial Guinea have exported the virus internationally since May.
2. Polio thrives in areas compromised by conflict. The unfortunate reality is that there are currently several countries whose public health systems have been seriously weakened by crisis, and whose children are now some of the most vulnerable to polio. In fact, the number of people living in conflict-torn states has increased since May, putting these children at greater risk.
3. It is too soon to determine whether the guidelines issued in May have had serious impact in the affected countries.

The measures recommended by WHO in early May help to protect the initiative's overall gains in the fight against polio, specifically working to ensure that inter-

national travelers do not unknowingly carry the virus with them, and inadvertently contribute to international spread of the wild poliovirus.

Rotary supports the WHO Director-General's decision to keep these recommendations in place for travelers to/from Pakistan, Syria, Equatorial Guinea and Cameroon (countries who have exported polio in 2014); and Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Iraq, Israel, Somalia and Nigeria (countries infected by polio in 2014).

We firmly believe that through close collaboration, Rotary, its partners and governments will achieve a polio-free world.



SEPTEMBER THEME

NEW GENERATIONS





September District Calendar

DATE	TIME	EVENT
2	12:00	Cozad—District Governor Visit
2	5:30p	Gothenburg after Dark—DG visit
4	Noon	Chadron—District Governor Visit
5	Noon	Hastings—District Governor Visit
9-14	All Day	Rotary Zone Institute—Denver
9	7:00a	Hastings Sunrise—District Governor Visit
9	Noon	Minden—District Governor Visit
22	Noon	Gothenburg Noon—District Governor Visit
23	Noon	Imperial—District Governor Visit
23	6:15p	Kimball—District Governor Visit
24	Noon	Grant—District Governor Visit
25	6:30p	Arnold—District Governor Visit
25	7:00a	North Platte Sunrise—District Governor Visit
25	Noon	Valentine—District Governor Visit
30	Noon	McCook—District Governor Visit

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