



# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 5630

2014 NOVEMBER - NEWSLETTER

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## District Governor's Message

By Koby Rickertsen  
Rotary 5630 District Governor

At the 1917 convention, outgoing RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed to set up an endowment "for the purpose of doing good in the world." In 1928, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International. I am so excited that we have an entire month dedicated to building our amazing Rotary International Foundation!!!

Every amazing non-profit in the world is backed by a foundation. So it is fitting that Rotary International has one of the highest rated foundations in the world. 97% of all dollars given to the foundation go to doing good in our communities and in our world! That is second only to the Catholic Charity in dollars spent going to good.

I have challenged every Rotarian in our District to find a fun and unique way

to make a \$100.00 donation to the Rotary Foundation before the end of the year. I know that if we take a fun approach we can make this happen. Some examples I like and giving your special holidays such as birthday and Christmas to the Foundation. When someone asks what you want for your Birthday or for Christmas simply tell them a gift to the Rotary Foundation. Instead of sending out Christmas Cards from your business send out cheaper postcards with an explanation that you are donating the money to the Rotary Foundation. I like doing the 10 weeks of what I like to call Foundation Friday where every Friday you ask a random person for \$10.00 for the foundation.

I know as Nebraska Rotarians we will all step up to the challenge and make this another record giving year!! I also want you to



*Koby Rickertson  
District Governor*

know that I am leading by example and have committed \$1000.00 per year as long as I am able making me a Paul Harris Society Member if you can I would encourage you to do this as well, if not then at least attempt to meet the \$100.00 challenge.

All of my official visits are in the rearview mirror for me and I have to say I had a blast with each one. Rotary Clubs are so unique and it is fascinating how many projects and how much awesomeness Rotary is doing in our District. With Thanksgiving fast approaching I know that Carrie and I are ex-



tremely thankful for all the new friends that we have meet around our District. Please don't be afraid to contact any of our District leaders if we can do anything for you. We are all here to help.

Last but not least PLEASE take notice of the change to how Rotary International will be invoicing for your dues. If your club has not

made the changes to your membership gains and losses you will no longer be allowed to make these changes to the SARS report. So please make sure that your numbers are correct by December 31, 2015. I would hate to see clubs pay extra for folks that should not be on your books any longer.

Thanks for all the work you do for Rotary my friends and let me know if Carrie and I can be of any help in any upcoming Rotary Club events!! Have a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving.

Yours in Service,

*Koby*

Koby Rickertsen  
District Governor

## WELCOME OUR NEW OCTOBER MEMBERS TO THE DISTRICT

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## IRS FORM 990 DUE THIS MONTH

One common question that comes up this time of year is in regards to IRS filing requirements.

Attached for your reference is a copy of our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document on Rotary clubs and the IRS. A link to this document was included in the original message to clubs.

If a club has already submitted their annual return to the IRS this year, they may simply disregard the reminder message.

## “Rotarians Doing Good”

There have been many exciting things happening in District 5630 and we need to share this information with local papers, radio stations, and through social media.

### Let's get the word out!

Please take the time to submit information about local projects and pictures of Rotarians “doing good” in our communities, the state, and the world! Just send your E-mail to [5630pr@gmail.com](mailto:5630pr@gmail.com) or call me at 888-678-8884. Thank you!

Brett Merlyn Meyer  
Public Relations Chair

Thank you all for your volunteer work and spreading the good Rotary word.



## New Club Invoicing from RI

As you have heard, clubs will receive a new, simple invoice from Rotary this January. The balance owed will reflect the membership data in Rotary's database on 1 January, and clubs will no longer be able to adjust the balance after receiving the invoice. That's why it's crucial that your club officers report membership changes as they occur, so that they are billed correctly.



## POLIO PLUS

On World Polio Day 2014, Rotary International gathered experts and celebrity ambassadors at a [live streamed event](#) to share the global status of polio eradication. Rotary's essential role within the polio eradication effort was highlighted by John Hewko, General Secretary of Rotary International: "For more than a century, Rotary clubs have brought together business, professional and community leaders to address local needs. But not only local needs: Rotary clubs tackle some of the world's most pressing problems as well. For example in 1979, Rotary clubs had the audacity to decide that the world had seen enough of polio, that incurable, disabling virus, which at the time was paralyzing about 350 000 children a year in more than 120 countries."

Since their first, game-changing commitment to polio eradication, Rotarians have donated over US\$ 1.4 billion, protecting 2.5 billion children across the world from growing up with irreversible paralysis. As well as celebrating this remarkable achievement at the live event, John Hewko emphasized the importance of finally ending polio for good even in the face of new challenges such as the outbreak of Ebola in western Africa: "Polio eradication would be a huge win for global health at a time when the world is sorely in need of a victory of that magnitude."

Rotary International plays a key role within the partnerships of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, fundraising and advocating for increased commitment at all levels to ridding the world of this disease. You can join Rotarians everywhere in slamming the door on polio for good by doing one or all of the following things this World Polio Week:



- Use [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) to raise awareness about polio by sharing the link to Rotary's live event.
- Let your government know that you support the allocation of public resources to protect children from polio, and help us to ensure that there is funding for the final steps.
- Governments can't do it alone. Rotary welcomes donations from all sources, so visit [this section](#) to make a donation. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is making every dollar work twice as hard by match-

ing 2:1 every dollar that Rotary commits to polio eradication. This makes now a better time to donate than ever.

Together, we can eradicate polio for good.

# POLIO NEWS AROUND THE WORLD

Polio facing challenges in Africa:

Last year's polio outbreak in Cameroon requires intense monitoring.

This October marks a year since a wild poliovirus outbreak in Cameroon was confirmed. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative has been working tirelessly to protect children across central Africa to stop the transmission of the virus. In September, the 2<sup>nd</sup> outbreak response assessment took place in Cameroon to assess just how close we have come towards ending the outbreak, and what challenges we are still facing. Chris Wolff, coordinator of the World Health Organization's Country Support Team, travelled to Cameroon as part of the assessment team.

**What is the situation in Cameroon now, nearly a year on from confirmation of the outbreak?**

*In 2014, Cameroon has reported 5 cases of polio. Between February and July, no cases were reported and it looked like the outbreak was closing down. But then in August 2 cases were reported from a refugee camp near the border with the Central African Republic. Those two cases alerted us to the fact that there are still weaknesses in the response. The outbreak cannot be considered over just yet and there is work that needs to be done.*

Prejudice and superstition against polio vaccinations is creating resistance not only in Muslim communities but also in some local Christian communities. The challenges to overcoming ignorance know no religious boundaries.

Follow this link to read more: [Resistance to polio vaccination in Africa](#)

New vaccination challenges are appearing due to virus mutations discovered in Africa that are showing evidence of vaccine resistance and decreased vaccine effectiveness.

Follow this link to read more: [New polio mutations causing vaccine resistance](#)

Pakistan's government is showing new resolve to engage the militants in the remote tribal regions of that country. In conjunction with this effort a new government declaration of commitment to polio eradication indicates government support may now be improving.

Follow this link to read more: [Pakistan PM declares country will be polio free in 6 months](#)

National public radio had a recent piece covering the value of polio eradication efforts toward gaining experience in containing other disease outbreaks—specifically Ebola virus.

Follow this link to read more: [Fighting Polio is Good Training to Fight Ebola](#)



## November/December District Calendar

DATE	EVENT
<b>All Nov</b>	November Theme—Rotary Foundation
<b>11/15</b>	IRS form 990 due for each club
<b>All Dec</b>	December Theme—Family
<b>12/6</b>	Foundation and Membership Seminars in Kearney, NE
<b>12/31</b>	2015-2016 Club Officer Data Report due to RI and to DGE





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