



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 5630



2014 OCTOBER - NEWSLETTER

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District Governor's Message

By Koby Rickertsen
Rotary 5630 District Governor

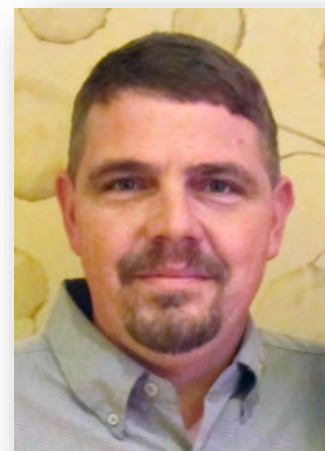
Welcome to **VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH!!!** What an exciting opportunity to use our professional talents and careers to serve others and make a difference in our world. We are a quarter of the way through the Rotary year and I am down to only 2 of my official club visits left. I can say that it has been a complete honor to have been so well received throughout the District so far. At this point I have to give the most unique visit award to the Rotary Club of Arnold for the Harley Davidson Theme I was greeted with at the Cardinal Inn. I was blown away with the fact that they would go to such an effort for me and we had a great night "Lighting Up Rotary". Arnold is also looking into once again becoming a 100% Paul Harris Club!!

#GoBobcats

In the spirit of New Generations month the Rotary

Club of Valentine pledged over 500.00 to the 100 holes of golf tourney in 30 seconds!!! That was an awesome and moving experience. **#GoBadgers** So far only 2 clubs where not expecting my visit and I appreciate the flexibility of those guys in letting me have a few minutes of their meetings.

I have to say it was also great to finally be back with my home club of Gothenburg Noon this last week. What a great group of Rotarians. And as with all clubs I encourage them to set mighty goals and get out of their comfort zone a little. I believe that even though Gothenburg had gotten down to 38 members a year ago we can hit 60+ by the end of this Rotary year!! They are at 49 today and growing. Along with the commitment to achieve a 3rd year as a sustaining member club they are also working on



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District Governor

being a 100% Paul Harris Club!! **I AM SO PROUD! #GoSwedes**

So what does it mean to use our vocations in service you ask? Please continue to read further in this newsletter and learn about a few Rotarians in our District that have done and continue to do just that. My personal experience comes through the use of our DJ service (3oh8 Entertainment) volunteering to go to RYLA every year for the students at that camp and also helping the Rotary After Dark here in Gothenburg with an annual teen dance for the Harvest Festival. But



Lets grow our Rotary families so that we can do more things in our communities!!!

sky is the limit my friends!!!

This is a great month to focus on why most of us joined Rotary to begin with, **SERVICE**. I have heard a few rumbling from members of clubs throughout our district that they did not join Rotary for the weekly meals (they want to DO S O M E - T H I N G !) . Even though all the clubs

in our district are doing amazing things I think that some of our newer members are not getting the memo on all the things

their clubs are up to. I also think we are not empowering our newer members to identify what else we can be doing and build on our already amazing resume!! Lets grow our Rotary families so that we can do more things in our communities!!!

Rotarians, it is officially time to draw a line in the sand and say enough is enough!!! We are not going to accept a declining membership in our country, our District or our clubs anymore!!! We are going to put behind us all the excuses and fears we have been using and we are going to give the gift of Rotary to as many of our friends and family as

we can. While we do this we need to all be open to new ideas and options for doing great things in our communities and our globe.

Spend a bit of time over the next few weeks thinking about how you can use your vocation to serve others in your community or in other communities throughout the world. I know each of us can come up with something! Have a great month Rotarians!! **#WeAreRotary**

Yours in Service,

Koby

Koby Rickertsen
District Governor

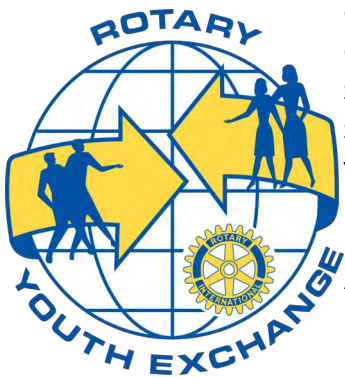
WELCOME OUR SEPTEMBER MEMBERS TO OUR DISTRICT

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Youth Exchange Applications

Deadline October 15

October 15 is the deadline for students wishing to participate in Rotary Youth Exchange in 2015-16 to submit their application to their local Rotary club. Applicants will submit multiple copies of their completed application form along with supporting documents. Local Rotarians may use this information to screen the applicant and his or her parents before November 1. Club presidents, president-elects and secretaries were emailed the application procedure and sample interview questions to assist in the screening process. The purpose of the local screening is to determine whether or not the student should advance to participate in District interviews, which will be held in North Platte on November 15.



After an applicant has been screened, the club should notify District Youth Exchange Committee Chairman Ronna Morse before November 1 if the club is recommending the student be advanced to District interviews. All application documents submitted by the student and a letter from the club stating it is recommending the student for the Rotary Youth Exchange program should be mailed to Ronna Morse, 112 West 1st Street, Valentine, NE 69201-1820. For more information, contact Ronna at ryechair@5630rye.org or call 402-322-0404 or 402-376-2310.

Rotary District 5630 welcomed four exchange students in August.

The students participated in Inbound Orientation in late August in Valentine and enjoyed a float trip down the Niobrara River. This year's Rotary Youth Exchange Students are from left to right: Amanda Mota E Mota of Brazil, hosted by the Minden Rotary Club; Spriha Garg of India, hosted by the Hastings Sunrise and Hastings Noon Rotary Clubs; Raquel Miranda Mateo of Spain, hosted by the Grand Island Sunrise and Grand Island Noon Rotary Clubs and Alp Balek of Turkey, hosted by the Chadron Rotary Club.

[Inbound Youth Exchange Students]





WORLD POLIO DAY – OCTOBER 24th

World Polio Day is coming and provides you and your fellow Rotarians with an occasion to help the cause for polio eradication in a variety of ways. We hope your club may already have plans in place for World Polio, day, but if, not perhaps the following list will include items that would be a good fit:

POLIO PLUS FUNDRAISER EVENTS

Our District has been creative in the variety of fundraisers.

Some past examples include:

Outdoor Activities: (Fun Walk/Runs; Golf events; Bicycle Rides)

Purple Pinkie Day (Ideal for Interact Clubs working with elementary children)

Food events (international cuisine; potato bar; pot luck; chili feed; pancake feed)

Silent Auctions

Concerts benefits or other musical events supporting Polio Plus.

PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS (Tell Rotary's story of the campaign to End Polio)

Newspaper articles

Radio Interviews

Television appearances

Talk to friends and local groups

CLUB EDUCATION

Host a meeting program about polio eradication

Raise member awareness and dedication to the cause

Polio Eradication is the Number ONE priority for Rotary International

Encourage Rotarians to make special contributions to Polio Plus.



Please keep in mind that all clubs are asked to raise funds equal to minimum average of \$50/member per year. Several clubs exceed \$100/member per year and nearly every year one or two clubs exceed \$200/member per year for Polio Plus. This is NOT DIFFICULT, but it unlikely to happen without coordination and planning and club commitment. Please have this discussion with you club member, soon, if you have not already done so.

If your club has yet planned polio-related awareness and information events or a fundraising activity to take place on October 24th or during the month of October, this can be a reminder to nudge club leaders to make the effort to **assure the these types of activities can be scheduled through the remainder of the club year.**

POLIO ERADICATION – WHERE DO WE STAND?

First, the encouraging news – AFRICA! While the world has attention focused on Ebola virus in west Africa, another story is going unnoticed. Africa's polio case numbers are sharply down. The special efforts mounted in Northern Nigeria by the Gates Foundation and by Rotary International show signs of genuine progress. The total cases in all of Africa as of the first three quarters of 2014 is only 22 cases. This compares to 242 cases in the same period in 2013 (and 274 cases in all of 2013). Since July 24, 2014, there have no new polio cases reported anywhere in Africa! Of course it is far too early to celebrate, but this is genuinely encouraging data. Polio vigilance and regular vaccinations must continue to keep polio from coming back. It requires no polio cases in a country for a full-year to consider transmission interrupted (and thus no longer be considered "endemic") and three years without any cases to be "polio free".

More encouraging news—Type 3 Polio is no longer appearing! There are three types of wild polio virus known as Type 1, Type 2 and Type 2. Traditionally, vaccination to polio has required a combination vaccine that is active in protecting against all three types of polio. Type 2 polio has been eradicated since 1999. It is now beginning to appear that Type 3 polio has also been eradicated with no Type 3 cases reported in 2013 or 2014. It is too early to declare Type 3 eradicated, but the possibility is increasing that this may be true.

The challenges in PAKISTAN. There have been 202 new cases in Pakistan, year-to-date compared to 40 during the same period last year. This is more than five times the previous year and the highest number of cases in Pakistan in modern history. (The previous record was 199 cases in 2001). No doubt, this statistic has roots in the deplorable attacks on polio vaccinators during the last two years which have been mounted by Taliban in remote tribal areas. Since 2013, about 60 polio workers or police escorting polio teams have been killed. This has interrupted polio vaccinations and left a growing supply of unprotected children now being exposed to polio virus which is actively spreading in the same areas.

A nation-wide anti-polio drive is being initiated this week in Pakistan with hopes to reverse these growing numbers of polio cases. This follows intensified efforts during recent week by the Pakistani army to dislodge Taliban and associated militants from their strongholds in Pakistan's tribal areas.

The eradication efforts are not only up against lack of security for vaccination teams, but also bad weather in this same region with record-breaking rains leading to flooding, and massive evacuations of populations that were already at increased risk for disease transmission.

The task won't be easy, but Rotary International remains committed to stay the course until the job is done. You can read more about this in the most recent issue of Time Magazine and learn more about Franklin D. Roosevelt's contributions to the efforts to develop the original vaccines here: <http://time.com/3456866/polio-pakistan-roosevelt/>





Rotary Leadership Institute Reignited in District 5630

The Great Plains Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is off to a great start! Recent training sessions were held in Kearney on August 16th and in Holdrege on October 4th.



Another training opportunity for both Part I and Part II of the RLI is available for interested Rotarians on November 8, 2014 in Grand Island at the Riverside Golf Club. Participants must have completed RLI Part - I training before enrolling in RLI - Part II.

Registration check-in for Part I begins at 8:00 a.m. and the first session starts at 8:30 a.m. Registration check-in for Part II begins at 9:00 a.m. and the first session of the day starts at 9:30 a.m. The final session of the day for Parts I and II will conclude by 3:30 p.m. Lunch is provided during the day. Course registration fees are waived during the 2014-2015 Rotary Budget Year.

Any District 5630 Rotarian interested in registering for one of these sessions may do so by accessing the registration link on the Great Plains RLI website, www.rligreatplains.org/. Please contact Dian Edwards, District 5630 RLI Coordinator, for needed assistance via email: dg5630.2012@gmail.com or phone: 402-340-6166.



MARLENE JOHNSON 1942 - 2014

Holdrege Rotarian Marlene Johnson passed away suddenly September 20, 2014. Marlene was treasurer for the Holdrege club. Survivors include her son, Ross of Holdrege; daughter, Melissa Boutwell of Holdrege; sister, Karen Daffer of Lincoln; brother, Larry Seeman of Tampa, Fla.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Satellite Club Can Strengthen Membership

The 2013 Rotary International Council on Legislation formally approved and amended the Rotary Manual of Procedure to allow Rotary Clubs to establish their own "Satellite" Clubs. District 5630 Rotary Clubs are encouraged to explore the possibility of establishing satellites as a way to expand Rotary programs in rural communities, increase membership, and involve young professionals in our Rotary World. There is no limit to the number or type of Satellite Clubs that may be formed by the Sponsor or Host Club. Listed below are some key points to consider:

A Satellite Club is an extension of the Sponsor Club and operates under the same Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of the Sponsor Club. All official Rotary business is facilitated through the Sponsor Club.

A Satellite Club provides for an alternative meeting time and place.

A member of the Satellite Club is a member of the Sponsor Club and is subject to the same rules as any other member.

There is no minimum or maximum number of members required to establish a Satellite Club. However, a Satellite Club should be capable of operating independently and is managed by its own chairperson, secretary, and chair-elect.

The Sponsor and Satellite Clubs should enjoy a close working relationship with regular joint Board meetings.

Dues charged by the Satellite Club are set with the advice and approval of the Sponsor Club.

Clubs interested in exploring the establishment of a Satellite Club must follow guidelines provided by the District 5630 District Governor, whose approval is required before advancing an application for satellite club formation to Rotary International. The Sponsor Club must:

Investigate the feasibility and responsibilities of establishing a Satellite Club and receive approval from the Sponsor Club's membership to establish a Satellite.

Establish a team of Rotarians to mentor the activities of the Satellite Club.

Advertise and conduct an information/interest meeting to identify prospective members.

Arrange for a new member information night to cover the Basics of Rotary.

For more information about the prospect of establishing a Satellite Club in your community, please contact DG Koby Rickertsen at 308-529-0067 or dg5630.2014@gmail.com.

The O'Neill Rotary Club has submitted District 5630's first application to Rotary International for the formation of a Satellite Rotary Club. The satellite group was launched with ten new members. The club meets on Tuesday evenings at Tia Zia Restaurant in O'Neill. They are planning a Halloween "Haunted Walk" event at the O'Neill Carney Park and are working with O'Neill RYLA students to start an Interact Club in O'Neill. Sponsor Club President Mike Hammerlun meets with satellite club members.





"Valentine Rotary gets over \$500.00 in sponsorships in 30 seconds toward the District youth fundraiser."



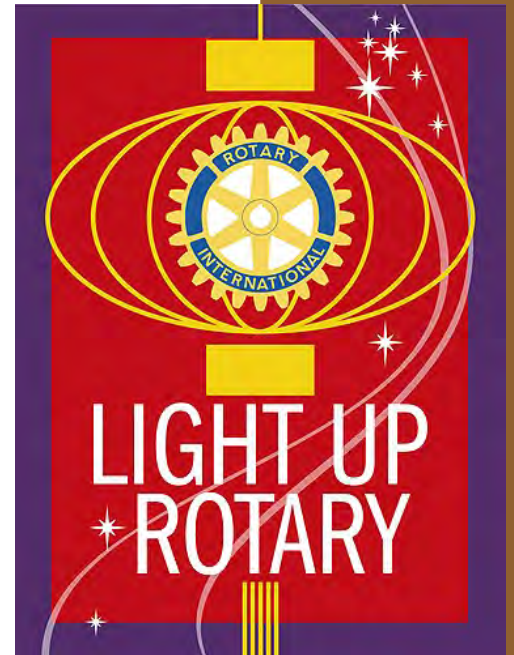
. to R. – ADG Nicole Sedlacek, Area 12, DG Koby and Marsha Bauer, President of the Valentine Rotary Club.

Nothing but good things were heard about your Official Visit to Valentine. It seemed to me that it was right up at the top for Official Visits. Thank you Nicole for driving



L. to R. – Marsha Bauer, Nickole Sedlacek, DG Koby and myself, PDG (Past District Governor) William R. "Bob" Stetter.

District Governor at Arnold club





2014-Big Red Blow Out



"I'm so glad I had the opportunity to be included in this trip! It was great to meet Rotary members from around the District, and it was a great group of people! Very fun, and I hope to be able to go again in the future! Thanks to everyone who helped support Rotary!!!"

—Shelly Witt, Ogallala Rotary Club



"I want to compliment both you (Beth) and Paul for taking excellent care of all of us Saturday! It was a fun day"

—Jerome Gilg - North Platte Noon Rotary Club



PHOTOS BY: SHELLEY WITT

2014-Big Red Blow Out



"Everyone had a great day and really enjoyed everything. The trip was very organized and well put together! Great job!!"

—Sarah Everett - Kearney



"We had a great day at a great game in the best weather with the best company around. Highly recommend the trip - it's as much fun as you make it."

—Roger & Loraine Lawler - St. Paul





Vocational Service

Kim Baxter, North Platte Noon Club



As Rotarians, we all have a calling to service toward humanity. That is why we choose to be involved in Rotary. We recognize that even though Rotary is primarily known as an international service organization, we should not overlook the fact that club service, community service and vocational service are just as important as international service. I have always thought that "vocational service" is the one area of Rotary that is the most difficult to grasp. How do we incorporate this "vocational service" into our daily lives, making a positive difference in our Rotary Club, community, and the world? Beyond the obvious necessity of making a living with our vocation, are there ways that we can use our vocation and talents to reach out to those in need within our community and throughout the world?

As an optometrist, I am blessed to have partners who feel a responsibility to our community and who are happy to donate funds toward worthy charities. We also donate our professional services to the Head Start Program and to individuals who are just going through a bad time or who have extra burdens that most of us don't have to face. Many years ago, I started making eye care mission trips to underdeveloped countries to provide free eye exams and donated eye glasses to the needy. For someone in my field, this is one of the easiest ways to make a difference in the lives of others who are so much less fortunate than ourselves. This mission work requires very little sacrifice on my own part and there is very little overhead, since many others have supported this effort by donating their obsolete eye glasses. What has made these trips even more gratifying has been that our Rotary Clubs have donated toward other projects to assist people in these same areas. These Rotary funds have done so much to lift these people up in many other ways besides the eye care and glasses our team has been able to provide. Within the next few weeks, our Nebraska VOSH (Volunteer Optometry Serving Humanity) team will be traveling to Peru and our two North Platte Rotary Clubs are providing funding for projects that will do a lot to improve living conditions for young children at an orphanage in Puno, Peru.

I feel very blessed that I have been able to have a career in a field that lets me do more than just make a living. Not all vocations offer the same opportunities to help others in ways that don't profit our businesses. But that is the challenge that Rotary poses to all of us. How can we use our vocational resources and talents to make life better for those in need and apply the principles of Rotary to all we do within our daily business lives?

In Service,

Kim

Vocational Service

Dr. Sri Seshadri, Kearney Dawn

"Vocational Service is one of Rotary's Avenues of Service and October is Rotary's Vocational month. When professionals join Rotary they do so as a representative of their classification – their particular business or profession. The Rotary Code of Conduct calls on Rotarians to use their professional skills, vocational experiences, and talents to mentor young people and serve their professional community.

Rotarian Sri Seshadri heeds this call with passion. Though classified as an academic business professor, Sri is also an engineer by training. Each summer he travels to other countries and volunteers his twin vocations. He has addressed the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce on the latest trends in Business-to-Business marketing and the senior managers of Piraeus Bank-Greece on Business-to-Consumer marketing strategies they should consider. He was invited to speak to entrepreneurs in Bangalore, India, on how young entrepreneurs can conduct guerilla marketing on a shoe-string budget in the context of the Indian market. He conducted two workshops for faculty at Adarsh Institute of Management and Information Technology on research methodologies. He is now on the institute's Governing Council.

In August of this year he spoke to young engineering students at his alma mater, the National Institute of Technology Karnataka (NITK) in Sothern India, on the central link between entrepreneurial and engineering practices. He mentored several graduating engineering students, and shared his academic expertise with business faculty of NITK. He also guided three doctoral students in India in their pursuit of terminal degrees in business.

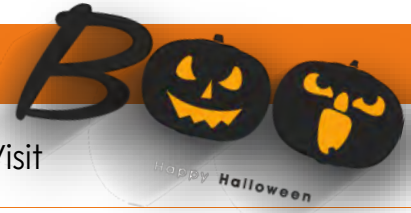
On the occasion of Rotary's Vocational month of October, we extend our appreciation to Rotarian Sri Seshadri for epitomizing Rotary's Vocation Service."

Best Regards,
Sri





October District Calendar



DATE	TIME	EVENT
2	Noon	Ogallala—District Governor Visit
4	TBD	District Foundation Seminar—Kearney
9	Noon	Chappell—District Governor Visit
16	Noon	St. Paul—District Governor Visit

Happy Halloween



*Koby Rickertsen
District Governor*



*Don Petersen
District Governor Elect*



*Dian Edwards
Past District Governor*



*Duane Tappe
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*JoAnne Hoatson
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*Tom Mortimer
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