



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 5630



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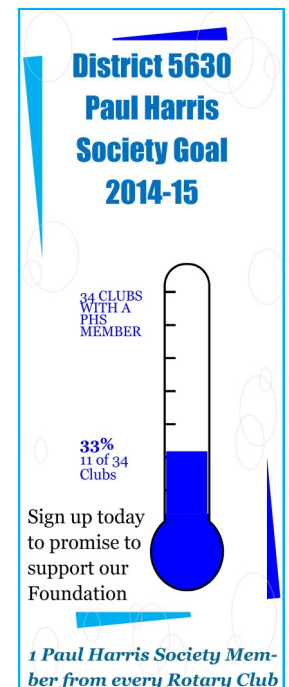
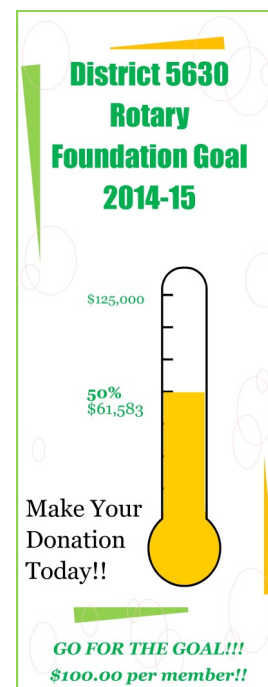
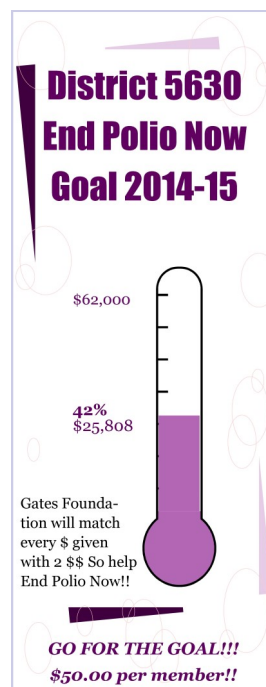
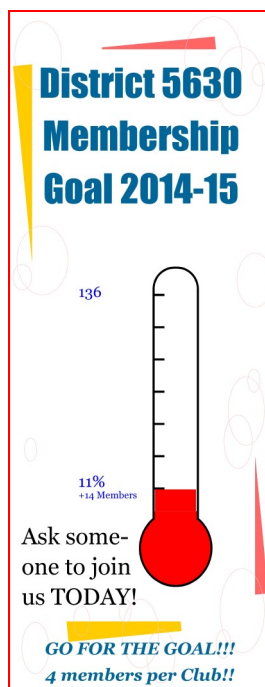
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District GOALS!! 2014-2015

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 2 months!!

Here is where we are at today!!



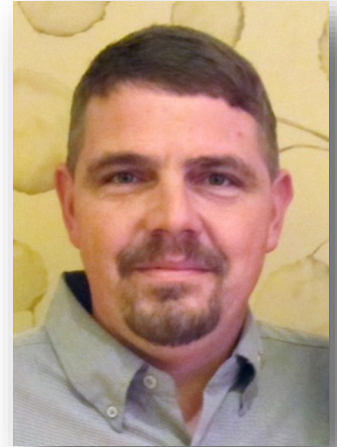


District Governor's Message

By Koby Rickertsen
Rotary 5630 District Governor

Joining Leaders, Exchanging Ideas, and Taking Action! WOW, what a powerful statement to describe our amazing organization. Those of us that have had the opportunity to visit any Rotary Club other than our own, we know that Rotary Clubs are ALL fun and unique. The one

common theme is each club has the leaders of the community joining together to exchange ideas and those folks are taking action both locally and globally. How can we not get excited about that kind of power? #WhatIsRotary I believe that it is im-



*Koby Rickertsen
District Governor*

portant to educate ourselves about the opportunities we have with Rotary as a global

WELCOME OUR NEW FEBRUARY MEMBERS TO THE DISTRICT

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Sheana Smith	Hastings Sunrise	director@visithastingsnebraska.com
Amanda Wallace	O'Neill	



community. I think it is so amazing that we as members have the right to not only attend a meeting anywhere in the world, but we are received as a part of the family when we do! I know that the majority of us do not take advantage of this membership benefit, but I would encourage everyone to attend a club while on your travels it is such a great experience and we come away on many occasions with new lifelong friends.

As we are down to the final stretch of the "Light Up Rotary" year, I hope that we all finish out the year strong. I hope that we are asking those amazing people in our lives to join us as leaders in our communities. Making plans to attend Central and Western Nebraska's premier party here in Gothenburg May 29 & 30 at District Conference. I hope above all, we are all

looking at fun new unique ways to impact our communities and our world. I also hope we are taking a little time to look forward to how we can all "Be a Gift to the World" in the up coming year.

What a great idea for Rotarians to be that much needed "Gift to the World". So much hurt and kayos exists in our world today. The opportunity for our organization to be a paramount vehicle for peace has never been more relevant than right now. We are conquering Polio because of our Global presence, and if we actually put our minds to it we could use the same force to develop peace in our time. I am so excited about all the opportunities we have in our windshield today. #WeAreRotary

As I come to an end of this months message, I am reminded of the words of Abraham Lin-

coln "The best way to predict the future is to create it." Thanks Abe, as usual you are an inspiration! Let's start today and create the future of our Rotary Clubs. I say lets start creating a new future today by recruiting those great Rotarians that as of today, have not been blessed with a membership that WILL change their lives and the lives of our clubs around the world!

I hope your April is incredible and I look forward to seeing some of my friends again soon as I continue to visit the fun Rotarians here in Nebraska on my second tour of clubs. #FamilyofRotary

Yours in Service,

Koby

Koby Rickertsen
District Governor





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KEEP YOUR
CONTACT INFORMATION
UP-TO-DATE
for Rotary International
and also for your
district and club.

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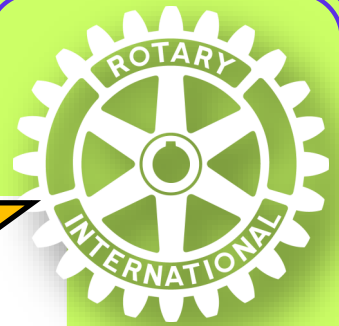
PROS

- You'll never miss a copy of The Rotarian magazine.
- You can contribute to the Rotary Foundation and monitor your Paul Harris Fellow donations online.
- Your district will be able to keep you informed of District events and happenings.
- **You will never miss this awesome monthly newsletter.**
- Your club will be able to keep you informed of all the great things they are doing.
- Your correct contact information will be included in the annual District Directory.

CONS

- Someone living at your old house will be reading your copy of The Rotarian magazine.
- Without your Rotary Foundation contribution clean water, polio vaccines, and other great Rotary projects won't get funded.
- The district will have trouble finding you **and you'll miss this awesome monthly newsletter.**
- Your club won't be able to find you to thank you for being a Rotarian.
- I won't be able to call and chat.

Rotary Club ROCK STARS



Foundation Rock Stars!

100% Paul Harris Club

Rotary Club of Arnold	100%
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Top 5 Annual Per Capita Giving Clubs

Rotary Club of Arnold	\$214.29
Rotary Club of Burwell	\$192.69
Rotary Club of Hastings Sunrise	\$176.21
Rotary Club of Kearney Dawn	\$119.14
Rotary Club of Alliance	\$90.64

Top 5 EREY Clubs

Rotary Club of St Paul	96%	\$76.51/ Member
Rotary Club of Kearney Dawn	95%	\$106.51/ Member
Rotary Club of Chadron	92%	\$58.52/ Member
Rotary Club of Lexington	91%	\$19.97/ Member
Rotary Club of Hastings Sunrise	89%	\$176.21/ Member

Top 5 Sustaining Member Contenders

Rotary Club of Hastings Sunrise	86%	24 out of 29 Members
Rotary Club of Chadron	29%	15 out of 52 Members
Rotary Club of North Platte Noon	23%	25 out of 109 Members
Rotary Club of Burwell	20%	4 out of 20 Members
Rotary Club of Kearney Dawn	20%	13 out of 65 Members
Rotary Club of Kearney Noon	20%	8 out of 41 Members

Membership Rock Stars!!

Increase Membership by New Member

Rotary Club of O'Neill	+14
Rotary Club of Chadron	+ 3
Rotary Club of Gothenburg After Dark	+ 3
Rotary Club of Grant	+ 3
Rotary Club of Hastings Noon	+ 3



FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE WITH DISTRICT 3190 CENTRAL INDIA

39TH DISTRICT 3190 CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 5-7 2016



In February, 2016 a team of three to five Rotary couples or Rotarians from District 5630 will travel to India for an approximate ten day experience of a life time.

A like team from District 3190 will visit our cities and clubs in April, 2016.

The Rotary *Friendship Exchange* program gives Rotarians the opportunity to experience other customs firsthand, by participating in

reciprocal visits with Rotarians from other countries. The program aims to advance international understanding among Rotarians.

District 3190 is a very active Rotary District with numerous projects and activities to visit in addition to attending their District Conference

February 5-6-7 in Goa, India. You will also have time for tourist activities.

The District 5630 team members will be responsible to cover their cost of air transportation to and from India and between Bangalore and Goa. Estimated cost is in the \$2500 per person range.





District 3190 as host will supply board and room, guiding and transportation during the visit.

Expenses above the typical *Friendship Exchange* would be the responsibility of the visiting Rotarians.
(entertainment,souveniors)

District clubs are encouraged to discuss hosting our guest from India in April 2016 so they are prepared to respond when the request for host clubs and families is made.

Application forms will be available in early May on the District Web page and also in the May district newsletter. If you have questions or need a application form they will also be available from Co-Chairs Bob Butz, holdregefcd@hotmail / 308-991-4518 or Dave Snow dpclsnow@charter.net or 308-754-4023.





2015 District Conference Gothenburg, NE

District Conference Registration
[now available online.](#)

You can also download the registration form if you prefer to send a check [HERE.](#)

Hotel accommodations are not included as part of the registration package. If you have questions regarding registration please contact JoAnne Hoatson at daa@5630.rotarydistrictmail.org or 308.539.5756

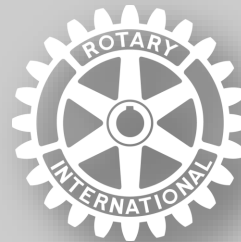
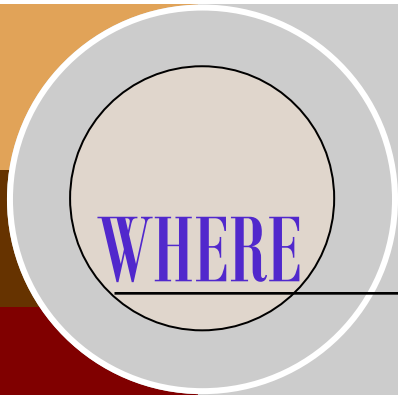


GOTHENBURG, NE | MAY 29 & 30, 2015

Our Governor Koby Rickertsen and his wife Carrie invite you to the annual Governors Banquet Saturday night. We are going to the Awards! Enjoy an exciting Murder Mystery Dinner followed by our District Awards (in the style of the Oscars). Walk down the

Red Carpet into an exciting world of awards and celebration!! Also, be apart of the first ever District Conference "Passing of the Pin". Governor Koby is excited to celebrate all we have done over the last year and the great Rotarians that made it happen. Mark May 29 and 30 on your calendar TODAY!





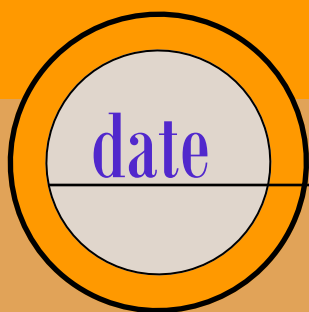
Wild Horse Golf Course

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 available from your
Club President



May 1, 2015



10:00AM

Shotgun Start

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



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Celebrating and sustaining a polio-free India

Thanks to support from the global community of supporters to end polio, India is celebrating its fourth polio-free year. The World Health Organization (WHO) certified the South-East Asia Region, home to a quarter of the world's population, polio-free one year

ago, today. The certification of the region marked an important step in polio eradication efforts. Now, 80 percent of the world's population lives in certified polio-free regions.



Since the last case of polio in India in March 2011, the India National PolioPlus Committee's "Keep India Polio-Free" campaign has continued regular immunization campaigns. These campaigns rely on the support of entire communities, religious groups, and political bodies.

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners (Rotary International, WHO, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Unicef, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation) have committed to strengthen the routine immunization levels in the country to ensure that children are protected against polio and other life-threatening, vaccine-preventable diseases. Routine vaccinations include vaccines against diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, polio, tuberculosis, measles and hepatitis B.

The Indian government recently launched Mission Indhradhanush, an immunization drive to achieve its target of full immunization by the year 2020. The drive's objective is to strengthen health systems for improved vaccine delivery. The drive will be implemented slowly throughout the country; first in 201 low-performing districts that have been identified for improvement. The first phase of the immunization campaign is scheduled for the beginning of April.

India National PolioPlus Committee chair, Deepak Kapur says, "It is an opportunity to close the immunization gap and ensure that those missed children in the country get a shot at life with these seven life-saving vaccines. The success of Mission Indhradhanush will ensure that no child remains vulnerable to polio."

It is estimated that about 500,000 children die annually in India due to diseases that are preventable with vaccines. India's PolioPlus committee hopes that the legacy of the systems in place for polio eradication will strengthen and support ongoing immunization activities throughout the country.

District Directory Ads



Please take time to place your club or your business ad for the 2015-2016 District Directory. You may purchase a 1/2 page or full page ad. Ad design and [pre-designed ads](#) are available for clubs to choose from.

1/2 page ad \$60

Full page ad \$100

For more information please contact,

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DATE

April District Calendar

All April	April Theme—The Rotarian Magazine
April 15	2015 AG Reports are Due to District Governor
May 1	100 Holes of Golf



Rotary and Peace Corps Find Relevance With Retirees

THREE years ago, Douglas Crumley sold his financial planning practice in Fair Oaks, Calif., and he and his wife, Ann, left the country.

"The intention was to live in Ecuador and travel through South America doing the [retirement](#) thing," he said. "Well, I became absolutely bored. I don't speak Spanish well enough to assimilate and walking up and down the beaches seemed unproductive."

So seven months after setting up stakes abroad, Mr. Crumley, now 69, and his wife, Ann, 53, moved back to the United States and settled in Tampa, Fla. She headed into the work force selling residential real estate, but Mr. Crumley was not certain what to do with himself.

At his wife's suggestion, he joined a nearby Rotary Cub. " 'It will make you feel like you're doing more than taking up space,' she told me," Mr. Crumley said.

She was right. For the last year, he has been going to weekly breakfast meetings and volunteering in community service projects, for example, helping collect bikes donated to children living at a local orphanage. "I feel useful," he said. "It's a wonderful group of men and women who inspire me, and we've become friends."

Older volunteers like Mr. Crumley are on the rise, as Americans live longer and are healthier. In 2013, 24.2 percent of Americans over 65, 10.6 million people, did some type of volunteer work, up from 22.7 percent in 2002, and that number is expected to rise to more than 13 million by 2020, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency that administers large national volunteer programs such as AmeriCorps and Senior Corps.

Responding to that spirit, old-line volunteer organizations like Rotary and the [Peace Corps](#) are stepping in to deliver opportunities for retirees to stay connected and give back.

"Rotary was the original social network," said John Hewko, general secretary of Rotary International, later adding, "way before Facebook." He said, "From its start, Rotary meetings have been an occasion for people to get together and exchange ideas, discuss critical issues happening in their community, things happening globally and to take action."



It is still going strong. The 110-year-old organization, which was founded in Chicago, has 1.2 million members in 34,000 clubs in 200 countries and other geographical locations, and 28 percent of those members are retired and active in the group. In the United States and Canada, 26 percent of Rotarians are between 60 and 69 — nearing or at retirement age — up from 24 percent in 2009 and 21 percent in 2006. The corps has no upper age limit. Although fewer than 1 percent of volunteers are over 70, more than 4 percent are 60 and over. And the oldest volunteer, who recently entered the service, is an 86-year-old trainee in Morocco.

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Alma Polar Plunge



2015 PETS



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