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DISTRICT 5630



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District Conference  
May 29th & 30th, 2015  
Gothenburg, NE



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### District Conference Silent Auction

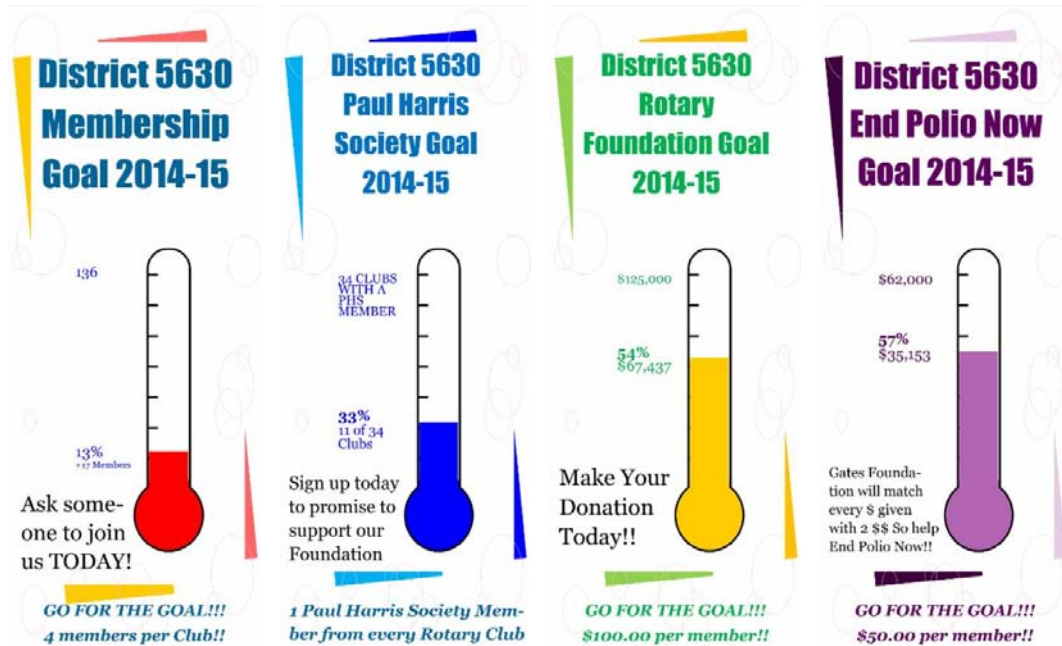
Each year we ask for items from each club for the silent auction at the district conference. Again this year we are asking for your items or baskets to be auctioned off.

Send your silent auction item along with a member attending the conference or you can contact JoAnne Hoatson at [daa@5630.rotarydistrictmail.org](mailto:daa@5630.rotarydistrictmail.org) your auction items to the conference.

## DISTRICT GOALS

**District Conference this coming! And we want to meet and exceeded each of these goals!!**

Here is where we are at today!!



## District Governor Message



*Koby Rickertsen  
District Governor*

"Whose woods these are I think I know. His house is in the village though; He will not see me stopping here To watch his woods fill up with snow. My little horse must think it queer To stop without a farmhouse near Between the woods and frozen lake The darkest evening of the year. He gives his harness bells a shake To ask if there is some mistake. The only other sound's the sweep Of easy wind and downy flake. The woods are lovely, dark and deep. But I have promises to keep, And miles to go before I sleep, And miles to go before I sleep." - Robert Frost is one of my all time favorites. I think because of the rebellious nature to his poetry.

Though many scholars believe that the poem "Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening" is a metaphor for the end of a life nearing. And this is probably true the great thing about poetry is it is open to personal interpretation. When I think about the poem, the meaning for me is simply understanding where I am in regards to my goals and the realization that I have more work to do.

As the end of the 2014-15 Rotary year fast approaches we have to admit that we are quite a distance from accomplishing our goals. I believe that we can still accomplish some or all of them in the short amount of time we have left but we truly have "miles to go before we sleep". Over the last few years I have realized not only the need for an organization like Rotary International in the world, but the amazing power our Rotary Clubs and their members have to make an impact. I am so proud of our District and all that we accomplish in our communities and all over the world. Each of you truly make a huge difference in so many lives each and every day.

Here in Gothenburg we are planning a huge celebration to recognize the amazing men and women that are placing "Service above self" in central and western Nebraska. We are planning to celebrate our Rotary Clubs and all of their amazing missions to improve our communities in large and small ways. I really hope that all of you consider making the trip to Gothenburg to meet other Rotarians and to be wild and untamed on the prairie.

As I close this month I want to drive home the idea put forward this year of thinking outside the box. I am reminded of another Poem by Mr. Frost "The Road Not Taken". The end of the poem states "Two roads diverged in a wood, I took the road less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." I truly believe that many Clubs all over the world are at the fork in the woods. My friends I hope that we are brave enough to look at new and innovative ideas for our futures and not be afraid of taking the road less traveled. I know that with out the spirit and vision of the first settlers of our great state, Nebraska would still be "The Great American Desert". Through their hard work and vision we are living in one of the worlds most amazing places today. My prayer is that Nebraska Rotarians embrace the spirit of our forefathers and work to grow our clubs so that we can make an even bigger impact on our communities and our world!

Yours In Service,

**Koby**

Koby Rickertsen, District Governor

Rotary International District 5630

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### Welcome to ROTARY! New April 2015 Members

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## Rotary Rock STARS

### Foundation Rock Stars!

100% Paul Harris Club

Rotary Club of Arnold

100%

Top 5 Annual Per Capita Giving Clubs

1.	Rotary Club of Arnold	\$214.29
2.	Rotary Club of Burwell	\$192.69
3.	Rotary Club of Hastings Sunrise	\$177.69
4.	Rotary Club of Kearney Dawn	\$122.30
5.	Rotary Club of McCook	\$105.70

#### Top 5 EREY Clubs

1.	Rotary Club of Kearney Dawn	100%	\$80.19/ Member
2.	Rotary Club of St. Paul	96%	\$87.62/ Member
3.	Rotary Club of Chadron	92%	\$58.52/ Member
4.	Rotary Club of Lexington	91%	\$23.88/ Member
5.	Rotary Club of Hastings Sunrise	86%	\$177.69/ Member

#### Top 5 Sustaining Member Contenders

1.	Rotary Club of Hastings Sunrise	83%	24 out of 29 Members
2.	Rotary Club of North Platte Noon	31%	34 out of 109 Members
3.	Rotary Club of Chadron	29%	15 out of 52 Members
4.	Rotary Club of McCook	27%	11 out of 41 Members
5.	Rotary Club of Valentine	21%	10 out of 47 Members

### **Membership Rock Stars!!**

#### Increase Membership by New Member

1.	Rotary Club of O'Neill	14
2.	Rotary Club of Broken Bow	3
3.	Rotary Club of Gothenburg After Dark	3
4.	Rotary Club of Hastings Noon	3
5.	Rotary Club of Kearney Dawn	3

## Efforts in Nepal

### Gary C.K. Huang President 2014-15

Dear Rotarians,

We express our profound sadness and extend our sympathies to all those affected by the devastation resulting from the 25 April deadly earthquake in Nepal. Rescue missions and emergency aid continue to arrive in Nepal for the 8 million people impacted by the massive 7.8 magnitude quake.

As we mourn the thousands of lost lives, Rotary joins many international agencies in providing immediate relief to survivors and mobilizing our expertise to support long-term recovery and rebuilding efforts.

How to help:

- District 3292, Nepal, has established a disaster relief fund to provide needed equipment and supplies to affected communities. Contact District Governor Kumar Piya for information about contributing to the fund.
- Rotary's service partner ShelterBox is working closely with Nepali Rotarians to coordinate immediate relief efforts. On Monday, 27 April, and Wednesday, 29 April,

Rotarians greeted ShelterBox response teams in Nepal who will mobilize temporary housing and relief efforts. An initial 1,000 housing tents and 1,000 shelter kits will be distributed throughout affected communities. Two more ShelterBox relief teams and additional kits are ready to be deployed once further assessments are complete. Learn more about supporting ShelterBox's relief efforts.

- As with all disasters, the Rotary family may apply for global grants to support long-term recovery efforts in Nepal. Once immediate health, safety, and relief efforts have been addressed, work with local Nepali Rotary members and their international partners to develop projects within Rotary's six areas of focus.

Monitor the announcements section of My Rotary for more information as it becomes available and do not hesitate to contact [relief@rotary.org](mailto:relief@rotary.org) with any questions.

Our thoughts are with our Nepali neighbors during this difficult time. Thank you for continuing to Light Up Rotary through your compassion and generosity.

Yours in Rotary,

Gary C.K. Huang

RI President, 2014-15

K.R. Ravindran

RI President 2015-16

### **DISTRICT GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY MAY 15th**

The application deadline for District Grants is Friday, May 15th. Grant applications **MUST** be completed on [MatchingGrants.org](http://MatchingGrants.org) before midnight May 15. If you are going to request District Designated Funds for the Rotary year 2015-16 for a District Grant, you must have completed the following qualification steps.

#### **2015-2016 QUALIFICATIONS FOR CLUBS**

Qualifications for club eligibility include - Meet the following district requirements:

- Club must have filed an IRS Form 990 for the year 2014 and upload a copy attached to each grant application on [MatchingGrants.org](http://MatchingGrants.org).
- Club President and President Elect **MUST** both agree to the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the District website, sign and upload a copy attached to each grant request on [MatchingGrants.org](http://MatchingGrants.org).
- Attendance at Rotary Foundation Grant Management seminar, or made other arrangements for individual training with DRFC.
- Club **MUST** have made some cash contribution to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund before May 15, 2015.
- District Grant from 2014-2015, must have a status of "Completed", all documentation uploaded and Final report filed to [MatchingGrants.org](http://MatchingGrants.org) website.
- Comply with Grant Terms and Conditions
  - Agree to record keeping of expenses and receipt retention requirements
  - Proper grant oversight with committee of three club members
  - Bank account solely for Rotary Foundation Global Grant funds
  - Ensure funds used only for qualified expenses

Late applications WILL NOT be accepted. If you have questions or problems, please contact Scott McLaughlin (C) 308-440-9240, or email [scott@heartlandhosting.com](mailto:scott@heartlandhosting.com). If you have not yet had your required grant training, YOU MUST make arrangements with Scott immediately.

## Attention District 5630 Rotary Clubs and Rotarians

Dear Club President, Club Secretary, or Bulletin Writer,

Please make your members aware of the wonderful travel opportunity available to District 5630 Rotarians for travel to District 3190 in India during February of 2016. Applications for the District 5630 Friendship Exchange team are being accepted until July 1, 2015. For information please refer to the [application included with this letter](#) (make as many copies as you want), the District 5630 web site has a link to the application. There also is an article concerning the Friendship Exchange in the April newsletter. Thank you for informing your club members.  
Sincerely,

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## **POLIO: ALL EYES ON PAKISTAN**

Now that we are one third through the year 2015, the numbers speak clearly. In Pakistan this year there have already been 22 new cases of polio. In all the rest of the world combined there has been only one other polio case in the area of Afghanistan bordering Pakistan. During the same period in 2014 there 68 new cases of polio in the entire world. Thus, 2015 is starting with approximately one-third of the numbers seen in the previous year and now 95% of all the polio cases in the world are in Pakistan.

This is encouraging because the reduced number of countries reporting new polio cases (only two) is now lower than at any other time in recorded history. The reduced number of new cases is also encouraging because 2014 was a year of significant set-backs with a marked increase in polio cases affecting Pakistan. The rest of the world is becoming polio-free and there is a real risk that polio could be re-introduced.



Nigeria is getting closer to being declared "polio free" with the last wild type polio cases recorded in July 2014. In fact, the entire continent of Africa is experiencing something never before seen: No new polio cases in over seven months! The most recent case in Africa was in August, 2014 in Somalia.

Now Pakistan is where all eyes are focused in the polio eradication effort. Pakistan is the only country in the world that is exporting polio virus to other countries. Unlike smallpox with obvious visible signs of disease, polio virus can be carried by people who appear to be well. This has prompted the World Health Organization (WHO) to extend travel restrictions to people from Pakistan with a requirement for a certificate of polio vaccination

for anyone leaving the country.

The biggest challenge in Pakistan is mistrust of polio vaccinations. The trend of parents refusing to immunize their children increased dramatically after it was publicized that the CIA had carried out a fake hepatitis immunization drive to pinpoint Osama bin Laden's compound. The Taliban has violently opposed polio vaccination and carried out assassinations of polio vaccination workers. Since 2012, 76 workers have been killed, targeted in security risk areas and some provincial capitals. The Pakistan government provides armed police security to polio workers. Public gatherings and sitting on the seat behind the driver of a motorcycle, moped or bicycle are banned in major cities during vaccinations.



To read an account of the dangerous work of a polio vaccinator in Pakistan, click on the following link: <http://www.theguardian.com/society/2015/apr/16/suspicion-slows-dangerous-work-to-eradicate-polio-in-pakistan>

A huge oral vaccination campaign by the government in March reached 33.6 million children, or 79 percent of the 34.7 million targeted. Despite the stepped-up vaccination campaign, however, 358,165 children were listed as "unavailable" and 33,695 missed the vaccine because of parental refusal. Many refuse on religious grounds, and some believe vaccination campaigns are a form of birth control or are designed to weaken fertility. In tribal areas, families often refuse immunization because they fear Taliban retribution. A National Islamic Advisory Group has been formed to work with local level religious leaders especially in high risk areas to minimize refusals and cover missed children.

### **ROTARY'S ROLE IN PAKISTAN**

With so many government personnel involved in polio vaccination in Pakistan, what is the role of Rotary, International? Pakistan's Rotary Clubs do participate in immunizations, but typically in the more secure areas of the country. Rotary also supplies the actual vaccine being used by the government vaccinators and the temperature controlled vaccine transport containers are clearly labeled with the Rotary wheel with "End Polio Now". Typically there are official ceremonies when Rotary International presents the Pakistani health officials with a new shipment of polio vaccine and carriers to be used by government-employed vaccinators.



### **ROTARY'S ROLE OUTSIDE PAKISTAN**

Rotary also supplies vaccine to the rest of the world. The countries of Africa and south Asia remain at particular risk for possible re-introduction of active polio and there have been memorable outbreaks in recent years, even in countries considered "polio free". This becomes possible if vaccination vigilance becomes lax because with continued births a new population of unvaccinated children will accumulate over time creating a perfect setup for a new outbreak of polio cases. As long as there is active polio virus ANYWHERE in the world, it will be necessary to continue regular polio vaccination in these countries to avoid having the virus being re-introduced and easily spread.

## OUR ROLE AS ROTARIANS

Thirty years ago Rotary International embarked on a campaign to eradicate polio from the world. This task has been called the greatest humanitarian project ever undertaken by any service organization and is now 99% complete. The polio eradication campaign is now entering what we hope may become the final few years before eradication is achieved. The need for intensive vaccination efforts across the world is now even greater than ever to assure that the gains made thus far are not lost. This means that millions of dollars continue to be needed every year to keep up the vaccination rates so that polio free countries remain polio free.

Our club contributions will mean more now than ever before, not only because the need is so critical, but also through available "matching grants" each dollar contributed can ultimately result in three dollars used for polio vaccine production and related Polio Plus activities because of matching grant money from the Gates Foundation.

## WHERE EACH CLUB STANDS TODAY

There are two months left before the end of our Rotary year. Please find your club's progress on the follow list. Clubs are encouraged to raise a minimum of \$50 per member each year. In past years our District usually has a few clubs raising more than \$200 per member for Polio Plus during a single year. Although some clubs have done well the clubs which are lagging are leaving our District total at less than half of our year's goal.

ROTARY	District 5630	Column1	2-Dec-14	\$50/Mem.	2015
	POLIO PLUS	Members	2014-2015	2014-2015	per
Club ID	Club Name		YTD	Minimum	member
	non-designated			Goal	YTD
1471	Alliance	30	\$50.00	1,500.00	\$1.67
1472	Alma	36	\$0.00	1,800.00	\$0.00
1474	Arnold	14	\$665.00	700	\$47.50
84524	Broken Bow Area	14	\$0.00	700	\$0.00
51481	Burwell	21	\$0.00	1,050.00	\$0.00
61111	Cambridge	16	\$0.00	800	\$0.00
1477	Chadron	49	\$0.00	2,450.00	\$0.00
1478	Chappel	12	\$0.00	600	\$0.00
1479	Cozad	24	\$2,000.00	1,200.00	\$83.33
1481	Curtis	15	\$0.00	750	\$0.00
1484	Gothenburg	44	\$10.00	2,200.00	\$0.23
84583	Gothenburg After Dark	11	\$400.00	550	\$36.36
1485	Grand Island	100	\$9,275.00	5,000.00	\$92.75
28533	Grand Island Sunrise	18	\$0.00	900	\$0.00
1486	Grant	41	\$2,000.00	2,050.00	\$48.78
1487	Hastings	58	\$100.00	2,900.00	\$1.72
29897	Hastings Sunrise	27	\$662.08	1,350.00	\$24.52
1488	Holdrege	82	\$0.00	4,100.00	\$0.00
1489	Imperial	14	\$0.00	700	\$0.00
1491	Kearney	66	\$3,761.86	3,300.00	\$57.00
31024	Kearney Dawn	38	\$440.00	1,900.00	\$11.58
1492	Kimball	25	\$146.00	1,250.00	\$5.84
1493	Lexington	23	\$350.00	1,150.00	\$15.22



1494	McCook	45	\$318.25	2,250.00	\$7.07
1495	Minden	27	\$0.00	1,350.00	\$0.00
1496	North Platte	113	\$4,868.62	5,650.00	\$43.09
30450	North Platte Sunrise	30	\$1,000.00	1,500.00	\$33.33
29112	O'Neill	45	\$75.00	2,250.00	\$1.67
1497	Ogallala	37	\$1,000.00	1,850.00	\$27.03
1498	Ord	16	\$0.00	800	\$0.00
1501	Rushville	15	\$0.00	750	\$0.00
1502	Sidney	21	\$500.00	1,050.00	\$23.81
23140	St. Paul	45	\$0.00	2,250.00	\$0.00
1503	Valentine	50	\$146.64	2,500.00	\$2.93
	District 5630 Funds				
	TOTAL	1222	\$27,768.45	61,100.00	\$22.72



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CONTACT INFORMATION  
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for Rotary International and also  
for your district and club.

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## BURWELL ROTARY HOSTING GOLF TOURNAMENT SATURDAY, JUNE 6

Contact: David Sawyer  
Burwell Rotary Club  
308-346-5210

[The Burwell Rotary Club is holding its 2015 Rotary Golf Classic on Saturday, June 6, at the Calamus Golf Course. Check-in time starts at 12:00 PM, with a 1:00 PM shotgun start.](#)

Those interested in participating in the tournament can register and "play for a purpose" as proceeds from the event will go to benefit a number of Rotary projects, including the: Longhorn School Pride Program, Dictionary Literacy Program, College Scholarship Program, Polio Elimination Campaign and more.

There will be raffle tickets available for special prizes, and there will be a hole-in-one prize of a new well-equipped golf cart.

To pre-register or get additional information call 346-4284, and get ready for a great day of golf - that will also benefit some great community projects. Registration is also

available at the Calamus Golf Club House starting at noon on Saturday.

**About the Burwell Rotary Club**

The Burwell Rotary Club, with members dedicated to community service, meets every Tuesday at 12:00 P.M. for a lunch meeting at the Burwell Legion Club. Guests and new members are always welcome.

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