

Rotarians in Action

Rotary District 5630
January 2018 Newsletter



Message from the District Governor

District Conference Coming in April

by Tonya Brown, District Conference Chair

The Noon and Sunrise Rotary Clubs in Grand Island cordially invite you to attend the District 5630 Conference to be held April 5-7, 2018, at Hotel Grand. Our Saturday evening keynote will be Past Rotary International Vice President, Greg Podd. Other special Rotary speakers include Samira Rajabi and Bob Delavan.

Our Saturday noon luncheon speaker will be Clayton "Astro Clay" Anderson, Astronaut, Motivational Speaker, Author, and STEAM Education Advocate, who will present "The Beauty of Earth." There will be a book signing and photo opportunity!

The conference will open Friday morning with the business meeting; during the afternoon and evening you will have many options to choose from, including complimentary tickets to our club's annual fundraiser, "Taste of Grand Island," for Youth Leadership Tomorrow and PolioPlus. Come and enjoy the horse races, Stuhr Museum, the Crane Nature Center, and more. We want to be your concierge for fun and fellowship.

Special activities will promote and celebrate World Health Day, Earth Day, World Immunization Week and Arbor Day. And, we will provide special opportunities to promote tree planting in honor of our Rotary International President, Ian H.S. Riseley, who said as he announced his presidential theme, "Environmental degradation and global climate change are serious threats to everyone. They are having a disproportionate impact on those who are most vulnerable, those to whom Rotary has the greatest responsibility. Yet environmental issues rarely register on the Rotary agenda."

The President has challenged every Rotary club to make a difference by planting a tree for each of its members between the start of the Rotary year on 1 July and Earth Day on 22 April 2018.

Registration for the District Conference will open the first week of January. Mark your calendar now – You won't want to miss this conference!

Our Saturday Luncheon Speaker and Special Guest Clayton "Astro Clay" Anderson

was born February 23, 1959, in Omaha, Nebraska. He considers Ashland, Nebraska, to be his hometown. He graduated from Ashland-Greenwood High School in Ashland, Nebraska in 1977; graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics from Hastings College, Nebraska, in 1981; and received a Master of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering from Iowa State University in 1983.



In 2007, Anderson spent a 5-month tour of duty working aboard the International Space Station. He launched to the space station on June 8, 2007, aboard Space Shuttle Atlantis with the crew of STS-117. Anderson will be our special guest speaker at the District Conference April 5-7 in Grand Island.

For more information, please visit www.AstronautClayAnderson.com, or follow @Astro_Clay #WeBelieveInAstronauts. Anderson's upcoming books, to be released in 2018 are a children's book, *A is for Astronaut; Blasting Through the Alphabet*; and *It's a Question of Space: An Ordinary Astronaut's Answers to Sometimes Extraordinary Questions*.



Jerry Milner

2017-18 District Governor
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Save the Date!

**District Conference: April 5-7, 2018,
at Hotel Grand in Grand Island**



District 5630 Membership Challenge

A Membership Challenge has been issued to encourage membership growth in all District 5630 Rotary Clubs!

The Challenge has been set up in three categories based on club membership size. Pooled entry fees accumulated in each category will be forwarded to The Rotary Foundation's Polio Plus Fund with donations shown to be in the name of the winning club(s). After these donations are received by The Rotary Foundation, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation match will be applied, further increasing the value of the donation to Polio Plus.

District Governor Jerry Milner and the rest of your District Leadership Team urge your club to join the Membership Challenge. Entries must be received by January 15, 2018. For more information, email, text, or phone District Membership Chair Dian Edwards.



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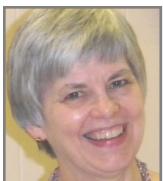
From the District Public Image Chair

Six Reasons Your Club Needs a Brochure

A brochure:

1. Helps you clarify what Rotary's about beyond an initial verbal introduction.
2. Helps you introduce or reinforce the Rotary story.
3. Can be included in visitor's packets, given to guest speakers, handed out at fundraisers and service projects to answer the question: What is Rotary?
4. Can use photos to show Rotarians in Actions.
5. Provides club details: your website, Facebook page, meeting time and place, how to become a member.
6. Can tell your club's story or highlight past projects.

To create a brochure, go to Rotary.org - My Rotary - News & Media - Brand Center - Materials - Create Your Own - Rotary Club Brochure. Enter your club's details, and either use the photos and text provided or upload your own. If you need help creating your brochure, just ask me.



Cheryl Bryan

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Support the Rotary Foundation: Support your community.

From the November 2017 Rotary Leader. Question for Stephanie Urchick, Chair of the Rotary Foundation Centennial Celebration Committee: *What makes The Rotary Foundation unique? And what is needed to keep it that way?*

Urchick: *To me, a significant aspect of the Foundation is that funds can be directed to the clubs and districts that financially supported it. There are a very large number of charities now, all asking for our help, but TRF is the only one that I'm aware of that directs monies to the areas that made contributions. The "magic" of Rotary has always happened at the club level; we need to be sure clubs know, or are reminded, that this is another way to help them provide service to communities.*

Have a special interest? See Rotary.org/give for all the causes around the world you can support through Rotary and all the ways you can give to help.



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Club News

Area 3 - Ogallala

The Ogallala Rotary Club provides all Keith County 3rd graders with their very own dictionaries, designed to serve them at least through elementary and middle school.

The pictures were taken during the dictionary presentations at Big Spring, Arthur, Paxton and St. Luke's Schools.



Area 6 - Arnold



The Arnold Rotary Club is working with the PUNLA organization to provide computers for scholarship recipients in the Bicol region of the Philippines. If you have a used laptop to donate (not more than 8 years old), phone club president Irving Jennings at 308-530-1475. PUNLA was founded by Kip and Judy Wehrman. Kip is the son of former PDG Ken Wehrman.

Area 7 - Cambridge



The Cambridge Rotary club held a "Trojan Girls Supper" on November 27th for 25 high school girls, giving each student a Shirley K's Swirly gift certificate and a pair of fun athletic socks. Twelve Rotarians served the Chester Fried Chicken and potluck meal. The yearly event helps students learn about Rotary and the ways Rotary supports them. The local Lions club provides a similar meal for high school boys.

Area 8 - Holdrege



The three winners of Holdrege Rotary's Grocery Grab drawing get ready to grab as many groceries as they can within their allotted 3 minutes, 2 minutes, and 1 minute. Half the \$3,000 raised from the fundraiser goes toward the local Backpack Blessings project and half toward PolioPlus.

More Club News

Area 9 - Minden



The Minden Rotary Club sponsored a pancake breakfast on Saturday, December 2. The funds they raised will help pay for dictionaries for Minden 3rd graders.

Area 9 - Broken Bow



Broken Bow Rotary presented a check for \$1650 to the Prairie Pioneer Senior Center on behalf of Broken Bow Wind II.

Area 11 - Burwell



The Burwell Rotary Club has completed their semi-annual roadside clean-up. The Club has adopted a two-mile section of Hwy. 91 west of Burwell.

Area 12 - Valentine



The Valentine Rotary Club donated five sets of binoculars, one set of night vision binoculars, and 11 tourniquets to the Valentine Police Department for officers to use as they carry out their duties. Donations were made based upon needs expressed by the department.

Area 12 - O'Neill



The O'Neill Rotary Club hosted the 6th Annual Christmas Closet at the O'Neill Community Center on December 5th. Parents shopped while kids did crafts or went to the special area with "elves" who helped them find a gift for mom and dad. A free gift-wrapping station was available so little eyes didn't see what Mom and Dad had picked out for them. This event

was held in collaboration with O'Neill community organizers Chrysy Yates and Ranell Otte, with the donation of goods and services from community businesses and individual donors.



Rotary District 5630 Governor's (Very Generous) Incentive

Each District 5630 Club that achieves **Rotary Club Central**, **Rotary Foundation**, **Membership**, and **Public Image** challenges will receive a **\$500** monetary rebate. Clubs will also be eligible to send their Club President Elect Nominee to the 2019 PETS, supported by the 2018-19 District Budget.

To learn more, see [2017-18 District 5630 Governors Incentive Challenge](#) on the District website, Rotary5630.org.

Youth Exchange News

2017-18 Inbound Students



As a group, our 2017-18 Inbound Students have remarkable musical talent. They will be performing in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at the SCRYE Winter Conference January 27. They are also scheduled to do another performance Saturday night at the District Conference in Grand Island in April.

If you are interested in seeing/observing this group, they will be in Grand Island overnight on February 17, likely having fun on the drums, keyboards, strings and percussion.

Name	Host Club	Home Country
Ana Quessada	Hastings Sunrise	Brazil
Federico Bonadonna	Hastings Sunrise	Italy
Sam Gomez	Hastings Noon	Spain
Lukas Girschick	Grand Island Noon	Germany
Lorenzo Negro	North Platte Noon	Italy
Titouan Rey	North Platte Noon	France
Punishk Handa	Kearney Noon	India
Julianne Chania	Valentine	Indonesia

2017-18 Outbound Students

This is an outstanding group of outbound students from our District. Hosting clubs have been asking for "another student like the one they are enjoying now!"

We have a great reputation for sending high quality students who represent Rotary and Nebraska very well. Outbound Coordinator Melissa Propp can give you specifics from their monthly reports.

Name	Home Club	Country
Will Parker	Hastings	Italy
Lucia Smith	Hastings	Spain
Eleanor Ferrone	Hastings	Italy
Phoebe Dunbar	Hastings	Peru
Dawn Thompson	Kearney	India
Abigail Kring	North Platte	Indonesia
Syble Heffernan	North Platte	Brazil
Raelyn Adams	Valentine	France
Chloe Beck	Minden	Spain

Paula K. Witt
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News from Our 2017-2018

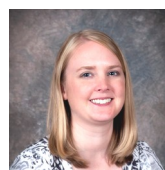
Outbound Students

Over the past few months our kids have been very busy learning their new host languages, settling in to host families, getting ready to move to new host families, learning new holidays and traditions, and traveling through their countries.

Some of the traveling highlights include the Taj Mahal, hiking up to Machu Picchu, fishing for piranha in the Amazon (yikes), RYLA camp on the beach, a trip to Bali just before the volcano began to erupt there, and spending time at the beach in various countries.

Our students would like to thank all the clubs and Rotarians that support them. This is a year they will never forget.

Happy New Year from myself and all of the outbound students!



Melissa Propp

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2018-2019 Outbound Students

The following students have been selected for the next cycle, beginning in July 2018.

Name	Home Club	Host Country
Kaila Avent	Hastings	India
Lily Black	Grand Island	Japan
Sophia Cass	Hastings	Peru
Joanna Lopez	Hastings	Italy
Evelyn Kryzsko	Hastings	Brazil
Kelsey Kusek	Hastings	Brazil
Hallie Malsbury	North Platte	Indonesia
Natasha Scott	Holdrege	Sweden

These students and parents are beginning their orientations in the next couple weeks, in preparation for departure in July/August 2018. You can meet them at the Outbound Orientation meeting on Saturday, February 17, at College Park in Grand Island. Again, a "cream of the crop" group of students representing Nebraska!

Thank you for your interest in Youth Exchange and promoting the program among our clubs.

Paula K. Witt
District Youth Exchange Chair

2017 Rotary Zones 21b-27 Institute

The District Governor Class of 2018-2019 attended their rescheduled Governor Elect Training Seminar (GETS) at Rotary International Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois on December 7-9, 2017. This Institute, which was to have been held in Houston, was rescheduled following Hurricane Harvey and held in Evanston.



In addition to the District Governors-Elect receiving their required GETS Training, Governors-Nominee and current District Governors gathered for training and information exchanges with their peers from the 22 districts that comprise Rotary Zones 21b and 27. This was a rare opportunity for these Rotarians to attend training at the birthplace of Rotary International in Evanston!



DGE Dale Schultz, DG Jerry Milner, PDG Dian Edwards, and DGN Scott McLaughlin attend a Welcome Dinner held in conjunction with the Rotary Zone Institute in Evanston.



DGE Dale and Kathy Schultz were honored at the Presentation Dinner at Zone Institute.

Thoughts from Valentine's Youth Exchange Student Julianne Chania: After Four Months



Being a foreign exchange student halfway across the world away from my parents and people that I know has completely changed my attitude on so many things. Coming from Surabaya, Indonesia, a city with a population of 2.8 million to Valentine, with a population of 2,800 the first thing I notice was the absence of skyscrapers and traffic jams here in Valentine, and instead I see empty skies and acres of pastures.

There were so many differences between Indonesia and the United States that I enjoy, such as the huge difference in the school system. Back when I was in boarding school in Penang, Malaysia, things were a lot stricter. We had to wear uniforms to school everyday, couldn't go out on the weekdays unless it's for tuitions and had 7.30pm curfews during the weekends. We also had our sports practices twice or three times a week. Here, the school subjects aren't as stressful, sports practices are held on a daily basis and the school activities are seasonal. I also like how the teachers are friends with the students, and how the school supports and helps the upperclassmen with college enrollment and scholarship applications.

Another big difference is the food. Back in Indonesia we had lots of rice and spicy food, and here people eat lots of potatoes, corn, meat and McDonalds. The weather here is really cold too, especially with the fact that I come from a country with a tropical climate all year long and has never experienced winter or snow before. The people here are also very friendly, compliments others a lot, and are very welcoming. The host families I've been with (Perrett, Patterson, Weinman, Reimers) have accepted me and treats me as one of their family members, which makes staying here in America feel even more like home. I've also made quite a number of international friends, making my year even more exciting.

Even though I've only been here for four months, I have grown as a person and have developed a greater self esteem. All in all, my exchange year has been fantastic so far and I wouldn't want to trade it with anything.

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