

# Rotarians in Action

**Rotary District 5630**  
**February 2018 Newsletter**

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DIFFERENCE

## Message from the District Governor

Within this past month district 5630 has received approval from Rotary International for four new global grants. This is truly great news and certainly will make a difference in the lives of many.

Congratulations go out to the **North Platte Noon** club for a project to provide essential medical care and treatment to mothers and newborns in Kenya; to the **Gothenburg** club for a grant to provide sanitation and facilities for schoolchildren in Mexico City; to the **Grand Island Sunrise** club for a grant to provide much needed equipment and supplies to feed hungry children in Mexico City; and to the **Alliance** club for a grant to provide teacher training and courses to students with low academics in eight schools in Mexico City.

A special thanks goes out to the leadership of **Don Peterson**, our District Foundation Chair, and the committee as well as all the Rotarians who worked on these projects. Thanks go out as well to all the Rotarians in this district for their contribution in making a difference to those less fortunate.

Let these accomplishments be an inspiration to our service of Doing Good in the World.



**Jerry Milner**

2017-18 District Governor  
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## District 5630 Membership Mid-Year Numbers are in the Green



Congratulations to the following clubs that have shown a net growth in membership since July 1, 2017:

Alliance	Kearney Noon
Chadron	Kimball
Gothenburg After Dark	McCook
Grand Island	North Platte Noon
Grand Island Sunrise	Ogallala
Grant	St. Paul
Imperial	Valentine

District 5630's overall membership count is now at 1178. With your help, we can reach a goal of at least 1200 at the close of this Rotary Year. If your club needs help with the development of a Club Membership Plan, please contact District Membership Chair Dian Edwards.



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FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKERS  
ASTRONAUT CLAYTON ANDERSON  
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2018 District 5630 Conference

Grand Island, Nebraska

**April 5-7, 2018**

**Registration Now Open! See [rotary5630.org/2018-district-conference](http://rotary5630.org/2018-district-conference)**

## Showcase Your Projects at Rotary Showcase

Kudos to the Holdrege, Grand Island, and Kearney Dawn clubs for uploading recent projects to the Rotary.org's "Rotary Showcase."

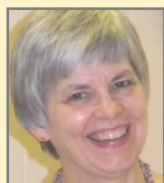
The projects are varied:

- **Holdrege** highlighted their 6th Annual Feed My Starving Children;
- **Grand Island** showcased their ongoing project that provides nutritional and medical needs of expectant mothers and children in the Chifundo Rural Health Clinic and Hospital in Zambia; and
- **Kearney Dawn** listed their September Alzheimer's Walk, which raised \$4830 for this worthy cause. (Their 2018 Walk is on September 9.) They also listed their sponsorship of four students at RYLA – the Rotary Youth Leadership Camp that occurs in July each year.

As you can see, your project can be local or global; it can be in conjunction with another organization or strictly a Rotary endeavor.

You can put your club – and District 5630 – on the Rotary map. (I've been told that *The Rotarian* magazine uses the Showcase as a source for its World Roundup section.)

To upload your project, just log in to your Rotary.org account, click on the "Member Center" link, and look for "Rotary Showcase" under "Online Tools." If you'd like to see District 5630's projects, just scroll down to the Search boxes.



**Cheryl Bryan**

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So far this Rotary year (since July 1, 2017), we have seen only a handful of cases of polio caused by wild poliovirus. At our Foundation centennial celebration at the Rotary Convention in Atlanta, **\$1.2 billion** was pledged to end polio. In partnership with the Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and the governments of the world, we will see the end of this disease. *Please be sure to engage your community as part of the Polio Team to eradicate this disease.*

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. Currently, District 5630 Rotarians are involved in over 40 humanitarian projects through District and Global Grants, making a difference in their communities and globally.

Our District and Global Grants are funded through the Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund, so when we contribute to the Annual Fund we are making a difference as Rotarians!

Many of our Clubs are involved in a District or Global Grant project in their community and globally. If your Club is passionate about a humanitarian project or opportunity to become involved, we can help you get engaged.

**Change in Tax Receipts:** Beginning on 1 January 2018, you will receive receipts for contributions made to The Rotary Foundation via Rotary Direct at the time of each contribution rather than via an annual summary. Your total amount of gifts made to the Rotary Foundation via Rotary Direct during the 2017 calendar year will still be sent as an annual summary at the end of January 2018.

### Rotary Foundation Annual Report

**30,000** service projects  
**24.3 million** volunteer hours  
**35,656** Rotary clubs  
**883** new Rotary clubs  
**1,202,937** Rotarians worldwide



**Don Peterson**

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District Foundation Chair  
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# Introducing Our Future District Governors

## Dale Schultz

District Governor 2018-19



**District Governor Elect Dale Schultz** grew up on a farm in northeast Nebraska, attending a country grade school and graduating from Wausa High School. He graduated from UNL with a BS degree in Agronomy/Animal Science.

After college, Dale began a career in agribusiness that spanned 43 years, beginning as a grain merchandiser in Omaha with a regional cooperative. After moving to Hastings in 1977, he managed a grain elevator before starting his own grain marketing consulting business in 1985, later merging with Brock Associates of Milwaukee and working for them for 15 years. Prior to retirement, he was the buyer relations manager for AgWest Commodities of Holdrege.

Dale joined the Hastings Noon Rotary club in 1989, transferring to the Hastings Sunrise club in 1998 and serving that club as president in 2005-06. From 2008 to 2012 he served as assistant governor. Dale has served on the District 5630 Vision Facilitation Committee, traveled twice to India for National Immunization Days, and now serves District 5630 as District Grants Chair and Annual Fund Chair.

Outside of Rotary, Dale has served on boards for the local TeamMates, Hastings Schools, and Hastings Chamber of Commerce. He is also president of the foundation of the First St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hastings.

Dale and his wife Kathy have been married for 45 years. While living in Omaha, Kathy taught 7th and 8th grade math, and she was the children's librarian for the Hastings Public Library for 26 years. Dale and Kathy spend a lot of time visiting their two children and four grandchildren, who live in Nebraska, and also enjoy traveling both in the US and abroad and to Husker football and basketball games. Dale's hobbies include model trains and flower gardening.

## Scott McLaughlin

District Governor 2019-20



**District Governor Nominee Scott McLaughlin** grew up in an Air Force family. It was at his favorite duty station at Clark AFB, Philippines, where he realized just how privileged Americans really were. Helping local families with food, clothing and water most likely formed his core beliefs for Rotary.

After graduation from Bellevue High School, Scott attended University of Nebraska Omaha, but left before finishing to pursue a career in the Omaha retail industry. He moved to Kearney in 1994 to assist his father with his bowling business, but after 5 years into his "internship" program, and more than 20 years away from the classroom, he returned to school to complete his degree at UNK.

After graduating with honors in 2001 and a stint working for someone else, Scott founded Heartland Hosting, LLC. Since then he has assisted hundreds of businesses with their internet technology.

Scott joined the Kearney Dawn Rotary club in 2003 and has served as the club secretary, president, and board member. He has also served as District Public Relations Chair, Assistant District Governor, District Technology Chair, and District Rotary Foundation Chair. Honored as the District 5630 Rotarian of the Year in 2013, Scott is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and a member of the Bequest Society.

Outside Rotary, Scott has been a TeamMates mentor and volunteers his professional talents to numerous Rotary clubs and organizations. Scott also teaches part-time at his alma mater.

Scott and Tracie, who has worked in the hospitality industry for more than 30 years, have been married 36 years. They have three children, a daughter who lives and works in Kearney, a married daughter who teaches art in Greeley, Colorado, and a son who lives in Las Vegas. Scott and Tracie are avid garage sale shoppers, looking for treasures and bargains weekly. They enjoy attending UNK Loper Athletic events and traveling to visit their kids.

## Our Future District Governors (cont'd)

### Robert (Bob) Taylor District Governor 2020-21



#### **District Governor Nominee Designate Bob Taylor**

was raised 20 miles west of New York City, graduating from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, New Jersey. He received a B.A. degree in Political Science and Sociology from Hastings

College, studied at the University of Copenhagen in Denmark, and partially completed an MBA with the University of Nebraska extension program at Offutt Air Force Base.

After college Bob joined the Air Force, serving both in the U.S. and abroad as a management analyst in the intelligence area. After service Bob worked in Xerox Corporation's Parc Labs in Palo Alto, California, marketing various new technologies – the first PC, Ethernet technologies, laser printing, and even the first computer mouse. He continued as an executive with Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC) and Nortel Telecommunications.

Bob joined Rotary in 2013 in Alma, serving as President 2014-2015. He has been a member of the District Grants Committee and RYLA Committee, a PETS training facilitator, and a Presidential Panel Member. He now serves as District Membership Extension/Visioning Chair. Additionally, as a Polio survivor, Bob transports the district's iron lung to Rotary polio events around the country. He is a Rotary Foundation Benefactor and a Paul Harris Fellow.

Outside Rotary, Bob serves as Vice Chairman of the Foundation Committee of Harlan County Health Systems. He is an avid photographer for Rotary and also enjoys documenting travels he and his wife make around the U.S. and abroad. On a good day, Bob also enjoys golf.

Bob is married to Sonja, a retired music educator and professional pipe organist. Their daughter serves as a diplomat in Cairo, Egypt, and their son is a music educator near Dallas, Texas. Bob and Sonja have two grandchildren living in Egypt.

## 2018-19 Presidential Theme

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### Coming March 10:

#### **A Virtual District Spring Assembly**

No need to travel for this year's District Spring Assembly – it will be held virtually as a Zoom conference. The Assembly will begin at 9 am Central Time on Saturday, March 10, 2018, and last approximately two hours.

According to an email distributed by **District Governor Elect Dale Schultz**, this assembly will allow him and the district's leadership team to offer training for incoming club foundation, membership, and public image chairs as well as training for club secretaries and treasurers. Dale will also give a presentation on the 2018-19 Rotary theme – "Be the Inspiration."

Following the morning's opening session, each club officer and committee chair or representative in attendance will go to a virtual breakout room to join others with similar club roles where they will discuss responsibilities and share information and experiences. District leaders will join the appropriate breakout rooms to facilitate the training. After the breakout sessions, attendees will rejoin as a group to recap what was discussed.

Prior to the assembly, an email will be sent to incoming club presidents with the necessary Zoom download instructions. Club presidents are asked to share this information with club participants and to encourage their club chairs to attend.

This training is open to all club members, including current club presidents, who have a desire to learn more about the district. District grant training will take place at a later date.

"For this year's Spring Assembly, we are striving to make it as easy as possible to participate for a shorter commitment of time than a face-to-face meeting would require," said Schultz. "It doesn't require travel, it's set to last only about 2 hours, and the training provided will not only be helpful for club chairs, secretaries, and treasurers, it should also give club presidents – whether or not they've attended PETS – additional help in their roles."

If you have any questions, please phone or email Dale at 402-460-1137 or dschultz1949@gmail.com.



# Club News

## Area 6 - North Platte Noon



District 5630 recently received news that our Global Grant project for Kenya has been approved. Of the \$130,000 total grant, \$80,000 will help purchase new, updated equipment for the Neonatal/Maternity department of the Kakamega County Hospital in western Kenya.

A portion of the other \$50,000 will provide funding to send a team of doctors, nurses, and health educators from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and UNMC-Kearney College of Nursing as a VTT (Vocational Training Team) to train healthcare workers in Kakamega. The remaining portion will bring a team of healthcare professionals from Kakamega to Johns Hopkins to receive specialized training.

We are excited to partner with Kakamega County Ministry of Health officials, who have pledged \$60,000 USD toward the project to help maintain the new equipment and to help repair the hospital building itself, which is in very poor condition.



Global Grant Partners

In addition to the financial contributions from Rotary District 5630 and the **North Platte Noon Club** (primary sponsoring club), funding support has also come from the **North Platte Sunrise Club** and the **Gothenburg Noon Club** as well as the **Kakamega Rotary Club** and a few clubs from both Montana and the Baltimore area (near Johns Hopkins). Thanks largely to the efforts of PDG **Don Peterson**, contributions have also been received from several other Rotary Districts, including Kenya, Montana, India, and Argentina.

This is the largest global grant project ever initiated by our District. We can all take pride in the difference we, as Rotarians, will be making in Kenya!

—Dr. Kim Baxter, North Platte Noon Rotary Club

*Editor's Note: To see local news coverage of the project, see [nptelegraph.com](http://nptelegraph.com) and search for "Kakamega."*

## Area 6 - North Platte Sunrise



The North Platte Sunrise Rotary Club has moved! They are now meeting at Switchyard Grill & Pub, 520 North Jeffers Street at 7 am Central on Thursday mornings.

## Area 7 - McCook



McCook Interact's officers hold posters announcing the total collected for the Salvation Army: from left, **Adelina Wilcox**, president; **Jenna Gillen**, secretary; **Alexis Goodenberger**, vice president; **Kylee Hauxwell**, treasurer; and **Mollie Tate**, public relations officer.

The McCook Senior High Interact Club collected \$17,697 during the Salvation Army's Christmas 2017 red-bucket, bell-ringing campaign in McCook. Salvation Army bell-ringing coordinator Traci Taylor said that the Interact Club won a pizza party by donating 21 bell-ringing hours, more than any other organization during the 2017 campaign.

At each one-hour shift at least two members collected at each door of Walmart, according to Interact president Adelina Wilcox. MHS's Interact Club has about 80 members.

# More Club News

## Area 9 - Kearney Dawn



Kearney Dawn club president **Carol Pelster** recently presented **Tom Bosshardt** with his 3rd and 4th Paul Harris awards.

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**Kearney Dawn Rotarians** labeled, packed, and distributed about 800 dictionaries to third-graders in Kearney Public, Amherst, Elm Creek, Gibbon, Pleasanton, Ravenna, Shelton, Zion Lutheran, and Faith Christian schools. This is the 12th year the club has sponsored the project.

## Area 9 - Minden



The Minden Rotary Club enjoyed hosting this year's Rotary Youth Exchange Students.

## Area 10- Grand Island Noon



The Grand Island Noon Club couldn't be more proud to have two of their own named as *The Independent's* 2017 Man & Woman of the Year.

**Dan Naranjo**, who owns All Faiths Funeral Home, and **Gloria Thesenvitz**, recently retired owner of Nova Tech, were recognized for their tremendous careers, the significance of family, and their ongoing engagement in strengthening their community.

To read more about these outstanding Rotarians, visit [theindependent.com](http://theindependent.com) and search for Dan Naranjo Man of the Year and Gloria Thesenvitz Woman of the Year.

## Area 10 - Grand Island Noon



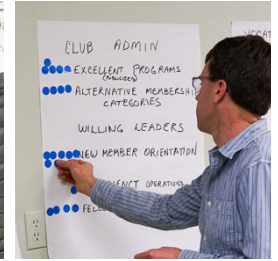
The Grand Island Noon Club recently held a Focus on Foundation social. District Foundation Chair **Don Peterson** presented an update on Global Grants that have recently been approved by RI. In addition, over 10,000 Paul Harris recognition points were transferred to Grand Island Rotarians who signed up for My Rotary and Rotary Direct.

Congratulations to Rotarians "Making a Difference."



# Still More Club News

## Area 12 - Visioning in Valentine



The **Valentine Rotary Club** hosted a "Visioning" event at the Peppermill on January 18, 2018. The purpose of this gathering was to bring in Rotary District Visioning Facilitators **Bob Taylor** (Alma Club) and **Dian Edwards** (O'Neill Club) to assist with the development of a long-term strategic plan for the Valentine Rotary Club. The planning goal is to provide **continuity** and **consistency** of programs with the **consensus** support of club members.

Eleven club members completed a Pre-Visioning Questionnaire which provided the platform for identifying the club's current activities and priorities.

During the session, a "Visioning" Exercise was completed, giving each participant the opportunity to think "outside the box" and project their vision of activities and club structure in future years. Participant input was posted on wall charts and suggestions were prioritized through a voting process. The club's next steps will be to create a vision statement and use the information gathered as key elements for a strategic plan.

Any District 5630 Club interested in scheduling a similar event in their community should text or phone Bob Taylor at 972-740-6663 or email [botaylor2205@hotmail.com](mailto:botaylor2205@hotmail.com).

## Area 12 - Valentine



The **Valentine Interact Club** conducted a book drive then delivered the books to the White Buffalo Calf Women's Society. The organization is always in need of donations - especially towels, blankets and kids clothing - anything helps. Thanks to The Plains Trading Company Booksellers and the Valentine Public Library for helping donate and collect books.

**Save the Date!**  
**2018 Zone Institute**  
**September 4-9, 2018**  
**Boise, Idaho**

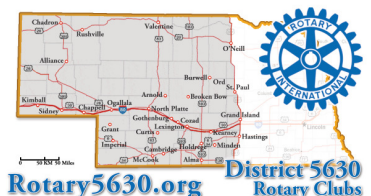
**What is Zone Institute?** It's like a mini-international convention, where you'll hear incredible speakers and receive invaluable training and inspiration -- no matter how long you've been a Rotarian.

You'll also enjoy fellowship with Rotarians from all over the Western United States: Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Utah, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Texas.

## Rotary District 5630 - Rotarians in Action



**2017-18**  
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**District Governor: Jerry Milner**



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