

# Rotarians in Action

Rotary District 5630  
March 2018

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## Tidbits about the District Conference April 5-7

Come expecting fun, along with great Rotary speakers and information! You can look forward to these things as well:

- All Rotarians are welcome to attend the **Past District Governors' Dinner** on Thursday evening, April 5, at Riverside Golf Club. (Just register.)
- The **Business Meeting** will be Friday morning, but the afternoon is yours to enjoy. There are many options for fun and fellowship, including Fonner Park Horse Racing.
- **Taste of Grand Island** is Friday Night. You can request a complimentary ticket to attend and enjoy the best food and beverages in the area. Dress is casual – wear your Rotary shirt.
- **Astronaut Clayton Anderson** will be speaking on Saturday during our luncheon on "The Beautiful Earth." You can buy one of his books and get his signature and a selfie. His newest book, *A is for Astronaut*, would make a great gift for kids or grandkids, or perhaps you will want to donate a copy to your local library.
- With Arbor Day coming, you can **Buy a Tree**. Rotary International President, Ian Riseley, has challenged every Rotarian to plant a tree. Perhaps your club would like to organize a project with the trees purchased by club members.
- We will raise money for Polio Plus by doing a **Purple Pinkie Project**. Your donation will help provide the precious vaccinations to help eradicate polio. **Note:** There will be no silent auction at the District Conference. Rotarians can make donations on Saturday through our 4:30 Health Fair or Polio Plus by getting a Purple Pinkie.
- **We will GO PURPLE for Saturday night's banquet. Wear purple!**
- Following Saturday night's banquet, our very own **Youth Exchange Students** will perform!
- Hotel Grand is now called **The Ramada Midtown**. However, I believe the sign will say Hotel Grand/Ramada.

**Don't delay – register now. You won't want to miss.**



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2018 District 5630 Conference  
Grand Island, Nebraska

FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKERS  
ASTRONAUT CLAYTON ANDERSON  
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL-GREG PODD

# April 5-7, 2018

See [rotary5630.org/2018-district-conference](http://rotary5630.org/2018-district-conference) to register.



## Member Retention Tool from RI

Rotary International provides numerous effective tools that are designed to help our clubs. One of the most effective is the **Rotary Club Health Check**. The booklet includes simple surveys on Club Experience, Service and Socials, Members, Image, and Business and Operations. Based on your members' answers, the booklet helps you diagnose problem areas and then prescribes solutions.

We encourage you to go through one or all of the sections during one of your club assemblies. Using the assessment will identify your weaknesses and strengths and help you plan for the future.

Most of all, giving your members an opportunity to provide their input will improve their engagement. Engaged Rotarians are loyal Rotarians.

Find the publication under the Learning & Reference tab - Membership at My.Rotary.org.

-Cheryl Bryan



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### Traveling soon?

Use Rotary's Club Locator app to find a Rotary Club. Available for iPhones, iPads, and Android devices.



## Promote our work with water!

It's hard to believe that in 2018, 1 in 10 people worldwide still lack access to clean water. In the last eight years, The Rotary Foundation has invested \$15 million in efforts to improve sanitation around the world and provide clean water for all.

On March 22nd - World Water Day - Rotary will celebrate the good we do by highlighting water projects.

- Share a video on how Rotary is making a difference in Ghana (at video.Rotary.org - "Water is a Gift")
- Rotary Clubs in District 5630 that are engaged with global water/sanitation projects:
  - ◇ **Rotary Club of Gothenburg Noon** - Sanitation improvements for grade schools. Heart 2 Heart Project in Mexico City with the Rotary Club of Lindavista in District 4170.
  - ◇ **Hastings Noon Rotary Club** - Potable water project with the Rotary Club of Totaras, Argentina, in District 4945.
  - ◇ **Rotary Club of Ogallala** - Potable water project with the Rotary Club of Ambato, Ecuador, in District 4400.

Remember - our contributions to the Annual Fund are what makes the Rotary difference with clean water and other humanitarian projects in the world!

**Ask how your Club can be a solution to the lack of clean water in the world.**



### Don Peterson

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## DISTRICT CONFERENCE FOUNDATION CHALLENGE



**The first 50 Rotarians** attending the District Conference 2018 in Grand Island who donate \$100 to the Annual Fund will receive a dollar-for-dollar match from the District in the name of the Rotarian. To qualify, you must attend the District Conference and contribute at least \$100 per year to the Annual Fund or sign up for Rotary Direct. **Our Conference can make a \$10,000 difference!**

Rotary is where neighbors, friends, and problem-solvers share ideas, join leaders, and **TAKE ACTION** to create lasting change.

Lots of people have heard of Rotary, but only about 35 percent of them know what their local Rotary club is doing.

Our neighbors need to know we do more than meet and invite speakers. They need to know we are **PEOPLE OF ACTION**.

At Rotary.org's Rotary Brand Central you'll find the following resources and ways to individualize the campaign for your own club:

**Resources:**

- Logos
- Photos of People in Action
- Ads - for print, online, outside
- 30-second radio ad and guidelines
- Videos - "What we see" and guidelines

**Create Your Own Media:**

- Program logo - Insert your club or program name
- Promotional cards
- People of Action Facebook post. Upload your own club photo to serve as the background of a "We Inspire," "We Connect," "We Transform," or "We End Polio" post.
- People of Action print ad
- Rotary Club Brochure

**Don't forget to use the #PeopleofAction hashtag on your club's Facebook or Twitter page.**



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**Club Website Offer from Scott McLaughlin, Owner of Heartland Hosting, LLC**

Scott is offering all Rotary Clubs in District 5630 a free Wordpress website setup and hosting. Your only cost: Your domain name, about \$12/year. Email Scott at scott@heartlandhosting.com to find out more.

**Who?** Current high school sophomores and juniors

**What?** An all-expense paid five-day conference that brings together a special group of young men and women from Central and Western Nebraska to share ideas about becoming better leaders.

Action-packed activities, like problem solving games, a challenge course, group discussions and teambuilding activities help participants build confidence and leadership skills.

**When?** July 18-22

**Where?** State 4-H campground facility near Halsey

**How?** See GreatPlainsRyla.org to apply.

*Remembering...*



*George F. Holm* (1959-2018) died in a sledding accident on February 11. Dian Edwards of the O'Neill club remembers him as an outstanding supporter of their Rotary club, especially its youth programs.

"George and his wife Karen were host parents to Valeria Benavides last year. One of their children, Jennifer Holm, is a Rotex (she was an outbound exchange student about ten years ago). We are all deeply saddened by this loss."

*If you'd like to honor a member of your club who has passed away since January 1, 2018, please let us know. Email Cheryl@cherylsdesk.com.*

**MARCH DESIGNATION IS**

**WATER AND SANITATION MONTH**

*"Life is a perspective and for me, if a human being has access to school, clean water, food, proper health care, that is the basis of human rights."*  
Gellila Bekele

**TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Get Involved**

**Rotary** 



# Club News

## Area 3 - Imperial



Theirs to keep! **Chase County Schools** 3rd graders are always excited to get their dictionaries.

**Stephanie Malcolm**, Wauneta-Palisade 3rd grade teacher, is now a Rotarian – because of last year’s dictionary handout!



## Area 3 - Ogallala



The Ogallala Club is joining with **Club Rotario Ambato** in Ecuador on a Potable Water Project. You can see a video presentation of the project at Facebook @RotaryAmbato. If your club would like to be involved in this Global Grant project, email Lore Beckius at [loreb@wolfauto.com](mailto:loreb@wolfauto.com).

## Area 6 - North Platte Noon



15th Annual **Bloodhounds Blood Drive** on Wednesday, April 11, 11 am to 6 pm. The North Platte Noon Club’s giving away free T-shirts to those who make an appointment. Phone 800-RED CROSS or visit [red-crossblood.org](http://red-crossblood.org) (sponsor code Rotary Bloodhounds).

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## Area 9 - Kearney Clubs Celebrate 100 Years



**Left:** Past District Governors **Ron Bazata** and his wife **Mindy** and **Don Peterson**, and DG **Jerry Milner** joined in the 100th Year Celebration of Rotary in Kearney.

**Right:** Past Kearney Rotary Club Presidents **Lee Fritson** and **Dave Lentz** joined **Travis Gregg** and the almost 100 Rotarians and friends at the Ramada Inn on Monday, March 12. Kearney clubs include Kearney Dawn, Kearney Noon, and their newest club, Kearney After Hours.



# More Club News

## Area 9 - Kearney Dawn



On **April 30**, from 11 am to 1 pm, **John Cook**, coach for UNL's champion women's volleyball team, will speak at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney on "Dream Big, Dream Like a Champion."

Tickets are \$300 for a table of 10 or \$35 each. Phone or email Paul Stec at 308-440-3713 or socpstec@gmail.com for tickets, or see [johncook.ticketleap.com/john-cookevent](http://johncook.ticketleap.com/john-cookevent). Net proceeds will benefit Kearney Dawn Rotary projects.

### On the Rotary Calendar in March:

- 12-18 World Rotaract Week
- 17 Presidential Peacebuilding Conference, Australia
- 24 Rotary Day at UNESCO headquarters, Paris
- 31 Preregistration discount ends for RI Convention

## Area 12 - Valentine



PDG Bob Stetter of the Valentine Club exemplifies Service above Self! In December he drove 129 miles to deliver four dictionaries – to one third-grade student and the school at Goose Creek (6 students total) and to the Kennedy school and their third grader (4 students total). He also gave them 4-Way Test coins.

"This may seem like a long distance to deliver four dictionaries but it is worth it," says Bob. "Those little country schools are great."



The Valentine Police Department helped Valentine Rotary with the March 8 blood drive, collecting 114 units, 10 more than their goal. **Above:** Officer **Tim McBride**, Volunteer **Virginia Ensminger**, Police Secretary **Eve McBride** and Police Chief **Dana Miller** register donors.

## Area 11 - Burwell



Rotarians **Maurie Larsen** and **Tony Larsen** deliver dictionaries to the Burwell 3rd graders before the December 2017 Christmas holiday.



**Steve Niemeyer** presented dictionaries to the Wheeler Central third graders and shared some information about Rotary.

The Burwell Rotary Club has distributed dictionaries to 3rd graders in the three county area since 2010. Over 300 dictionaries have been distributed to students at Burwell, Loup County and Wheeler Central Public Schools.

# PICTURES FROM PETS 2018

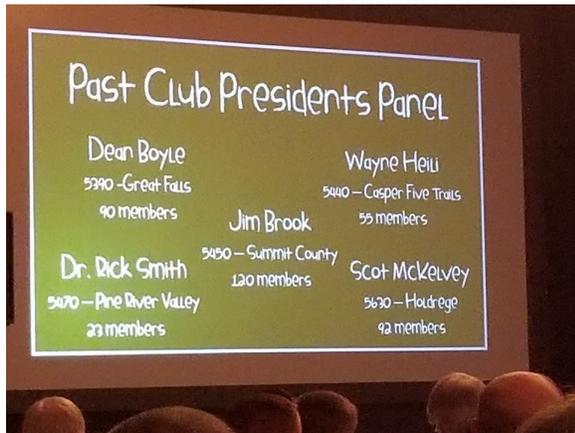


**Above:** Fine looking group of Rotarians from District 5630! See anyone you know?



**Left:** You should know these guys - Past, Present, Future, and Past District Governors **Don Peterson, Jerry Milner, Dale Schultz, and Koby Rickertsen.**

**Below:** Holdrege Rotary Club Past President **Scott McKelvey** fielded questions from the audience on this PETS Panel of experts.



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

**Registration information at**  
[rizoness21-27.org/2018-zone-institute-boise](http://rizoness21-27.org/2018-zone-institute-boise)

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