

Rotarians in Action

Rotary District 5630
June 2018



District Governor Jerry Milner's Year-End Message

As we close out another Rotary year it is very fulfilling to see the difference Rotarians made in the lives of so many in our communities and around the world. Yet it is clear that many challenges lie ahead to ensure that all are given the tools necessary to lead productive lives for themselves and their families.

We are very fortunate to have Dale Schultz as our new District Governor. Together with his new leadership in our District and throughout our clubs we can continue our quest to do good in the world.

This quest reminds me of a quote from Winston Churchill who said, "Success is never final. Failure is never fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts."

Let this inspiration give us the strength and the fortitude to continue our service to humanity and ensure peace and prosperity for all.

Thank you for your support and dedication to this most worthy cause.



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Greetings from District Governor Elect Dale Schultz

When I decided to put my name in the hat in December 2015 to be the District Governor for the 2018-19 Rotary year, it seemed like a long way off. Two-and-a-half years later, my time has arrived. Looking back, it went fast.

The training from Rotary International has been very thorough, and the coordinators who gave us that training are very dedicated and all wanting us to succeed. My last training in San Diego last January was a week long and gave me the opportunity to meet the other 536 DGEs from around the world as well as current RI president Ian Riseley and President Elect Barry Rassin.

While I met many DGE classmates from other parts of the world, I will remember especially my classmates from 21 other districts and 11 states within Zone 21b/27, the Zone with which our district is aligned. Over the past two years, much of my training has been with them, and I have developed friendships that will last a long time. We have leaned on each other as we approach our DG responsibility.

Over those two-and-a-half years, I've relied on several of the Past District Governors to give me guidance as well as being mentors. I appreciate them. I hope that through the coming year I am able to deliver to you the same dedication that all the trainers/mentors have provided for me.

At the District Conference in Grand Island last April I stated "As I travel down the Rotary trail, my hope is that when I do stop and look around, you're following me." I pledge to assist your club and be a resource for you for the coming year. I look forward to the club visits starting in July.



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Save the Date!



June 19-21, 2019
Rotary District 5630 Celebration
Estes Park, Colorado



We're Growing!

I am pleased to report that our efforts in District 5630 to increase our membership base during the 2017-2018 Rotary Year appear to be **positive**.

As of June 14, 2018, records indicate that we have increased membership by 22 since the beginning of the current Rotary Year. My hope is that clubs have been keeping their membership rosters current and we do not see a dramatic decrease when the July 1, 2018 Semi-Annual Reports are finalized.

Based on current records, we show that membership in fourteen clubs has increased and membership in six clubs has remained the same. Unfortunately, we see a decrease in membership in thirteen clubs.

I believe we have made a good start in reversing a negative trend and I am looking forward to working with clubs during the 2018-19 Rotary Year to continue our positive progress. Our leadership is in the process of updating our District Membership Plan for 2018-19 which will be published shortly after July 1, 2018.

It is my pleasure to announce the winners of the **2017-2018 District 5630 Membership Challenge**. Fourteen clubs entered the challenge with a financial contribution based on club size. There were three categories established: Category 1 for Clubs with 20 or fewer members; Category 2 for Clubs with 21-49 members; and Category 3 for Clubs with 50 or more members.

The **Category 1 Winner is Imperial**, which increased its membership by 81.82%. A \$200 contribution to PolioPlus will be made in the name of the Imperial Club.

The **Category 2 Winner is Alliance**, which increased its membership by 34.62%. A \$1,200 contribution to PolioPlus will be made in the name of the Alliance Club.

The **Category 3 Winner is Grand Island (Noon)**, which increased its membership by 7.83%. An \$800 contribution to PolioPlus will be made in the name of the Grand Island Club.

Please mark your calendars for September 22, 2018 for the Trilogy (Foundation, Membership, Public Image) Seminar to be held in North Platte and via Zoom teleconference. This is a great forum for you to learn more about how your district can help your club and its members to **"Be The Inspiration"** in 2018-2019!

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From the Paul Harris Society Facebook page:

Last year, Rotarians completed over 30,000 Rotary service projects and dedicated 24.3 million hours to volunteering in the communities that need us most.

We still have work to do and we need your help. A gift to The Rotary Foundation will help create lasting change in your community and around the world. Because of generous donors like you, we can continue to make a difference, create a more peaceful future, and be an inspiration to all.

Together, we make a difference. Please consider making a special gift to [The Rotary Foundation](#) today.

[See page 7 of this newsletter for examples of how District 5630 is Doing Good in the World through the Rotary Foundation.]



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THE ROTARY 4-WAY TEST

- 1 Is it the truth?
- 2 Is it fair to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- 4 Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Polio Plus Update

POLIO ERADICATION: NEW CHALLENGES, BUT CLOSER THAN EVER

--June 2018, Delane Wycoff, D5630 Polio Plus Chair

Polio Returns to the Western Hemisphere

VENEZUELA. A new case of polio was confirmed on April 29 in a 2-year-old who is part of an indigenous community in the poor northeastern part of Venezuela, an area where communication is difficult and medical services can be hours away traveling by boat along the river. Vaccination rates in Venezuela have fallen and the country has experienced the reappearance of diphtheria and measles. Cases of tuberculosis and malaria are also on the rise.

In recent years, Venezuela, once a thriving economic example of modern South American progress, has seen disheartening deterioration of economic vitality, surging hyperinflation, government disarray, and overall decline in services, including healthcare. Vaccination rates have plummeted and the recent confirmation of a new polio case raises concerns that other cases may appear.

Dr. Lilian Abbo, an infection disease spokesperson and associate professor at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine was quoted on CNN saying, "Twenty, thirty years ago Venezuela was one of the leading countries in Latin America and many parts of the world with free immunization programs. Today, many public hospitals do not have vaccines available. This is completely unacceptable in a country that has one of the largest oil reserves in the world."

This alarming development is worthy of a large-scale response. Watch for possible reports in coming weeks, as health and government officials determine how to prevent, or to deal with, what may become a new polio outbreak.

Progress Slow in Polio Endemic Countries

In the last five years we have seen the total of polio cases in the world drop to roughly half of the previous year's total, but that progress has been uneven when looking at specific countries. Notably, Pakistan had an increase in annual polio cases a few years ago before reorganizing vaccination efforts to improve coverage in the poor, insecure tribal areas bordering Afghanistan – the only other Asian country where polio is endemic.

However, in 2018, evidence of progress is not always found in the disease statistics.

NIGERIA – Since 2014 there have been only four cases of wild-type polio in Nigeria, all in 2016. In one more year, Nigeria might have been declared polio free, except that circulating Type 2 vaccine-derived polio virus has been detected in the environment and one case of paralysis due to this virus was reported in mid-April.

AFGHANISTAN – 14 total polio cases in 2017. There have been eight cases so far this year (compared to only three cases by this date in 2017). Radio broadcasts and "mobile mullahs" are being used to educate the local populations about the importance of vaccination for the protection of their children. In May, 9.6 million children received bivalent polio vaccine during the most recent national campaign. Of these, 1.5 million children on-the-move were vaccinated at 386 different transit points.



A boy in Karachi, Pakistan, receives a polio vaccine
CREDIT: AKHTAR SOOMRO/REUTERS

PAKISTAN – 8 total polio cases in 2017, with two cases so far this year (the same as this time last year). In April, 38.9 million children were vaccinated in a massive campaign covering the entire country.

These recent developments emphasize the importance of maintaining high vaccination rates in all parts of the world until eradication is fully completed. Making vaccines available is one of the most important parts of this worldwide effort and Rotary plays a major role in helping provide these vaccines. Polio Plus is helping the world maintain the pressure on Polio.

When Polio Plus began, there were an estimated 380,000 cases of polio per year. Now the world total is less than two dozen. We can get to ZERO, but only with continued financial support of Polio Plus.

A note to incoming 2018-2019 club officers:

- **Please set a Polio Plus fundraising goal in your club for 2018-2019.** I suggest a minimum goal of \$50 per member. A few clubs have exceeded \$200 per member in recent years
- **Plan your fundraising events/activities for the coming year.** Involve your community. Share the story of how Rotary is inspiring the world to eradicate polio.

Thanks to all our clubs and members who have supported POLIO PLUS in 2018-2019!

Club News

Area 3 - Ogallala



The **Ogallala Rotary Club** recently served by working with other organizations. Early in June they donated \$485 to International Messenger to build latrines in Kenya, and on June 9 they served dinner to the members of the 2018 TRAN (Tractor Relay Across Nebraska), which raises funds for Operation Comfort Warriors.



Start preparing for **Ogallala's 10th Dam Run**. Proceeds from entry fees (\$25 or \$35 on the day of the race) go toward the PolioPlus Fund. The District's Iron Lung will be on display, and there will be live entertainment. Register at ogallalarotary.com.

Area 3 - Wauneta-Palisade Rotary/Satellite of Imperial Rotary Club



On Saturday, June 2, DG Jerry Milner, DGE Dale Schultz and Imperial Rotary Club President Laura Gaschler visited the inaugural meeting of the **Wauneta-Palisade Satellite Rotary Club** and discussed club goals.

Below from left: Richard Baxter, Brock Malcolm, Wauneta-Palisade Club Chair Stephanie Malcolm, Lisa Kisinger, Imperial Rotary Club President Laura Gaschler, DGE Dale Schultz, DG Jerry Milner, and Ken Weaver.



Club News

Area 7 - Cambridge

Our Condolences to Russ Wood,

2017-18 President of the Cambridge Rotary Club. His daughter, Connie Louise Wood-Boss, passed away in North Platte on May 18. She was 56 years old.

Area 8 - Holdrege



On August 24 and 25 Holdrege Rotary will again host a Mobile Pack for **Feed My Starving Children**. Their goal this year is to feed 500 kids for one full year! To do that, they need to raise \$40,000 and find 900 volunteers. Everyone is welcome! For details, email Michele High at mhigh@bruningbank.com.

Area 9 - Kearney Noon



Bathhouse for privacy

Water4Haiti celebrates its 10th anniversary this year. During this time they have installed 25 two-inch irrigation pumps, toilets, and bath houses. They've cleaned old wells and installed hundreds of new pumps.

Out of the 650 pumps they maintain they have repaired 2500, many several times because of heavy use. Each pump provides clean water to between 300 and 500 people in villages or neighborhoods. That adds up to over one quarter million people enjoying clean water.

Recently Water4Haiti was given a very sizable donation from a club in Port of Spain, Trinidad, who saw their website and offered to finance a bath house/clothes washing area and build an animal drinking area separate from children bringing buckets for their

families. "Life is exciting when one sees the smiles on the faces of the villagers who have just gotten a bucket of clean water in their own village."

Right: Children getting water at a well; *Below left:* Repaired irrigation canal. *Below right:* Newly installed pump.



Area 9 - Broken Bow Area



Here's a fun idea! At Broken Bow's Hear Nebraska day, the club raised \$100 for the **Broken Bow Food Pantry**. More than 30 children and adults participated in the contest. Voters who bought \$1 ticket or donated a can of food chose the winners in five age categories.

Area 9 - Kearney Dawn



Anita Lorentzen of the Kearney Dawn club visited the **Karura Rotary Club** in Kenya. During their Happy Dollar sharing, she gave them \$50 USD (donated by US Rotarians) to use for their Environmental Cleanup Campaign.

More Club News

Area 9 - Kearney Noon

About 300 people attended Kearney Noon Rotary Club's **Nature Barn Family Carnival** on June 3, which included a hay rack ride, games, snow cones, and Pirate Jeff and his parrots. The carnival brings families to Cottonmill Park, where Noon Rotary constructed a Nature Barn in 1987.



Area 12 - Valentine



Club President Jeanie Cozad received an award from the **American Red Cross** for "her commitment and dedication to the American Red Cross Premier Blood Partner Program". Under her guidance, the Club's blood drives yielded 623 units of blood in 2017.

Remembering...

On May 23, the Valentine Rotary Club planted a tree in memory of **James Richard "Doc" Butler**. The maple tree was planted at the recently opened golf course, Frederick Peak at Valentine. Doc was an avid golfer.

Doc Butler, a retired veterinarian and longtime member of Rotary, passed on January 21, 2018. He joined the Valentine Rotary Club in January, 1986, a mere 32 years ago. A true Rotarian, he lived the 4-Way Test. Doc served as President of the Club, was a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, a Benefactor, and a Paul Harris Sustaining Member. He is missed by all who knew him.



L to R: Rotarians Steve Isom, Dick Jeffers and Bob Stetter; Tad Buechle, grounds keeper; Patrick Swartz, friend; Susan Butler, daughter; Karen Butler, wife; Ryan Butler, grandson (seated).

Area 14 - Hastings Sunrise



At their June 5th meeting, Hastings Sunrise honored Youth Exchange Students **Sam Gomez, Federico Bonadonna** and **Ana Quessada** with Paul Harris Fellows. All the students have spent the school year in Hastings. Club president Doug Koopman and DGE Dale Schultz presented the certificates.



Also on June 5, Hastings Sunrise president Doug Koopman welcomed new members **Mike Florek** and **Susie Kryzsko**.

Hastings Sunrise Rotarians and **Youth Exchange** Inbound Student Ana Quessada (Brazil) taking a break at the Joyce Schiffler "Service Above Self" Award Community Prayer Walk in April.



Area 12 - Valentine



Fish'n Chips for Scholarships at Bolo Beer. Freewill and Bolo Beer's \$1 donations for each beverage sold raised money for **academic scholarships, RYLA**, and other Rotary youth programs and service projects. A Sandhills Area Foundation matched the first \$1,000 for academic scholarships. *Pictured: "Big Blue" and Club President Jeanie Cozad. See the District Facebook page for more photos.*

District 5630's Global Grant Projects

A May 29th Excel file from District 5630 Foundation Chair Don Peterson listed **24 Global Grants** that our district is or has been involved in: Two are still in the planning stage, six are being drafted for submission, three have been submitted for approval, nine have been approved by the Rotary Foundation, and four are marked as completed.

Which countries? Our district has targeted 13 countries: Argentina, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, India, Kenya, Mexico, Peru, South Africa, Uganda, the United States, Zambia, and Zimbabwe, and the projects include at least four of Rotary's six areas of service: Water and Sanitation, Maternal and Child Health, Basic Education and Literacy, and Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution.

Which clubs? We express appreciation to the following clubs who have stepped up to the challenge of sponsoring these global grants: **Alliance, Broken Bow, Gothenburg, Grand Island, Grand Island Sunrise, Hastings, Hastings Sunrise, Kearney Dawn, Lexington, McCook, Minden, North Platte, Ogallala, O'Neill, and St. Paul.**

Here are some recent updates:

La Vega, Guatemala: Water and Sanitation



District 5630 recently agreed to provide \$8500 to help Kalispell, Montana, Rotary Club (District 5390) provide clean water and sanitation to La

Vega, Guatemala, a town of 2200 people. A [You-tube video](#) (start at 4:17) illustrates the appalling conditions, where sewage floats on top of the ground, and drinking water sources are close to latrines. In the past, District 5390 has generously supported District 5630 projects. The **O'Neill** club will represent District 5630 in supporting this project.

Argentina: Basta de Polio Ya



Our friends in Argentina (District 4945) recently created a video about Polio which they showed at their District Conference. It features Steve Lewis, a polio survivor from Kearney, and Dale Schultz talking about Immunization Days in India. The 3-1/2-minute video

has been uploaded to the District's Dropbox. Here's the link: <https://db.tt/i7XKHsegCF>.

Kenya: Vocational Training Team at Kakamega Hospital

Our outbound VTT (Vocational Training Team) just returned from training the physicians in the pediatric unit at Kakamega County Hospital in Kenya. This \$136,000 project was fully funded through Rotarian contributions to the Annual Fund of the Rotary Foundation. District 5630 Foundation Chair Don Peterson reminds us that "when we contribute to the Rotary Annual Fund we can make our Communities and the World a better place for all!"

The VTT members included three women and one man from Johns Hopkins Medical Center in Baltimore, one woman from UNK Medical Center Nursing College, Rotary Team Leader Gilbert Hinga from Kearney Dawn, and Dr. Muchana, the lead physician from Kenya Hospital (not pictured).



In this photo, the VTT team is joined by volunteers Dr. Kim Baxter from North Platte Noon; Anita Lorentzen from Kearney Dawn; Keegan Francl, UNK's Rotaract President; and two dignitaries from the Kenya Hospital.

The US: Providing Water and Meals after Disasters



The **Kearney Dawn** Club and the **Bangalore South** Rotary Club in Bangalore, India, are co-sponsoring a project that will provide a Hot Meals USA trailer that in the event of a stateside disaster can deliver clean water and food

to first responders and disaster victims within 24 to 72 hours.

Depending on the size of the trailer, it can serve from 2500 to 10,000 meals a day. The Red Cross or Salvation Army will provide the water, food, and supplies, and Rotary Clubs in the disaster area will be called on to volunteer. This \$125,000 project includes the trailer and equipment, training, and a 4-wheel drive pickup.

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

Let's Drop to Zero!



The Zone 27 Public Image Team is selling shoes – and not just any shoes! These limited-edition classic kicks can help you bring awareness to polio eradication, moving us a step closer to “stomping out” polio.

You can order a pair online from [District 5400 \(Idaho\)](#) or email Michela Swarthout, Assistant Regional Public Image Coordinator, at michelaswarthout@gmail.com.

The cost is \$50/pair. All proceeds (\$25 on average, depending on shoe stock availability) will benefit Rotary’s PolioPlus fund. You can pick up your pair at the 2018

Zone Conference in Boise, Idaho, in September. If you’re unable to go to the Zone Conference, the shoes can be shipped to you for an additional charge.

With the 2-to-1 match from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, your purchase of these shoes could mean a donation to PolioPlus of over \$90.



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Why register for Rotary International Institute?

1. It will be the **final Institute** in our current Zone structure, so we’ll celebrate both our accomplishments and the amazing fellowship we have shared.
2. It will take place at the beautiful, new downtown **Boise Centre** adjacent to the elegant Grove Hotel with easy access to popular attractions in the area.
3. It’s your chance to **visit Boise**: a vibrant, modern city and the gateway to the Northwest, nestled against beautiful mountains. Make it part of your vacation this year!
4. It will offer **training** for both present and emerging district leaders.
5. It will feature some of **Rotary’s finest speakers**, amazing success stories of service, and outstanding entertainment.



Find out more at rizones21-27.org - 2018 Zone Institute.

Please note: The target date for the next District 5630 newsletter is September 15, 2018. Please submit your photos and/or articles by Wednesday, September 5. Thanks, *Cheryl*

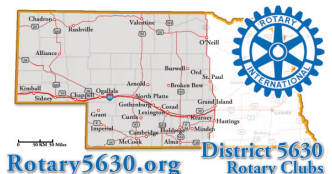
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