



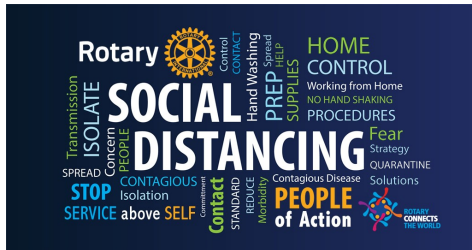
# Rotarians in Action



**Rotary District 5630**

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## Message from Scott McLaughlin, District Governor 2019-2020



As Rotarians across central and western Nebraska learn to adapt with varying degrees of how the NOVEL CORONAVIRUS is affecting our personal lives, I ask you to think about our 2019-2020 Rotary International theme, **"Rotary Connects the World."**

As we practice Social Distancing in our communities, I have asked clubs to be proactive, find creative ways to connect with each other and continue to connect in service in our communities. Each of our communities' needs will be unique and may change daily. Just remember our motto "Service Above Self" and be flexible, be creative.

Hopefully over the next weeks as this comes to a conclusion and we can resume our normal activities, try to stay engaged with your Rotary family. Continue to have your club meetings via ZOOM conference. Share the archive meetings with those who could not join you during your "live" meeting. Bookmark the District calendar for other ZOOM conference opportunities. Develop an action plan so when this is over you can easily resume your club's activities, projects, fundraisers, or

identify a future District Grant project. Above all, brainstorm how can you help club members whose businesses and lives have been severely impacted.

Just as your club operations have been altered, the same is true for our district-sponsored events. We will be rescheduling the District Conference at a later date in the fall. The district leadership team has canceled all face-to-face events, and will continue ZOOM meetings through May/June. District Grant training will be conducted via ZOOM in May/June for clubs wishing to apply for 2020-21 District Grants.

The Rotary International Convention in Honolulu will now be virtual (see page 3). If you had plans to go to Hawaii, full refunds are being offered from RI. Please be sure to cancel your airline tickets and hotel accommodations.

Your District leadership team is working to formulate content that can be delivered electronically to the membership. Logistics is also an issue that needs to be addressed. Our continued goal is to provide relevant material over all the available platforms.

**Stay Safe, Stay Healthy, Stay CONNECTED!**

### Scott McLaughlin

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## Behind the Scenes at PETS



RIPE Holger Knaack posing with District 5630 Leaders at PETS in March 2020.

After several years of attending the President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS), it seems like the weekend comes faster every year as my involvement in PETS has increased. This PETS was special because I took over a supporting role in 5630 as District Governor Elect (DGE).

DGEs play a major role in PETS development, planning elements of the training, program involvement, and volunteer leadership. All of this was under the able chairmanship of Past District 5630 Governor Dale Schultz and PETS Administrator Liz Becher.

When you're a PETS participant, you just arrive at the hotel and participate. Behind the scenes it's another story. The weekend is a culmination of almost a year of planning, with monthly Zoom calls. Each committee member has a strong sense of commitment to getting their part done. Kudos to all who took on and accomplished their tasks.

I felt that this program was one of the best all-around for the training of our Presidents Elect. Feedback from previous years' attendees indicated they would prefer more facilitated classes where the conversations could be steered towards topics of their uncertainty. Facilitation allowed a more free-flowing non-structured discussion of those topics. Of course, that took away from time that DGEs had with their districts in District Breakout sessions. The class-time balancing act will continue.

I also felt the balance was about right in terms of injecting some fun into the mix of classes, District recognition, and group interaction. Arguably, the "Dancing Queen" from District 5630 remains high on the leaderboard, which added to the development of team spirit and comradery. Who can forget Darth Vader handing out our new DGE "lightsabers." Mine didn't work – I don't know what that says about my term!

I am currently working with several districts who because of COVID did not get a team-jump in starting the year. Virtual is great but in some instances, it doesn't replace working among your peers. Their training groups are working to get them caught up.

Our Rotary International President Elect (RIPE) Holger

Knaack of Germany was very involved for the short period he was there. He interacted with attendees and spoke about his direction of Opening Opportunities in Rotary ("It's all of our jobs"). He broke away for a two-and-a-half hour board meeting with DGEs in attendance, asking what's going on in the field, how RI can help, and how he is looking forward to a great year. This was all pre-COVID-19. Today, he has a major concern for the safety of all members and how we "do" Rotary in today's environment.

I thought the DGEs did an outstanding job in selecting PETS speakers. They all had a story to tell and moved us closer to accomplishing greater service in Rotaract and our general Rotary program.

### Bob Taylor

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### New District Trainer: Teresa Saul



We are pleased to introduce *Teresa Saul* as District 5630's new District Trainer.

We're thankful to *Kirsten Faessler* for the great work she has done for the District over the years, especially her work with PETS and organizing our District Assemblies. I'm sure all of you benefited from her work as much as I did.

### Teresa Saul

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Teresa works in the training field, developing curricula for clients while doing facilitation and teaching classes. She spent 10 years teaching high school then spent some time in corporate America, which included time in sales. She and her service dog Blue live in Ogallala where she is a member of the Ogallala Rotary Club.

Teresa is currently helping the "Big Og Club" with recording children's books for kids shut in because of C-19. She loves working with Rotarians and enjoys facilitation and the ideas it generates. She is a great encourager of Rotary's Service above Self.

Her familiarity with virtual presentations will be useful. Her responsibilities will include club training in DACdb ([dacdb.org](http://dacdb.org)), membership development, club visioning and "health checks" and related presentations.

~DGE Bob Taylor





Rotary Youth Exchange has been hit particularly hard by Covid-19. All four Nebraska outbound students returned earlier than planned, due to the virus effects in their host countries.

**Arianna Bonesteel** (Doniphan to Italy) was instructed by the Italian RYE to leave ASAP. She returned to Hastings March 14th. **Ashton Braun** (Hastings to Germany) opted to return home March 22nd. **Matilda Malcolm** (Imperial to Spain) and **Zach Kring** (North Platte to Argentina) both returned March 25th. Each of them was required to endure 14 days of quarantine before reuniting with family and friends. They all expressed great disappointment at having their exchanges shortened by the virus.

These returned students are actively participating in Rebound Camp via Zoom conferencing. Weekly meetings, with a modified agenda, coupled by video-vignettes and assignments (provided by the North American Youth Exchange Network) are facilitated by Rotarians **Todd Madison** (Valentine) and **Jolyn Richardson** (Curtis).



Valentine Rotarian **Todd Madison** leads virtual rebound camp discussion with D5630 rebound students who are looking forward to becoming ROTEX mentors for upcoming exchangers.

In addition, Rotex mentors **Phoebe Dunbar** (Peru 2017-2018) and **Will Parker** (Italy 2017-2018) are spending additional time following the meetings in unstructured “chat-time” with the returned exchangers. They have been discussing reactions to coming home again and reviewing some of the personal changes they have experienced as a result of their time abroad. They identified traits such as increased adaptability, more confidence, gratefulness for the experience and life skills they honed during their exchanges.

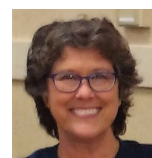
The current Inbound class of 2019-2020 is changing daily. Currently, two of the seven hosted students have been called home (**Elena Pikk**, Hastings to Germany) and **Heijy Mattos** (Imperial to Brazil). Argentina is urging **Juan Zanguitu** (North Platte) to contact his country consulate for a return flight.

The other three students remain in Nebraska for safety reasons. The Covid-19 has severely impacted their hometowns, and host and natural families have determined they are safer in Nebraska than travelling home.

These students are being well loved and protected by their host families, who are going above and beyond the call of Rotary host families, to continue to care for these students beyond their anticipated departure. The US Department of State will extend their visas, and CISI insurance is available for a three-month extension if needed beyond July 31st. Local host Rotary Clubs are providing additional support to their host families, and District leadership continues to agonize over decisions for the class of 2020-2021 exchanges. Stay tuned.

**Paula Witt**

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## Ready for some good news?

We can all attend the International Convention this year, because it's virtual - and free! See the “Schedule at a Glance” at [RIConvention.org](http://RIConvention.org).



## Rotary Foundation Disaster Response Grants

The Rotary Foundation has approved more than \$4.7 million in disaster response grants to address the COVID-19 pandemic. Grants are available as both District and Global Grants. Each Rotary District was eligible to apply for a maximum \$25,000 to support the COVID-19 impact in their communities. Our District 5630 received \$25,000, and the funds have been distributed to the Clubs as they support local efforts in their communities.

## Community Service Organizations Unite Globally

Woven through the fabric of virtually every community on earth, service clubs of Kiwanis International, Lions Clubs International, Optimist International, and Rotary International are working safely and diligently to maintain connections with each other and our neighbors so that we can cope with and overcome the effects of COVID-19. We are leveraging the strength of our combined networks of 3.2 million members to provide comfort and hope to those feeling the effects of isolation and fear. And we are focusing our collective skills, resources and ideas to support frontline health workers and first responders as they battle this disease and save lives.

## Rotary's Statement on COVID-19 and Its Effect on Polio Eradication Efforts

We recognize that the COVID-19 emergency means that some aspects of the polio eradication program will be affected. While addressing the new challenges of today, the most important thing that Rotary members can do to continue the fight to end polio is to sustain our commitment. In the midst of a global pandemic, we understand that attention to polio eradication will be temporarily diverted, and this makes it all the more vital for Rotarians to remain strongly committed to fighting polio and not let our progress be eroded.

*Please support our Rotary Foundation as we continue to "Connect the World" through Rotary!*

**Don Peterson**

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## How to Make Your Club Facebook Page More Effective:



- **Cover image:** If you're still displaying the old Rotary wheel, please update it! Many of our clubs are still using the Rotary logo that was replaced about five years ago. *Once you begin using the new one, you'll prefer it.*
- **Theme Image:** If your page displays the theme, please update it to "Rotary Connects" for 2019-20. Find all updated themes at [Rotary.org - My Rotary - Brand Center](https://www.rotary.org/en/MyRotaryBrandCenter). (Logo materials for the 2020-21 theme "Rotary Opens Opportunities" are available now.)



- **Cover Banner:** Your cover banner should reflect your club's purpose, a current Rotary theme, an activity, your club's personality. [People of Action](https://www.rotary.org/en/MyRotaryBrandCenter) banners are available at Rotary.org's Brand Center. Ogallala's page (above) is a great example of a "People of Action" banner featuring a club project.
- **Posts:** Posts with pictures of people are popular.
- **Posts with pictures of people participating** are even better! Be sure to include a short description and identify people in the photo. Are they Rotarians? Non-Rotarians who are helping with your project?
- **"Social Media Mindset."** Always be thinking about what people need to know about how your club, other clubs, and Rotary International are improving the lives of others. Visit the District Page (@rotary5630) and active club pages for things to share.

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# It's a PETS Party!

Thanks to District Public Image Chair *Deb McCaslin* of Broken Bow for these photos taken at PETS in early March. Who says training can't be fun?



Photo from Bob Taylor



**Holger Knaack, RI**  
President 2020-2021



"May the Rotary Force be with you!" Darth Vader - unveiled as PDG Dale Schultz



How many DGs does it take to activate a lightsaber?



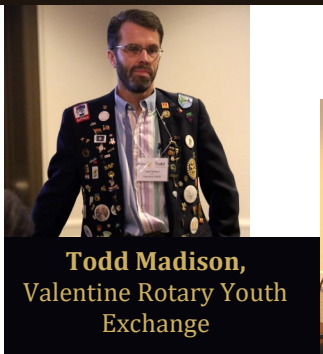
DGE Bob Taylor & PDG Don Peterson: Feeding the World One Seed at a Time



\$100 for 100% Big Red Blowout Clubs: Kearney Dawn PEN Cindy Houlden and PE Anita Lorenzen; Kearney Noon PE Sarah Cathcart; and Hastings Sunrise PEN Dan McMahon and PE Mike Tomlin.



Don Peterson with PE Michal Swanson of Imperial - #1 Club for Annual Fund Giving, EREY, and 100% Foundation Giving.



**Todd Madison,**  
Valentine Rotary Youth Exchange



**Veronica Schmidt,**  
Broken Bow Area PE



**Lore Beckius** (Ogallala) and **Johrita Solari**, International Director (Anaheim, CA)



Rocking the House



# POLIO and COVID-19



As the world is currently experiencing a COVID-19 pandemic, various questions arise:

- How does the current pandemic compare to polio epidemics of the past?
- What are the impacts upon polio eradication efforts?
- What has science learned about developing new vaccines?
- Can experience with polio vaccination help in the current COVID-19 pandemic?

## Eerie Similarities to Polio Quarantines of Early 20th Century



Those who remember before 1955 when polio epidemics swept across the USA compare experiences being confined at home with similar fear of being stricken. With polio it was children most often afflicted, but deaths occurred at all ages. Children were often kept home and not allowed to play beyond their own yard. Younger children could be excluded from worship services and cinemas. Swimming pools were often closed. Major gatherings were cancelled, including the 1946 State Fair in Minnesota. In 1952 polio cases peaked at 57,879 with 3,145 deaths. Hopes were high for a new vaccine to break the cycle of epidemic spread. By 1955 polio was conquered, thanks to Jonas Salk.

## Covid-19 Interrupts Polio Vaccinations, but Not Everywhere

**Pakistan's** long battle to eradicate polio has suffered from radical Islamic clerics, anti-vaccine misinformation, and militant attacks. Now the coronavirus pandemic has forced authorities to halt the latest nationwide door-to-door polio vaccination drive to turn attention to coronavirus. As the coronavirus spreads and mounting death tolls rise, health officials now worry that resulting gaps in the polio vaccine coverage will lead to increased numbers of new polio cases. The polio situation in Pakistan was already slipping out of control after anti-

vaccination sentiment reversed years of progress. Further interruption to polio vaccination is predicted to make matters only worse.

Missing vaccinations are not limited to polio. Measles epidemics are also a real possibility since the delivery of other vaccines is also disrupted. New wild-type polio cases are already being reported in **Afghanistan** and **Pakistan**. In **Niger**, an outbreak of vaccine-derived polio has been reported after polio vaccinations were cancelled.

**However, in Uganda**, through UNICEF, vaccinations have continued despite Covid-19 challenges. More than 3.8 million doses of bivalent oral polio vaccine were delivered in late April to support ongoing routine immunization services throughout the country. Messages about protection from Covid-19 are being spread in conjunction with the polio vaccination campaign. Even in Pakistan there are some remote areas where polio vaccines continue to be delivered by the same heroic emergency response teams that are administering other vaccines while collecting specimens for coronavirus testing.

## Vaccine-Derived Polio is a Persistent Problem

The great success of the Sabin Oral polio vaccine has been a 99% reduction of polio cases around the world. This has prevented more than 13 million children from becoming infected and risking potentially debilitating paralysis or death. As the numbers of polio cases have dropped to near zero, it has become evident that the remaining polio cases are rare examples of "vaccine-derived polio." If vaccination rates are low, the weakened virus used in the vaccines can spread to non-vaccinated children. Usually this also protects the children exposed through secondary spread of the vaccine virus. However, if spread continues long enough with large numbers of unvaccinated children, the weakened virus can mutate and become capable of causing disease and paralysis.

This creates a dilemma. Even if all "wild type" polio is eliminated, how can vaccination be stopped? If vaccination is stopped, there could still be children carrying the last administered vaccine virus just long enough that it could spread to other children never vaccinated and in rare instances mutate to cause disease. This would require a new "mop-up" vaccination effort to suppress the vaccine-derived polio cases. However, when this round of vaccinations is finished, the cycle could begin again (hopefully with smaller numbers), with no sure way to end the cycle of vaccine withdrawal and re-emergence of vaccine-derived disease.

## A "New and Improved" Oral Polio Vaccine Is on the Horizon

With the increased knowledge and understanding of the polio virus and the underlying genetic code, virologist researchers have created a harmless vaccine that is

incapable of such mutation. This 'Designer Virus' promises to become the first new polio vaccine in 50 years. In the past, vaccines have been created by blindly passing the virus through multiple generations in animal cells to eliminate human virulence. Scientists kept testing until they found something that worked. That was the basis of the historic Sabin oral vaccines which have nearly eradicated polio.

The new vaccine is a product of the first known efforts to rationally design a live attenuated virus based on detailed understanding of the internal biology of the virus. Phase 1 clinical trials have now shown that the new vaccine is more stable and more effective. The participants developed plentiful antibodies against the poliovirus and even though they were shedding viral particles in their stool, those particles were unable to cause paralysis in mice. In contrast, mice exposed to viral samples shed by people vaccinated with standard Sabin oral polio vaccine develop paralysis at rates as high as 90%.

A Phase 2 trial is underway and showing promise while WHO is planning a Phase 3 trial with hopes to fast-track development of the vaccine as an emergency measure. When implemented, this new vaccine holds genuine potential to carry the fight against polio "the last mile" in achieving complete eradication.

## Can Polio Vaccine Experience Lead Us to a COVID-19 Vaccine?



Immunology is a scientific field that has made remarkable advances in recent decades thanks to developments in molecular biology that are giving scientists new insights into the complex

workings that control and regulate our bodies' natural defenses. With new research comes new understanding, directing how modern medicine can provide new benefits to everyone.

It has long been known that disease exposure to one pathogen may produce a beneficial protection to other pathogens. Examples include Edward Jenner's inoculation of cowpox to produce protection against smallpox.

In a recent *USA Today* article, **Dr. Robert Gallo** (co-discoverer of HIV) and **Dr. Konstantin Chumakov** of the US FDA have advocated using oral polio vaccine (OPV) as a possible means of protecting against COVID-19. OPV is safe to give. Besides inducing antibodies to

poliovirus, it activates other aspects of the immune system which increases resistance to other viral and bacterial infections. Studies in the 1970s showed that OPV protected people from seasonal influenza better than some flu vaccines.

In the longer term, experience with engineering new polio vaccines may contribute to efforts toward a safe and effective vaccine specifically for COVID-19.

## Discontinued US Funding for WHO Would be "Catastrophic" to Polio Eradication

In mid-April, President Donald Trump announced halting U.S. funding for the World Health Organization, pending review of its response to the initial coronavirus outbreak. This move has been met with severe criticism at home and abroad. The WHO was founded in 1948 and is funded by nations from around the world, each contributing in proportion to their size and ability to pay. The USA has been the largest source of WHO funds which help combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and made WHO an essential partner in the world effort to eradicate polio. Polio eradication now seems nearer than ever before. Interruption of WHO support is viewed by experts with alarm and dismay. Most fear that anti-polio eradication efforts could be set back by many years.

It is as important as ever that Rotarians continue our fight against Polio. With two months remaining in our Rotary year, there is still time to contribute or raise funds.

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**Editor's Note:** A special thanks to Ogallala, St. Paul, Kearney, Alma, and Broken Bow Area for meeting or exceeding your giving goals this year. See the next page to see where your club's PolioPlus contributions stand.

Every District's goal is for all its members to become **Sustaining Members** – Rotarians who give \$100 or more per year to the Rotary Foundation. If **Every Rotarian** gave \$100 **Every Year**, we could nearly double our efforts to help the needy throughout the world.

**EVERY  
ROTARIAN  
EVERY  
YEAR**

Go ahead! Give \$2 a week to the Rotary Foundation.  
The easiest way is through Recurring Donations  
at [Rotary.org/Donate](https://Rotary.org/Donate).



# DISTRICT 5630 POLIO PLUS CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2019-2020 (YEAR TO DATE) BY CLUB:

Some clubs have cancelled major fundraising events due to social distancing requirements. With two months remaining in our Rotary year, there is still time to contribute or raise funds.

Club Name	Memb.	PolioPlus Club Goal Amount	Polio-Plus Goal %	Prior Year PolioPlus Contribution	-- PolioPlus -- YTD
Alliance	31	\$1,500.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Alma</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>105.%</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>	<b>\$210.00</b>
Arnold	19	\$900.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Broken Bow Area</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>100.%</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
Burwell	12	\$600.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cambridge	26	\$1,000.00	72.9%	\$1,000.00	\$729.26
Chadron	45	\$2,000.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chappell	12	\$400.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cozad	17	\$800.00	12.5%	\$4,025.00	\$100.00
Curtis	11	\$500.00	44.%	\$260.00	\$220.00
Gothenburg	35	\$1,500.00	58.3%	\$3,050.00	\$875.00
Grand Island	123	\$6,000.00	58.%	\$14,222.20	\$3,477.00
Grand Island Sunrise	14	\$700.00	7.1%	\$0.00	\$50.00
Grant	34	\$1,500.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hastings	60	\$2,500.00	21.%	\$250.00	\$525.00
Hastings Sunrise	30	\$1,000.00	64.7%	\$713.00	\$646.51
Holdrege	86	\$4,000.00	0%	\$4.92	\$0.00
Imperial	18	\$900.00	17.8%	\$251.84	\$160.00
Kearney Dawn	64	\$1,500.00	55.7%	\$1,263.00	\$835.00
<b>Kearney</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>\$3,100.00</b>	<b>105.9%</b>	<b>\$2,837.50</b>	<b>\$3,283.12</b>
Kimball	21	\$600.00	38.3%	\$318.65	\$230.00
Lexington	14	\$500.00	10.%	\$15.00	\$50.00
McCook	35	\$500.00	75.3%	\$1,568.13	\$376.30
Minden	24	\$1,000.00	20.%	\$210.53	\$200.00
North Platte	86	\$4,000.00	86.4%	\$1,280.00	\$3,456.92
North Platte Sunrise	30	\$1,500.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Ogallala</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>143.6%</b>	<b>\$3,187.00</b>	<b>\$2,872.00</b>
O'Neill	33	\$1,500.00	33.3%	\$0.00	\$500.00
<b>St. Paul</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>127.%</b>	<b>\$2,647.22</b>	<b>\$1,905.00</b>
Valentine	39	\$2,000.00	69.3%	\$323.95	\$1,386.75
<b>District 5630 Total for District: 5630</b>	<b>1,122</b>	<b>\$45,800.00</b>	<b>48.4%</b>	<b>\$37,707.94</b>	<b>\$22,187.86</b>



# Recap: RI Board of Directors Meetings

**Below is a partial recap of the March and April RI Board of Directors Meetings. We've included the items that relate to District 5630 and Zone 29 during the Covid-19 pandemic.**

The RI Board prioritizes the health and safety of Rotarians during the Covid-19 outbreak and encourages Rotarians and Rotary leaders to follow local government regulations. Executive committee decisions:

Districts can delay or convene online their training events, including PETS and district training assembly, if their governments recommend restricting gatherings due to COVID-19 **or** if district leaders feel such action is appropriate. These training events should be completed no later than June 30, 2020.

Districts can delay (until no later than 30 June 2020) or cancel their district conference if their government recommends restricting gatherings **or** if district leaders feel such action is appropriate.

## **Board decisions:**

No in-person meeting or event shall be mandatory for any Rotary participant.... Leaders are *strongly encouraged* to consider all health concerns in deciding whether to hold in-person meetings and shall fully comply with all health and safety rules in effect in that location.

## **For the 2020-21 Rotary Year – until June 30, 2021:**

The general secretary shall prepare a risk assessment of conducting the Rotary Youth Exchange Program during the 2020-21 Rotary year **for report to the Board at its June 2020 meeting.**

In fairness to all districts, *Rotary International shall not fund* the expenses of any president's representative to a district conference for the **2020-21 Rotary year**. If a district requests a president's representative, the president may appoint one at no cost to RI.

## **Specific to Zones 25A and 29:**

*District Leadership Summit* (DLS) will be a virtual summit, rather than in person in Des Moines. Dates will remain the same, July 13-25. *Zone Institute in Houston* will be also be virtual rather than in person. Updates for both conferences are available at [Zones25b-29 website](#).

While we are all saddened to miss the opportunity to get together to share time and ideas in person, our current technology and great education team will ensure we have time to connect and receive effective training.

We are working in a new environment and stepping up to the plate together. We're adapting, and Rotary will come out of this stronger than ever.

Thanks to every one of you!



**Suzi Howe, RI Director 2020-22**



## **Remembering Herb Knudsen 1941-2020**



In our lives we may never know if we have made an impression on others. We might not realize the impact our friendship has meant to others. We may not understand the importance of our counsel or advice to others.

We won't add up all the little acts of kindness that have been so important to others. These are the moral components that bind us as Rotarians.

On April 18, we lost a friend, a true humanitarian, a Rotarian. **Herb Knudsen** was more than a member of the Ogallala Rotary Club. Herb was the heart of the Ogallala Rotary Club. Herb celebrated 30 years in February, and rarely missed a meeting. Herb's love of Rotary was in the Rotary Youth programs. Herb was a Rotary Youth Exchange champion. Exchange students over the past 23 years to Ogallala have remembered Herb in the \*video mentioned below. Herb stayed young and vibrant by connecting with kids. Herb was at RYLA so many times over the past 30 years and was a counselor to countless Rylarians. Mostly, Herb changed lives.

We will truly miss Herb's smile, his engagement, but mostly the future RYE and RYLA students will miss Herb's participation. Our prayers are with his wife Karen and children Peter, Debbie, Karl and Mark.

~Scott McLaughlin, District Governor

\*Rotary Youth Exchange and RYLA students have honored their friend and mentor in this touching tribute, which you can view on YouTube: [Thank you, Herb](#).

# Club News - 1

## Area 1 - Chappell

From Chappell's – and Holdrege's (Area 4) – Facebook pages, this appropriate Wash Your Hands Chart, sung to the tune of [The Rotary Song](#).

### Hand-washing technique with soap and water

1 R-O-T-A-R-Y,  
2 that spells Rotary.  
3 R-O-T-A-R-Y,  
4 is known from land and sea.

5 From north  
6 to south,  
7 and east  
8 to west,

9 He profits most  
10 who serves the best,  
11 R-O-T-A-R-Y,  
12 that spells Rotary

13 R-O-T-A-R-Y, that spells Rotary

### The Rotary Song

Washing your hands for 20 seconds or more is important to maintain good hygiene.

@rotarianevanburrell

## Area 2 - Ogallala



**The Ogallala Club** combined a Saturday community cruise night with a food drive - collecting hundreds of supplies and \$555 in donations. Josh the Otter was on hand to help. Thanks goes to [Slow Lane Coffee](#) for providing their facility. The club also helped sponsor Seniors Cruise Night on May 9.

## Area 2 - Imperial



Favorite photo of the night!



Laura Berchard and Angella Herbert working the popcorn machine.

Imperial's Cruise Nights averaged over 200 cars per Saturday night throughout April. The Club spent \$1000 on gift cards for local businesses, awarded as answers to trivia questions. Popcorn in exchange for freewill donations garnered \$855 for the local theatre. On cruise night before Easter, [Imperial Super Foods](#) matched donations to the local food pantry.

## Area 3 - North Platte Noon

*Congratulations!*

**100 YEARS**  
1920 -2020

**North Platte Noon Rotary Club 1496**  
Serving the Community



With a goal of 68, **North Platte Noon's** Bloodhounds joined with the Red Cross to gather 80 units of blood. Club President *Don Kurre* shows how it's done. The club donated money to local nonprofit teams who promoted the drive.



# Club News - 2

## Area 4 - Cambridge



In February, Cambridge Area Rotarians handed out free popcorn and sold 50/50 raffle tickets at the high school basketball game. Proceeds will benefit RYLA students.

## Area 4 - Kearney Dawn

*Congratulations!*



The Kearney Hub awarded their 2020 Freedom Award for service organizations to the **Kearney Dawn Club**, recognizing their involvement with Hot Meals USA, Cranes on Parade, Dancing with the Stars, Rotarian Roger Hoffman's humanitarian trips to Haiti, and other projects.

## Area 4 - Alma



*Sonja Taylor*, the wife of District Governor Elect *Bob Taylor*, embodies Service above Self. As of April 27, she had sewn some 500 facemasks for [Nebraska's Hands and Feet](#) organization, which has provided some 50,000 masks for @Masks4Medics.



As of May 15, Hot Meals USA – with the help of innumerable volunteers and donors – had provided 75,000 meals to local residents. See Facebook [@HotMealsUSA](#) for more photos and ways you can help.

## Area 4 - Beyond Borders Satellite Club (Kearney Dawn)



*Left:* Every Saturday Beyond Borders member *Silvanus Malaho* of Kakamega, Kenya, takes from his meager stores to serve breakfast and distribute masks, small bottles of sanitizer, and maize (corn). About 60 families benefit. *Right:* Kenyan children wearing masks and practicing physical distancing.



In March, Club Chairman *Dian Edwards* participated in the Rotary North Central PETS in Rochester, MN, where she posed with fellow Assistant Rotary Coordinator *Debbie High* and a virtual incoming RI president *Holger Knaack*, whose theme will be Rotary Opens Opportunities.

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## Area 5 - St. Paul



Paying Back: The St. Paul Rotary Club occasionally meets at the Senior Center, enjoying their meals with the patrons. During the COVID quarantine, with the help of the Senior Center, each week volunteers are preparing and delivering 250 meals to local seniors. Pictured: *Sharon Kryzcki*.

## Area 5 - Hastings Sunrise



Rotarians from the Hastings Sunrise Club celebrated Arbor Day with neighborhood students by planting trees at the newly remodeled Longfellow Elementary School in the heart of Hastings.

The publication target date for the next District 5630 newsletter is **August 17, 2020**.

Please submit your photos and/or articles by **Monday, August 3**, to [cheryl@cherylsdesk.com](mailto:cheryl@cherylsdesk.com).

Thanks, *Cheryl*

## Area 6 - Broken Bow Area



Right now, the Tourney is a go. Check with Facebook @BowRotary for updates. Proceeds will benefit Teammates, Polio Plus, and Rotary.

## Area 6 - O'Neill



With the help of grocer Ron Anderson of [O'Neill Super Foods](#), Rotarians Amy Shane, Tammy Ducker, Kayla Burdick, Holly Cole, Carol Sibbel, Jill Everett, Paula Havranek and Lauri Havranek went shopping for the O'Neill Food Pantry. The club used a matching grant of \$750 from the Rotary Foundation for the project.

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