

Rotarians in Action



Rotary District 5630

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Greetings to my fellow District 5630 Rotarians!

I hope you are as excited as I am about this coming year of service to our communities – and to the world!

We have so much to celebrate this year. To start with, a fantastic team of Rotarians has agreed to be part of the District's leadership. Their names are listed on Page 2.

A Special Welcome to *Kellie Soden* of McCook as Membership Chair, who has started off the year with lots of energy, visiting and inspiring clubs to attract new members. And *Susan Jensen*, a new member of the Kearney Dawn club, has agreed to come onboard as District Trainer. Her willingness to serve and her expertise are going to serve our district well.

I'm already enjoying working as a team with DGE *Glenn Knuth* and DGEN *Scott McKelvey*. The future of our District is in good hands.

All those listed as part of the District Leadership Team are here to serve you as clubs and as individual members. Please don't hesitate to call on any one of them for help or just for information. If they don't have the answer right away, they'll find someone who does!

As I've made my club visits, I've also been impressed with the quality of club leadership in our district. Your dedication makes my job such a pleasure.

DG Challenge

I am thrilled to introduce my District Governor's Challenge for 2022-23 – and especially the prizes your clubs will receive – in many cases, for continuing to do what you already do.

Details are listed in the [Citations Goals and Instructions PDF](#) I've created. Please download it, print it out, and keep it handy as you plan your year's activities.

Here's a summary of the challenge:

The first two pages outline the requirements for a Presidential Citation. Out of the 25 goals, you are asked to select 13 for the citation. The goals are what Rotary International considers Best Club Practices. These include setting goals, planning projects, recording your volunteer hours, and appointing officers.

Page three outlines this year's Governor's Challenge. And yes, there is money attached.

For each club that meets the challenge, \$300 will be awarded at the district conference in April 2023. In addition, if you have a net gain of 5 percent of your membership by July 1, 2023, there will be an added \$100. If you have a net gain of 10 percent of your membership numbers, you will receive \$200.

The club that has the greatest net gain at the end of the 2022-23 Rotary year will receive \$500; the club with the second-greatest net gain will receive \$300. These moneys may be used as your club chooses. There are no other strings attached.

It is such a privilege to work with you this year. Thanks for all you do and are willing to do in your Service above Self.

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DG Visits Deb-Style



Kearney Noon Club



McCook

*Please send your DG Visit photos to
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Imagine Rotary Tour Nebraska Style

Using her global Imagine Rotary Tour as an example, **RI President Jennifer Jones** has encouraged District Governors to do the same in their districts. During the last week of September and first week of October, the DGs of **District 5630** (**Deb McCaslin** from Broken Bow) and **District 5650** (**Barb Bartle** from Lincoln) will conduct an **Imagine Rotary** tour across Nebraska. As far as Deb knows, these two Nebraska districts will be the only districts working together in this effort.

On September 6, during their meeting with Deb, club leaders shared their plans for the tour.

Monday, September 26 – Kearney. Kearney's tour will highlight the Kearney clubs' projects and the money and goodwill they have generated. It will include the Veterans Memorial, the Archway Rotary flagpole, and Heritage Park, many of which were funded by the Kearney Dancing with the Stars event. (*Scott McLaughlin*)

Tuesday, September 27 a.m. – Arnold. The Arnold tour will highlight their historical markers project. The club has completed 30 of the 60 markers they plan to erect. (*Ron Cool*)

Tuesday, September 27 p.m. – Broken Bow: Includes a tour of the town, education about Human Trafficking, the club's work in Zimbabwe, and the Pollinator Garden, ending with a Pints for Polio event. (*Deb McCaslin*)

Wednesday, September 28 – Grand Island: Will highlight the celebration of Grand Island's 100-year anniversary (April 1, 2020) delayed by Covid, with a look at the club's history, including Taste of Grand Island. (*Tonja Brown*)

Thursday, September 29 – McCook: Will include both walking and driving tours with a visit to the historic and



DGs *Deb* and *Barb* appeared on KOLN News on September 9 to talk about the tour.

recently remodeled Keystone Hotel and other architectural sites, including a home designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. There will also be a meal at the local Methodist Church, which offers community suppers every week, periodically sponsored/hosted by McCook Rotary. (*Joyce Anderson* and *Kellie Soden*)

Friday, September 30 – Ogallala: Will include their Splash Pad project and a storyboard of other domestic and international projects as well as the polio trailer and info booths about Rotary. The HotMeal USA trailer will be on hand to serve hotdogs. (*Teresa Delahunty*)

The following week will be a tour of eastern Nebraska and western Iowa, with stops in Omaha, Shenandoah (Iowa), York, and Lincoln. (Thanks to Scott McLaughlin for the useful map!)

Local Rotarians have invited print and broadcast media, including KOLN's *Pure Nebraska*; members of the city council, mayors, ministerial associations, extension education officers, economic development people – people who would feel right at home at Rotarians' tables.

Make a plan to take part in the tour – each one will showcase not only Rotary but the unique charm of our Nebraska towns and cities.





WOW! We are just off a busy, exciting, motivating, encouraging and awesome weekend with the new inbound Rotary Exchange Students in Nebraska. Districts 5630 and [5650](#) from Eastern Nebraska and Western Iowa worked together to plan this weekend whirlwind for nine students.



Inbound Orientation students, Rotexes and Rotarians from Districts 5630 and 5650 in Hastings.

District Governor **Deb McCaslin**, from Broken Bow, greeted and gifted our awesome students. Experienced Rotex Alumnae handled most of the discussion topics, *Michelle Kring* provided her catering expertise, and District RYE committee members provided leadership and mentoring throughout the weekend.

Students learned about Nebraska culture, values, and opportunities and experienced farming, ag, and animals at the Nebraska State Fair and community service and landscaping at Prairie Loft Ag and Educational Learning Center in Hastings.



Community Service project at Prairie Loft Agricultural Educational Center following a morning of landscaping. Local Interactors joined us!

Students and adults were home-hosted by Hastings Rotarians, which was an added plus to the great weekend.

We learned this weekend that we have an amazing group of leaders, musicians, and service-minded future Rotarians among us!

Six Rotary Clubs in the district are hosting students this year:

Iñigo ("In-you-go") PINTATO from Spain is being hosted by Ogallala Rotary.

Clara SCHEUNERT from Germany is learning the joys of living in rural Grant.

Maria Augusta MICHELATO from Brazil is loving farm life and animals in Gothenburg.

Annabel HIRCHE from Germany is proud to be hosted by North Platte Sunrise.

Douglas MACHADO from Brazil is sponsored by the Minden and Hastings Sunrise clubs.

A Message to Club Presidents

Invite one of these amazing students to your club meetings, or request a presentation at a meeting or event, or let one or more of them promote Youth Exchange to your club or school. I promise, you will be impressed!

Now is the time to schedule your guest speakers on the topic of Youth Exchange for next year. **Applications are being accepted now through October 15th for the 2023-2024 academic year.**

We are available to tell you more about hosting or sponsoring a student or club responsibilities and to answer any of your questions.

If you haven't been involved in Youth Exchange in the past few years, now is the time! Our district has a 5-Star reputation among the international districts and receives the best of the students from abroad.

If you've been hesitant to become involved, contact me for more information.

–Paula

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2022 – Polio Emergency in New York WORLD POLIO DAY, Oct 24

The first case of paralytic polio reported in the USA since 2013 was reported in July 2022 in New York's Rockland County. The afflicted person is a 20-year-old male never vaccinated for polio. After he experienced flu-like symptoms and weakness in his legs, he was diagnosed with cVDPV2 polio (circulating Vaccine-Derived Polio Virus, type 2). Similar infections have been responsible for paralysis in more than 400 cases across Africa in the last 12 months, primarily in Nigeria and DR Congo plus a number of cases in Yemen.

There is no cure for polio. The only reason such cases are happening is because of **gaps in immunization**. Polio is preventable using vaccination. Attitudes in parts of the USA against vaccinations have created potential for the spread of polio virus. Immunization rates in Rockland County are only slightly above 60%. These rates are so low that a health risk exists because unprotected people can easily spread the virus to each other. Those already vaccinated remain highly protected. Polio spreads easily because 90% of the people spreading the virus have no apparent symptoms. These unvaccinated spreaders are a hazard to other non-immunized individuals.

Polio virus is now spreading in other parts of New York, based on sewage testing in New York City and Long Island. As of September 10th, **New York has declared a disaster emergency** to allow vaccinations to be more readily available, including administration by pharmacies and midwives. Other areas of the country are issuing alerts to be on the lookout for possible spread.

Polio cases are on the rise across the world. In 2021 during the height of the pandemic and social isolation, there were only five cases of polio due to wild Type 1 polio virus. The number of such cases in 2022 is already at 23; this includes Africa where the wild Type 1 virus has been re-introduced to Mozambique after previously being eliminated from the entire continent. The greater number of cases are currently from mutated vaccine strains, predominantly Type 2.

Modern medicine has the tools to stop all forms of polio. With full vaccine coverage, it should be possible to eradicate this disease from the entire world. After being closer to the goal of complete eradication of polio, recent setbacks demonstrate the need for wider efforts.

WORLD POLIO DAY - OCTOBER 24TH

This year, WORLD POLIO DAY will again emphasize fundraising to help provide the world with much-needed polio vaccine. The entire month of October is considered "polio awareness month" in this connection. This year may be somewhat different, including reminders for everyone to make sure that their family polio immunizations are completed for anyone not fully vaccinated.

Lack of vaccination can result from misinformation or reduced availability such as disruptions from two years of pandemic, from refugee population displacements caused by military actions, or from natural disasters.



Pakistan, one of the two remaining countries where polio remains endemic, is still suffering from floods which have covered fully one-third of the nation.

The WORLD NEEDS YOUR HELP to continue the work of polio eradication. Polio Fundraisers can work well, especially with two or more fundraisers each year.

Through Polio Plus, Rotary provides vaccines to the world – the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation matches our dollars 2 for 1.

If you have not recently given, why not donate now? The world needs to END POLIO NOW! Your \$\$ will help! THANK YOU for anything you can contribute!

Donate to End Polio

Delane Wycoff

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Have you ever met someone that as soon as you start visiting with them you wonder how you are just now meeting this person for the first time in your life? This is how I felt about *Leticia Bonifas* -- one of [Lexington Rotary](#)

[Club's](#) newest members.

I have focused on human trafficking efforts for over two years in my volunteer role as Anti-Human Trafficking Chair for the District and had never heard of Leticia and the organization she started over 10 years ago to combat human trafficking in central Nebraska.

A few weeks ago I had the privilege of speaking to the Lexington Rotary Club about the District's human trafficking efforts. When I opened it up for questions I was introduced to a woman with a question about my contact with the Attorney General's Office. She offered some advice and another possible contact for me to try. Little did I know that my 15-minute presentation on a regular Wednesday at noon would help me determine our District's next anti-human trafficking area of focus.

Leticia called me a few days later and after our 45-minute conversation, which felt like only a few minutes, I knew that Leticia's human trafficking organization was something that the District could help out with. I plan to visit with Leticia again to see what that would look like, but in the meantime I want to introduce you to her and her organization. I asked Leticia to write up a brief intro.



My name is Leticia Bonifas. I am the Founder of Central Nebraska Human Trafficking & Immigration Outreach, located in Lexington, Nebraska. We will be celebrating 10 years of service in January 2023. I've served victims of violence for the past 23 years. CNHTIO provides direct services to victims of human trafficking.

Since the inception of CNHTIO, we have served 377 individuals of human trafficking, which includes labor trafficking, debt bondage, and high risk youth. Human trafficking is a complex issue and didn't gain any attention until 2011. Since then, individuals, law enforcement, and service providers have been trained on indicators and red flags of human trafficking.

We can be reached at 308-325-2295 or at leticia.bonifas45@gmail.com.

We offer the following confidential services.

- 24-Hour English Crisis Line
- 24-Hour Spanish Crisis Line
- Crisis intervention
- Emergency transportation
- Emergency shelter
- Public awareness
- Prevention and education trainings
- Trauma informed therapy
- Educational materials for support groups
- Bus tickets
- Safety planning

Rotarians, we have a super hero in our midst (District)! I look forward to visiting with Leticia soon and can't wait to bring ideas to your clubs on ways we can help Leticia with her valiant efforts in combating modern day slavery. We can all become heroes!

END
SLAVERY
NOW

Note: CNHTIO is listed as the Nebraska contact at endslaverynow.org – a rich resource of information and advice.

Angie Swanson

District Chair, [RAGAS](#)

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Special End Polio Now Glasses

PINTS FOR POLIO PARTY WITH A PURPOSE

Join us at Kinkaiders in
Broken Bow
5-8 pm

**Sept. 27,
2022**

Buy a Beer,
Keep the Glass and help
End Polio Now!

Refurbished Iron Lung
on display

Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 50 years. We've made incredible progress in the fight to rid the world of it forever. Now is our chance to make sure no child is disabled by polio ever again.

Endpolionow.org



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Gothenburg Rotary Achieves Milestone Status

On August 1, 2022, the [Gothenburg Rotary Club](#) accomplished a goal they had been aiming toward for a long time. Thirteen Rotarians were presented with their first Paul Harris awards, including five who have joined the club within the past 18 months, bringing the Gothenburg club to **100 percent Paul Harris status**.

Foundation Chair **Joan Windrum** did the legwork for the club in achieving this goal. She devoted hours to figuring out points and how to distribute those among club members, then drafted the necessary paperwork for each member to sign over their points to another member.

"Joan really put all this together for us, and we owe her a big thank you for that," said Gothenburg Rotary President **Randy Burge**. "Our club is very proud of achieving 100 percent Paul Harris status and we are excited about continuing to grow and impact our community."

–**Ellen Mortensen**, Gothenburg PR Chair



Gothenburg Rotary members pictured are: *front row, from left:* Dan Kreiss, Sharon Meyer, Steve Ostergard (wheelchair), Ellen Mortensen, Joan Windrum, Lisa Jorgenson, Will Rahjes, Verlin Janssen, Dan Tinlin, and Steve Peterson; *back row, from left:* Robin Stevens, Matt Olson, Steve Vinton, Dale Anderson, Tim Strauser, Joyce Hudson, Jeff Cottingham, Club President Randy Burge, Travis Anderson, Gary Greer, Deb Egenberger, Tanner Focken and Ray Zimmerman.

Paul Harris club members not pictured are: Aaron Colwell, Andrew Knust, Brennon Malcom, Garret Shaw, Mishayla Freburg, Monte Schriver, Mark Reiman and Allison Jonas.

Grand Island Noon Joins with Clean Community System to Keep Nebraska Beautiful

G[rand Island Noon Rotary](#) has partnered with the [Grand Island Area Clean Community System](#) for several years to clean up a stretch of Highway 281, which is a main corridor into our community. The club typically does this twice a year, of which one is strategically ahead of our busy fall of events such as the Nebraska State Fair and Husker Harvest Days.



Our club takes pride in this work and routinely has a crew of 10 to 15 people canvassing the area with gloves, bags, and bright green shirts that say "Lean, Green, and Ready to Clean." Pictured here is club member **Luke Biggs**.



The Grand Island Area Clean Community System is a proud member of the national [Keep America Beautiful](#) as well as the state [Keep Nebraska Beautiful](#) program. Its mission is to educate and interact with the public, encouraging beautification, a litter-free environment, and waste reduction through recycling.

The Executive Director for Grand Island Area Clean Community System is **Denise McGovern-Gallagher**. She is a long time club member who has also served as club president and is a past recipient of our club's Spirit of Rotary award.

–**Tonja Brown**
Grand Island Public Relations Chair

Membership Chair Message and Welcoming New Members

Greetings to all my fellow Rotarians!

I'm excited for our Rotary year and am looking forward to hearing about all **your** club accomplishments.

Just ask yourself, "WHY?" Why are you a Rotarian?

Is it your regular get-togethers, networking opportunities, fundraising, community and global projects, or just the pride of knowing you are making a difference in the lives we touch?

It is an exciting time to be a Rotarian. Just think of all the amazing opportunities our Rotary organization brings to our lives today. We truly bring our friends and new acquaintances into the Rotary world of humanitarian work, kindness, and service to our communities.

During the month of September, I plan to reach out to our district club presidents for the opportunity to learn more about **your** club.

Here is a link to a [Membership Resource Guide](#) from our Regional Membership Officer, **Emily Tucker**. She's given us ideas – and links to more ideas – about assessing your club and how to attract prospective members – and then once they join, good ways to welcome and engage them.

Kellie Soden

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2021-22 DG Bob Mayber was on hand to welcome new members to [Broken Bow](#): Colleen Gates, Jeremy Clingenpeel and Robert Staab, pictured with outgoing president Jess McCaslin and incoming president Michelle Nelson.



New Rotarians at [Hastings Sunrise](#): Pastor Lance Clay (top); Maegan Blodgett (left); Matt Fong (right), inducted by Daniel McMahon, club president for 2021-22.



[McCook's](#) newest member, Vincent Allen, posing with sponsor Angie Swanson.



PDG Mark Mendenhall installed Tim Schmit into the [North Platte](#) club.



New to [Ogallala](#) this quarter: Jami McGinnis Fleet, Stephanie Reed, and Steph Miller. Not pictured: Emily Kircher.





2022 Big Red Blowout Results

**GO
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RED**



DG Deb McCaslin picking the winners at the August 24 Kearney Dawn meeting.



DG Deb McCaslin and Norm enjoying the tailgate party before the game.

The results are in for our 2022 Big Red Blowout Fundraiser.

Thanks to all the District 5630 Rotarians – individuals and clubs – that participated. Please know you are making a difference – in not only supporting The Rotary Foundation and District Grants but keeping our District dues consistent for the 14 years since the Big Red Blowout began.

The total number of tickets sold? 4,039, for a total gross amount of \$40,390. Added to the dollars raised in previous years, that means this exciting fundraiser has brought in a gross total of \$674,134.00.



As stated in our [District website](#), we owe a special Thank You to **Paul Stec** (Kearney Dawn), for your vision 14 years ago and your steadfast commitment to this annual labor of love. And a sincere Thank You to **Tiffany Ritchie** for your dedication and hours of work shepherding this project again in 2022. This project would not have been accomplished without their efforts and dedication to service in District 5630.



And here are the Winners of the 2022 Big Red Blowout. Each buyer and seller received two tickets and tailgate passes for the September 10th Nebraska vs. Georgia Southern football game; round-trip motor coach tickets to Lincoln; and prime rib buffet dinners at Chances "R" in York. 100% clubs received \$100.

Club	Seller	Buyer
Gothenburg	Dan Kreis	Dan Kreis
St. Paul	Joe Mlinar	Dee Mlinar
North Platte	Misty Robertson	Misty Robertson
Kearney Dawn	Todd Spellman	Todd Spellman
North Platte	Mark Mendenhall	Mary Hevout
Holdrege	Frank Erickson	Frank Erickson
Gothenburg	Jeff Cottingham	Jolene Black
North Platte	Koby Rickertsen	Angelica Hobbs
Cozad	Lyle Davis	Tammy Thurn
Ogallala	LuRae Hagen	Karen Knudsen

Top Sellers

Craig Fidler - \$2,070
Paul Stec - \$2,060
Deb McCaslin - \$1,090

100% Clubs

Kearney Dawn - \$7,360
Broken Bow - \$2,800
Cozad - \$1,090
Grand Island Sunrise - \$1,000





From July 12 to 17, high school students from all over the state gathered at [Great Plains RYLA](#) in Halsey to learn and experience teamwork, leadership, and personal growth – experiences that will benefit them for a lifetime. Thanks to the participating clubs, counselors, and organizers for your service to our district students. We think the photos speak for themselves.



District 5630 Clubs: Meetings with a Purpose



Chadron enjoyed a social gathering at Chadron State Park, where Park Superintendent *Greg Galbraith* shared recent updates and future plans.



Chappell Rotarian *Anita Nein* and her husband *Steve* hosted a Rotary gathering on their farm, which included a potluck dinner and an informative hay rack ride tour of trees, land, and native grasses



In July, the McCook Club began meeting in the evening instead of noon on the second Tuesday every month at Citta Deli in McCook. Every fourth Tuesday is a service project, like setting up the Red Cross Bloodmobile, cleaning a city park, or serving a community dinner.



Gothenburg is not only excited – but planning – for the future. On August 29, the club decided to think big, discuss priorities, and plan ways to serve their community and the world. Special thanks to club Sergeant at Arms *Gary Greer* for leading this strategic planning process. Want to do the same for your club? You'll find some great resources at The Learning Center at Rotary.org.



The Holdrege Club will celebrate

100 Years in Rotary

Thursday, October 6

Ag Center, 1308 2nd Street

6 to 8 pm with social hour at 5:30

Featuring Guest Speaker
Olympic Gold Medalist and
former UNL Cornhusker

Curt Tomasevicz

Please register by **October 3** at
HoldregeChamber.com

Tickets \$40.

Proceeds Benefit End Polio Now



McCook's **100**

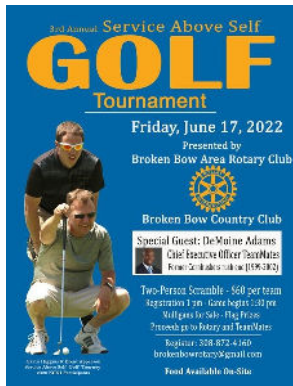


McCook Rotary, founded in February 1922, celebrated their anniversary with PDGs *Bob Mayber* and *Bob Taylor*. PDG *Duane Tappe* (between the Bobs) formerly lived in McCook. He now lives in Waverly and came back for the celebration.



Angie Swanson and *Kellie Soden* organized the celebration at The Coppermill Restaurant in McCook.

District 5630 Rotarians: Fundraisers Galore!



Broken Bow teamed up with TeamMates, raising funds and awareness with a Burger Bash and Grocery Kart on June 16, and a Golf Tournament and corn hole contest on the 17th.



Cambridge Rotary Club
FALL 2022 RAFFLE

12 WINNERS!

Funds Cambridge raised from their Fall Raffle send students to RYLA and provide senior scholarships. They held their drawing during half-time at a high school football game. Great publicity for the club.

Back in June, they sold ice cream floats during Cambridge's Medicine Creek Days, enabling the club to send two seniors to RYLA.



Winners of Chadron's Buffalo Chip Contest in July: The first place winner, *Melvin Oldaker* of Chadron, tossed a piece of dried buffalo dung 156'21" to win the men's 18 and Over division, 9 feet farther than last year's throw. The event attracted 93 competitors.



In July, Chappell Rotary helped serve dinner at Creek Valley Elementary School's fundraiser.



Once again, Kimball Rotary opened their fireworks booth for Independence Day celebrations.

District 5630 Rotarians: Fundraisers Galore and More



In **July**, **Imperial** hosted a pancake breakfast at the local Fire Department and ran their 2nd annual Lottery. In **August**, they hosted their 2nd Annual 9 and Dine Golf Tournament, attracting 24 teams dressed in “Happy Gilmore” costumes. And in **September**, they’re distributing “Rotary mums” that were preordered back in July. With the funds they raised, they got to present hefty checks to the Fire Department and their local movie theatre.



O'Neill Satellite club sponsored an all-summer Sand Volleyball Tournament. Teams competed every Tuesday night. This year's champion teams: The Setting Ducks, Kiss My Ace, and Big Digs Small Tips.



St. Paul Rotary sponsored some very successful Duck Races in July, with all proceeds going to eradicate polio – matched two to one by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Left: The winning duck.

District 5630 Rotarians: More Fundraisers for Good



*Sarah Havermann and
Brett Leibhart*



*Steph Miller, Lorena Beckius, and
Jessop Adams*



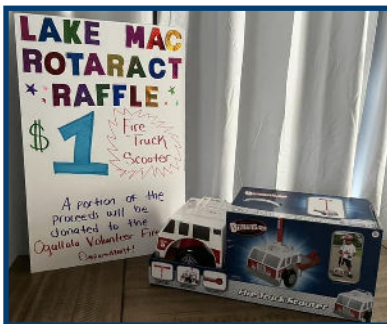
*Jim Delahunty helping unload the 200 lugs
of peaches.*

Lots of [Ogallala](#) Rotarians were on hand for their “Peaches for Education” fundraiser. They sold 200 lugs of peaches in a day and a half.



*Emily Kircher, Lorena Beckius, Jim Delahunty, Sally Haythorn, and club
president Teresa Delahunty.*

On August 6th the [Ogallala](#) club sponsored a Rotary Whack Attack. About 60 people came to smash the car. Proceeds will be used to install a new water station at Collister Park. A big **Thank You!** to [Wolf Auto](#) for donating the car for the fundraiser and to all of the volunteers who helped.



[Lake Mac Rotaract's](#) Scooter Raffle helped buy 200 packets of Gatorade and Propel for the Ogallala Volunteer Fire Department.

In July, [Ogallala](#) Rotarians sold drinks and publicized Rotary at Sounds on the Square Concert Series, partnering with First Insight Eye Care on an eyecare humanitarian project.



District 5630 Rotarians: Serving Their Communities - 1



Phase 1 of the [Cambridge Area](#) Rotary shade/shelter in the downtown park is complete. Helping out are Sarah Nickerson, Will Nickerson, Kathy Benson, Barb Langley, and Russ Wood, joined by Joe Pickenpaugh of Silverlight Construction. Photo by Debbi Runner.



[Hastings Sunrise](#) hosted the Hastings Young Professionals at their Pollinator Project at the Prairie Loft in Hastings.



And on July 4, [Hastings Sunrise](#) Rotarians placed American flags around town.



[Kearney Dawn](#) pitched in to serve at Crane River Theater's High School Musical in June.



The [Kearney](#) club is encouraging sponsorships for the [Dolly Parton Imagination Library](#), which mails books every month to children ages 0 to 5, at no charge to the children. \$30 will sponsor a child for a year. You can participate through the [Kearney Foundation](#) - Kearney Noon Rotary - Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

District 5630 Rotarians: Serving Their Communities - 2



McCook Rotary members traveled to Cambridge to help serve meals to first responders who were helping battle wildfires in the surrounding area.



In early August, **North Platte Noon** joined with North Platte High School and other volunteers to distribute food and backpacks.



In July, Hannah Fleming, her team of **Lake Mac Rotaractors**, and seven industrious kids cleaned up the beach, after which they rewarded themselves with a dip in the lake.



In July, **O'Neill Rotary**, the Community Wardrobe, and **O'Neill Super Foods** sponsored 99 swimmers for group lessons. **At left:** O'Neill Rotarians get ready to serve the bars at the O'Neill Summerfest street dance.



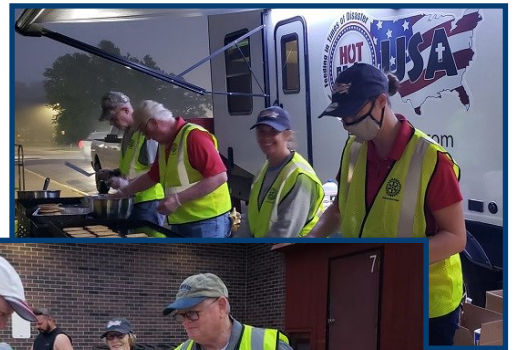
District 5630 Rotarians: Serving Their Communities - 3



John Rogers and club president Bridget Besse Lassen.



St. Paul Rotary honored *John Rogers* as their Outstanding Member of 2021-22. Through St. Paul Bikes, a Rotary project, he has helped give away over 650 bikes in the past three years and mentored young people in the art of bicycle repair and maintenance.



A 4:30 am start for Broken Bow Area Rotarians who provided breakfast for bikers taking part in the Tour de Nebraska - and put the HotMeals trailer to good use.

Welcoming Youth Exchange Students



Gothenburg introduced RYE student *Maria Augusta Michaelato* (center) of Brazil to Tropical Sno shortly after she arrived.



North Platte Noon welcomed back *Juan Pablo Zanguitu*, 2019 -20 RYE student from Argentina in 2019-20. He is earning an AA at MDCC.



Ogallala is hosting *Iñigo Pintato* from Vigo, Spain, who posted some of his personal history and interests on their Facebook page.

Raising Funds for Firefighters



Remember *Sarah Mills'* (Kearney) fundraising appeal at the District Conference in April? Well, Sarah got to give Arapahoe Fire & Rescue \$5000 for new protective masks and goggles, and *Angie Swanson* (McCook) and Sarah presented \$2,000 to the Decatur County KS Rural Fire & Rescue.



District 5630 Rotarians: Paul Harris Fellows Making a Difference



Chadron member *Jim Powell* (left), presented by Foundation chair *Ron Miller*.



Peter Hedstrom, Hastings Sunrise member, presented by club president *Susie Kryzsko*.



Audrey & Tammy



Sarah & Sue



(Left) Lexington members recently receiving new Paul Harris pins: *Scott McKelvey*, *Bernie Svoboda*, and *Jim Hersh*. (Right) Kearney Dawn member *Bob Grabenstein* receiving his +4 Paul Harris pin in June from PE *Cindy Houlden*.



Mick & Audrey

Kearney Noon foundation chair *Tammy Jackson* recognized three Paul Harris Fellows in August: *Audrey Kauders*; *Mick Jahn*; and *Sarah Mills*, with *Sue Hardessen*, her points benefactor.



North Platte Sunrise Club President *Stu Shepherd* presented *Marilyn McGahan* with her Paul Harris Fellow (+2) pin.



North Platte president *David Greiner* presented *Aaron Wenburg* with his Paul Harris pin. And *Steve Chatelain* has earned his 5th Paul Harris.



Holdrege Club Co-President *Monty Vonasek* recognized *Diana Watson* as a Paul Harris Fellow.



Michal Swanson received a Paul Harris Fellow in August from *DG Deb McCaslin* during her visit to McCook, and *Angie Swanson* received her Paul Harris Fellow from club president *Joyce Anderson* in September.



Passing the Gavel

North Platte: Emma Reichenberg, 2021-22
with Stu Shepherd, 2022-23.



Hastings Sunrise: Daniel McMahon,
2021-22 and Susie Kryzsko, 2022-23.



North Platte Noon: David Greiner,
2022-23 with Louise Hoffmann,
2021-22.



Holdrege: Co-Presidents Todd
Hilyard & Monty Vonasek, 2021-22
with Keri Berry, 2022-23.

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Please submit your photos and/or articles by **Monday, November 21**, to daa@5630mail.org.

Thanks, *Cheryl Bryan*

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