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The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

It is hard to believe that a month has already come and gone in this new Rotary year. One thing for sure, being on the road for the majority of the time makes the days pass by quickly. Pat and I have been busy visiting clubs and will have managed to visit 18 clubs this first month. Each time we complete a visit, we find ourselves marveling at the wonderful projects clubs are involved with and we continue to be completely overwhelmed with the hospitality that is extended to us by each and every club. Witnessing the energy and enthusiasm that clubs bring to their projects makes my pride in being a Rotarian grow with each visit.

I do want to remind you that August is Ro-

tary Membership and Extension month. As I visit with clubs, it is very apparent that we all are challenged by our membership and are challenged with retention of members as well. Since the emphasis this month is on membership, I would ask that each of you take some time to think about how you can recruit new members for your club and think about how you might increase your retention of current members as well. Perhaps this month would be a good time for each of us to invite someone we believe would make a good Rotarian to a weekly meeting. There is simply nothing better than to share first hand the fun, food, and fellowship that is a part of the excitement of our clubs' weekly activities. We often hear about good Rotarians that leave Rotary because they have not been actively involved with club pro-

jects. One way to be sure to keep members in our clubs is to make them an active part of the club. If you are not serving on a club committee or have not been asked to serve or have not been assigned a project, visit with your President or another club officer and let them know you are interested in serving. We all have time, talent and treasure to share; so, if you are not asked, make the ask yourself to get involved.

August is also the month this year for the District Conference. There was some confusion regarding the last date one could register for the conference and still have their meals included with their registration so I will try to clear the air.

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CLUB NEWS

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District Governor Roger and Pat Kozak along with Assistant Governor, Jim Harner visited the club on July 27th. DG Roger presented a Paul Harris Fellowship to Tom Snyder.

Brookings



The photo shows Miss South Dakota, Alexandra Hoffman, speaking to the Brookings Rotary Club. She is a student at SDSU and made the finalists at the Miss America pageant.

Suriname School Fundraiser

It's a Party!

Menu

Buffalo, Brats, Beer, & Much More

When

Sunday August 30th
from 4:00-7:00 p.m

Where

4912 Breckenridge Ct.,
Rapid City, SD 57702

RSVP by Aug. 26th

to Hosts Michael & Georgia O'Connor
at 605-484-4086 or
mocgoc@rushmore.com

Be a part of an effort that will make a difference. Thousands of children across Suriname go to schools without running water, indoor plumbing, or access to what we consider the barest of essentials for a productive learning environment.

Make a change, take a stand, and give these children more than they have ever dreamed of. All donations will be directed to the Suriname School Sanitation Project. A worthwhile project if ever there was one.

So, bring your appetite, an open heart, and your checkbook.

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Wagner

Collecting Clothes for Kids

Wagner Rotary President, Monica Wepking, learned through a conversation with Yankton Sioux Tribe Vice-Chairman, John Stone, that the majority of kids, for the second year in a row, would not be receiving any funding to purchase school clothes and supplies.

"The most needy, single non-working mothers with children, may see some funding for their school needs," said Stone.

Wepking asked Stone, "Could the Wagner Rotary Club along with the Wagner Post (Wepking is Editor/Publisher for the newspaper) help by collecting used school clothes, coats, and school supplies for kids?"

Stone said, "The contributions for the kids would be greatly appreciated."

Collecting of clean used clothes/coats for school age children, both boys and girls, will be accepted at the Wagner Post starting Wednesday, August 12-28, 2009 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday.

Rotary volunteers will sort the clothes into sizes and gender. At the end of the month a distribution method and site will be announced through the Announcer/Wagner Post.

"It would be wonderful if every in need Wagner area school child could be given a pair of pants/jeans, shoes, shirt, and a winter coat--hats and mittens are needed too," said Wepking.

The Wagner Rotary Club is going to be talking to the City of Wagner and the Yankton Sioux Tribe on developing a partnership to add another park in Wagner close to Indian housing.

Wagner Rotary Club has also implemented a "mystery gift" to be auctioned off at every meeting with the proceeds going for Polio Plus.

Rushmore

Rushmore Rapid City Rotary Club's annual Golf Fundraiser for the Black Hills Children's Home was \$45,000 successful! Congratulations to Rushmore for the 20th Annual BHCH Golf Tournament.





Local Club Highlights Needed For PR Grant Project

The District 5610 Public Relations Committee recently submitted a grant proposal to fund a public service campaign across South Dakota! The main focus of the grant is to help solicit new members by highlighting the local Rotary accomplishments and projects in their specific areas.

Clubs that have local projects they'd like to be featured in the PSA for their area can submit their project ideas to Marsha Whetham at mwhetham@countrypridecoop.com or call her at 605-842-2711 prior to Aug. 15th!. All entries will be considered for the PSA. Pictures or videos of the selected projects will be needed and arrangements can be made to have them taken if they are not readily available.



Showcase local accomplishments to help recruit new members!

Sioux Falls Downtown



Pictured with Mike Costanza are four of the ten new Paul Harris Fellows from the Sioux Falls Downtown Rotary Club. Pictured from left to right are Tom Gage, Lois Boyce, Mary Husby, Mike, and Anita Kealey. These four individuals were awarded Paul Harris Fellowships by our Club for their outstanding efforts to our community. Tom Gage for his guidance during his term as president that led to the Foundation grants to construct the Miracle Field in Sioux Falls, Lois Boyce for her generous contribution to the Miracle Field, Mary Husby for her decades of administrative service to our Club and Anita Kealey for ten years of volunteer leadership to the Downtown Rotary Club's committees. These people are examples of putting service before self. And, it was our Club wish to thank them for that commitment by bestowing on them our organizations highest honor. Join us in welcoming these Paul Harris Fellows!

Group Study Exchange Schedule

Friday August 21

Arrive-Delta Flight 5572-8:20 p.m.
Overnight at Marriott Courtyard Hotel

Meet/visits with USD students from Japan
Afternoon-District Conference activities
Evening-District Conference dinner

Saturday August 22

Host families pick team members up at
noon
3-7 p.m. McCrossen Boy's Ranch tour,
rodeo and barbeque
Evening free with host families

Saturday August 29

District Conference activities
Afternoon-Rotary Program
Evening-Banquet

Sunday August 23

Time with host families, worship optional
Canaries' baseball game at 2 p.m. if in-
terested
Other activities as requested

Sunday August 30

Worship optional
District Conference, travel to Luverne
Free time with host families

Monday August 24

9:00 Chamber of Commerce, Sculpture
Walk tour
David Munson
10:30 Meet with Mayor and Rotarian
11:30 Downtown Rotary Program, Holi-
day Inn
1:30 Washington Pavilion tour
3:45 Augustana College-football practice,
tour stadium
5:15-Rotary South Program, Young Pro-
fessionals Network-Westward Ho CC
Evening-transfer from first to second host
family

Monday August 31

Travel to Minneapolis, Mall of America, other
touring

Tuesday September 1

Travel to Monticello, tour of Nuclear Power
Plant
Return to Luverne
Evening-Rotary Program and Dinner

Tuesday August 25

9:00-individual vocational visits
11:00 Cherapa Place tour
Lunch-Wild Sage Grille
1:30 Premier BankCards tour
3:30 Hematech tour
Evening free with host families

Wednesday September 2

Travel to Watertown
Tours-Redlin Art Center and King Tut Exhibit

Wednesday August 26

Morning-EROS tour
11:30 Rotary North Program, Pizza
Ranch-East 10th Street
Afternoon-travel to Vermillion
Tour Sprit Mound and/or Ponka State
Park
Dinner at Cody's

Thursday September 3

Individual tours
Noon Rotary Program, Ramkota Hotel
Terex Tour
Evening at Johnsons

Friday September 4

Blue Cloud Abbey tour
Evening-Watertown High School football
game

Saturday September 5

Travel to Brookings
Free time with host families

Sunday September 6

Worship optional

Monday September 7

Vocational visits, tours

Tuesday September 8

Noon Rotary Program
Travel to Mitchell
Corn Palace tour, evening free with host
families

Friday August 28

Morning-golf or brunch at the Winery

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LITERACY

Just when you thought you wouldn't see information from me in the monthly newsletters, you might be surprised to learn that I'm back... Actually, I am the new Literacy Chair for our district.

I hope your club has at least one – or preferably more than one – literacy project. If your club does not have a project in mind for this year, I would love to give you some ideas.

I would love to see all clubs participate in a district-wide Dictionary project. What I have in mind is to have all clubs give dictionaries to third grade students in their area. Then, after doing that for a couple of years, hold a spelling bee with the fifth grade students (these are the ones who got dictionaries this year). I would then like to have each Area hold a spelling bee with the winners from each club. Then...the district would have a spelling bee with the winners from each Area. The cost of running the spelling bees should be very minimal. The main cost is for the dictionaries. I have samples of several different dictionaries that are in the \$1-2 each range. The one that was recommended to me also included an almanac.

I'm not sure how many clubs are already giving out dictionaries. If there are enough already doing this, maybe we could start the spelling bee project this year. Please let me know if you have a dictionary project, or would like to start a dictionary project and I will get you additional information.

If you have a different Literacy Project, I would love to hear about it.

I hope to have more information at the upcoming District Conference.

Vivian Adams, Literacy Chair

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The initial conference registration forms had the date of July 25 listed as the deadline date. That date was for the blocks of rooms that were being held by the area motels and not for the conference itself. The last date to register for the conference is August 15. If you have not already done so, please take time to register for a half day, a single day or whatever length of time you have available to participate. I can guarantee you will become a better Rotarian if you take the time to register and participate at the conference – it is one of the best activities available each year at no cost to each and every District 5610 Rotarian. I hope to see you in Vermillion sometime during the District Conference.

Enjoy the month of August and remember: **Future of Rotary is in Your Hands**

Roger L. Kozak District Governor

2009 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

**Build New
Friendships**

More Program Details

Registration Registration

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Click on Program

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Wednesday September 9

Morning-individual vocational visits
Afternoon-tour Hansen Wheel Works,
Saber Specialties
Evening-gathering/meal with team and
young professionals

Thursday September 10

Morning-Elementary school tour
Noon-Rotary Program-Ramada Inn
Afternoon-tour Trail King
Evening-All host family gathering and
meal

Friday September 11

Morning-shopping/tour at Cabela's
Travel to Oacoma-mid tour rest at Ce-
dar Shores

Saturday September 12

Mid tour rest

Sunday September 13

Mid tour rest
Afternoon-travel to Pierre

Monday September 14

Morning-tours
Noon-Rotary Program-Ramkota
Afternoon-tours

Tuesday September 15

Tours, meet state government officials

Wednesday September 16

Morning-Badlands Tour, travel to Wall, meet
Rapid City Rotarians
Evening-welcome dinner hosted by Terri Whit-
ing

Thursday September 17

Morning-vocational visits
Noon-Rotary Program
Afternoon-tours, shopping
Evening-free with host families

Friday September 18

Morning-touring
Noon-Rotary Program
Afternoon-touring
Evening-host families

Saturday September 19

Morning-tour Mt Rushmore and Crazy Horse
Noon-lunch at Crazy Horse
Afternoon-Custer State Park
Evening-Social and Barbeque hosted by Past
District Governor Dick Nolte

Sunday September 20

Worship optional
Afternoon-host families
Evening-Farewell event at Story Book Island
Radisson Hotel stay

Monday September 21

Depart for Japan



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YEAR

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My fellow Rotarians:

I have always thought it important to bear in mind that Rotary is a voluntary organization, composed of people who are all themselves leaders. When addressing such an audience, I have never thought it fitting to exhort or demand. Every Rotary club is and must be autonomous: The leadership of Rotary International exists not to control, but to motivate and guide.

And so when we in Rotary speak about the importance of membership, I believe it of the utmost importance to bear in mind that the primary experience of Rotary, for the overwhelming majority of Rotarians, is of the club: of club meetings, club projects, and fellow club members.

When Paul Harris began the first Rotary club 104 years ago, he did not initially think of service. Instead, he had in mind a place where people of good character, intelligence, and morals could enjoy each other's fellowship and friendship. The service came later, as a natural outgrowth of the gathering of such people.

Every good Rotarian, every member who shares our core values, will make a club that much stronger, and that much more attractive for others to join. Unfortunately, it is also the case that bringing in the wrong person can have the opposite effect. Rotarians are and must be people of a certain caliber – people with the capacity to do great deeds, the sense to do them wisely, and the strength of character to do them honestly and well.

In the end, I believe that the best way to bring new members into Rotary is the way it has been done for generations: One member invites a carefully chosen friend, client, or colleague to a meeting and, if the match is a good one, proposes that individual for membership. This is the way that our clubs remain harmonious; it is the way that new clubs become old clubs, and new members become Rotarians for life.

The membership challenges that we face today are considerable, and in many ways new. There is no denying the difficulties posed by the current global financial situation. But in the words of Henry Ford, "If money is your hope for independence you will never have it. The only real security that a man will have in this world is a reserve of knowledge, experience, and ability." And as long as we all do our jobs well, and bring in new members carefully, this is a security we in Rotary will never lack.

John Kenny
President, Rotary International