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Make Dreams Real by DG Vivian Adams

Dear Fellow Rotarians, I hope this month's newsletter finds you safe and warm. Mark and I spent most of January traveling. We started with a trip to Mesa, Arizona for President DK Lee's Presidential Membership Seminar – one of two held in North America. The meetings were very interesting and helpful. There were many interesting speakers and several small group discussions. We really need to be working on increasing our total membership in spite of the fact that there are not as many eligible people to invite to join our clubs. More information about this meeting will be forthcoming. In the meantime please remember President DK Lee's request that all Rotary Clubs increase their membership by 10%. How is your club doing?

After the Membership Seminar we headed to Texas to visit family – my mother had recently broken her hip and fractured her wrist. This after losing her partner of almost 13 years. Many of you may remember her as the spouse of PDG Ray Kennedy. Luckily she is doing well and healing quite nicely. We were slowed up on our trip home due to the terrible ice storm the last week of January.

I hope that all clubs have sent new officer information to both Rotary International and to our District Director, Susan. If you have not, please do this **IMMEDIATELY.**

Also, your semi-annual report to Rotary International along with the required dues to both RI and District are now past due. If payments have not yet been made, these need to be paid **IMMEDIATELY.**

February is **World Understanding Month.** On 23 February 1905, Chicago attorney Paul Harris started the Rotary Club of Chicago, the beginning of the world's first service-club organization, Rotary International. Today, in more than 200 countries and geographical areas, more than 1.2 million men and women in nearly 33,000 Rotary clubs carry out the ideal of Service Above Self.

Participating in a **Friendship Exchange** is an ideal way to celebrate **World Understanding and Peace Day** on 23 February, Rotary's anniversary.

When Rotarians participate in a Rotary Friendship Exchange, they return with more than souvenirs and laundry. They bring back lasting friendships, a global perspective, and a new appreciation for Rotary's work.

A member of the Rotary Club of West Chester, Pennsylvania, traveled to Ghana on her first Friendship Exchange. Taking advantage of the exchange's visitor program, she and her daughter spent a week touring the capital city of Accra with their hosts, a member of the Rotary Club of Accra-South, and her husband. Among the many sites they

visited was a fishing village. "The poorest of the poor were there repairing wooden fishing boats and mending fishing nets," she says. "There was a crude facility and an open sewer that served as toilets for the villagers. It was clear why Rotary's work is so vital."

Another seasoned exchange participant and three-time District 7810 Rotary Friendship Exchange chair, has traveled on three trips and helped organize three more. Last year, she accompanied Rotarians from her district on a two-week exchange with District 3030 in Maharashtra, India.

"I also work with clubs in our district to organize visits for incoming teams. It all takes time, but these exchanges build such goodwill and even better friendships," says a member of the Rotary Club of Sackville, New Brunswick. If you have an opportunity to participate in a Rotary Friendship Exchange please do so. You may just find that it's a life altering experience. Have a great month.

Yours in Rotary,
Vivian Adams

**EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR**

CLUB NEWS

Rapid City Rushmore Rotary Club Adopts a Family

The Fast Wolf Family lost their home to a tragic fire in the summer of 2008. In the month of December, we finalized the "Fast Wolf Family Christmas" project, where Rushmore Rotary organized a drive to collect money for Christmas Gifts for a family of 15, (13 kids and parents) as well as food, used clothing and household necessities.



The family was present at our meeting on 12/23 to receive their gifts, and were guests of the Howard Johnson Express Hotel the previous night.

Have you sent in your news items to Susan? The district wants to see more of the club's activities!
susan@rotary5610.org

Presidential Citation

Deadline to submit a list of qualifying Rotary clubs, Rotaract clubs, and Interact clubs to RI World Headquarters: 15 April 2009

The 2008-09 Presidential Citation program supports President D. K. Lee's theme, *Make Dreams Real*. The 2008-09 Presidential Citation brochure, available on the Web, highlights different activities that a club can participate in to qualify for this award. To qualify for a citation, clubs must initiate a service project that will reduce child mortality, achieve a net increase of at least one member between 1 July 2008 and 31 March 2009, and complete one activity from each of the five categories listed in the brochure. Club presidents must fill out and sign their club's **Presidential Citation Certification Form and send it to the district governor by 31 March 2009.**

Rotaract and Interact clubs may also qualify for a Presidential Citation by completing at least four activities overall from any of the categories in the brochure. The sponsoring Rotary club must sign the Rotaract and Interact Presidential Citation Certification Form and submit it to the district governor by 31 March 2009.

District governors must then submit **a list of qualifying Rotary, Rotaract and Interact clubs**, to RI no later than 15 April 2009. **Please do not send the original certification forms to RI World Headquarters, as they will not be processed individually. Instead, please just submit a list of the qualifying clubs.** These lists can be e-mailed, faxed, or mailed to our attention.

This year, district governors can receive special recognition if 50% or more of the clubs in their district qualify for the Presidential Citation **and** the governor and 50% of the district's club presidents personally bring a new member into Rotary between 1 July 2008 and 31 March 2009. If your district meets these additional goals, please clearly indicate this on the list you submit to RI.



Significant Achievement Award **Deadline to submit one nomination to RI World Headquarters: 15 March 2009**

This award recognizes outstanding club service projects. To be eligible, projects must:

- address a significant problem or need in the local community
- involve most or all of the club members in personal rather than monetary service

- be commensurate with the club's size and resources
- be capable of emulation by other Rotary clubs
- be currently active or reach a conclusion during the Rotary year for which the award is given
- be carried out by a single Rotary club

No club may receive the award more than once for the same project. District governors may forward **one** nomination to RI for consideration, to arrive at RI no later than 15 March 2009. Multiple nominations from a single district will not be considered.

SEND TO DG VIVIAN BY MARCH 1 FOR SIGNATURE!

Membership Drives

Rapid City Rushmore Rotary Club are doing a Boys vs. Girls membership drive contest. There are seven new members as a result.

Who else is having successful membership drives? Share your successes so others might learn from you!!

News From Vermillion Rotary Club

The Vermillion Rotary Club held its weekly luncheon meeting on Tuesday, January 27, at the Neuharth Media Center on the campus of USD. President Mary Edelen opened the meeting and led us in the invocation. Susan Tuve gave a brief summary of the work of the Rotary International Foundation in its continuing effort to eradicate polio, its future vision planning, and its efforts to increase a sense of ownership on the District and Club levels.

This was followed by a round of singing, announcements, and introduction of guests including 4 seniors from Vermillion High School.

Rotarian Dan Guyette introduced Rafael Pessoa Gontijo as our speaker for the day. Rafael is our Rotary Exchange student from Brazil. He gave a visual presentation concerning Brazil. He informed us that Brazil was originally a colony of Portugal from 1500 until its independence in 1822. Its Constitution describes Brazil as a Federal Republic including 26 states and 5,564 Municipalities. He also told us that Brazil is the world's tenth largest economy and the fifth largest country. The climate of Brazil has a wide range of weather conditions from equatorial to temperate. Portuguese is the official language. Students are also required to learn English and Spanish. Brazil is famous for an annual celebration of Carnival. It is held 40 days before Easter and marks the beginning of Lent. Carnival has become one of the major images of Brazil. He informed us that the constitution provides for freedom of religion but that Roman Catholicism is dominant, making Brazil the largest Catholic nation in the world. The most popular sport in Brazil is Football (Soccer) and Brazil is one of the top ranked teams in the world. He showed us many pictures of various places in Brazil including: Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo (population 25 million), Porto Alegre, Manaus, Recife, Brazilia, Fernando de Noronha, and his home town of Bom Despacho. He also answered many questions about Brazil, his future plans, and his family.

Our club, and especially the host families, have thoroughly enjoyed having Rafael with us this year.



**Rotary International
Zones 25-26**

Cowpoke Reception

Sunday June 21st 2009
Hilton Birmingham Metropole Pavilion Room
(adjacent to NEC, Birmingham, UK)
4:30pm — 6:30pm
Tickets: \$28 / Person

Very Limited Ticket Availability—
Get your Tickets Early

Send Check & Order Form to:
DG Charlie Tegarden
4530 E. Los Pinos Dr.
Kingman, AZ 86401

For Questions, Contact:
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Name _____

District Rotary Club _____

Guest / Spouse Name _____

Address _____

Email address _____



RI President-elect John Kenny announces the 2009-10 RI theme, *The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands*, to incoming district governors at the 2009 International Assembly. Photo by Alyce Henson/ Rotary Images





Greg E. Podd
District Governor 2003-2004
District 5510
Arizona - USA

PETS 2009 Guest Speaker

Greg Podd became a Rotarian in May 1982 and is a member of the Four Peaks Rotary Club. He has served as club president (1987-1988) of the Phoenix Camelback Rotary Club and chaired many significant projects.

On an International level, he has served as the President's Representative for Rotary International President Glenn E. Estess, Sr. (2005) – District 5710, Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar (2006) – District 7190, and Bill Boyd (2007) – District 7610, Wilfrid J. (Wilf) Wilkinson (2008) – District 7680. Greg is serving as a member of the Rotary International Finance committee for the term July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2009, a member of the Rotary Foundation Investment Advisory Committee for the term July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007. He also served as a member of the Rotary Investment Committee for the term July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2009. Greg also serves as the Rotary International Membership Zone Coordinator for Zone 25 for the term June 1, 2006

to June 30, 2008 and will chair the Rotary International Presidential Membership Conference for 2009. He was also District 5510's representative to the Rotary International Council on Legislation – 2007. Greg was also a panelist for the Incoming Club Presidents Workshop at the Salt Lake City International Convention – June 2007 and a panelist for the Creating Your Legacy within the Permanent Fund at the Los Angeles International Convention – June 2008. He will be serving as the Regional Rotary International Membership Coordinator and the Major Gifts Advisor for Zone 25 for the term of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010.

On a Zone level, he has served as a member of the Zone 25, 26 Executive committee (2004, 2005, and 2008) and Treasurer for the Zone Institute for 2004 and 2005. During the Zone Institute for 2006, 2007 and 2008, he served as the District Governor Nominee trainer and author of the course material. During the Zone Institute for 2004, 2005 and 2008 he served as the District Governor trainer, author of the course material, District Governor-Elect trainer, and author of course material and the Zone Program Production Chair for 2004, 2007. During the Zone Institute for 2004 Greg was a member of the focus panel for "Making the DG, DGE, DGN succession work for your District" and a member of the focus panel for "When you were Governor – the importance and value of a marital team". During the Zone Institute for 2005, he served as the Zone 25, 26 Foundation Institute Forum Moderator – "Opportunities for Partnerships in Service and Fund Development".

On a Tri-District level, Greg is a member of the Arizona President Elect Training Seminars committee (2005, 2006 and Chair in 2007 and 2009), District Treasurer and Arizona Rotary club Treasurer Trainer and author of the course material (2005 – 2008). Greg also established and chairs the "Arizona Rotary Leadership Institute" training seminar for all Rotarians in the State of Arizona (2007 – 2009). He is the Arizona Tri-District Trainer for 2007 – 2009. Greg was also the Arizona Tri-District Foundation program moderator for programs supported by the annual fund (2005). He was also a member of the Board of Directors (1990 – 2003) and President (1994 – 1998, 2001 – 2002) of the Arizona Gift of Life, Inc.; an organization that organizes and provides the means for children from third world countries to come to Arizona to have corrective surgery for congenital heart defects.

On a District level, Greg served Rotary International District 5510 in many capacities. He served as District Governor in the Rotary year 2003 – 2004. (Recipient of the District Governor 2003 – 2004 Presidential Citation Award for outstanding guidance and encouragement through active service activities to alleviate poverty and promote peace and for supporting the family of Rotary). Greg was the Group Study Exchange Leader to District 3790 – Philippines in February, 2006. He was a member and chair of the Rotary International District 5510 Board of Governors in 2005, Chair of the District 5510 Foundation – Youth Services committee (2004 – 2006) and Chair of the District 5510 Foundation Youth Scholarship committee (2004, 2005). Greg is also a faculty member of the District 5510 Leadership Academy – "Rotary's Fiduciary Responsibilities" (2005 – 2008), a member of the District 5510 Nominating committee (2004 – 2006), a member of the District 5510 Finance Committee (2005, 2006 and Chair in 2007), and a member of the District 5510 Foundation Committee (2004 – 2005).

Greg is the recipient of the "Service Above Self Award" – Rotary International's highest honor for individual Rotarians. This award recognizes up to 150 Rotarians annually who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service, in any form and at any level, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others through Rotary.

Greg is a C.P.A. (Certified Public Accountant) and a P.F.S. (Personal Financial Specialist) having operated his own practice since June 1979. During his professional tenure, he has written four professional continuing education courses and has been the keynote speaker and chairperson at five national conferences. Greg has taught many courses as a guest professor at Arizona State University in the Master of Taxation program and has made presentations to over 20,000 Certified Public Accountants and Chartered Accountants from the United States and foreign countries.

Greg and his wife Pam have been married for 33 years, and have three beautiful children; Kyle, Melanie and Bryan. All members of the family are Paul Harris Fellows with Greg and Pam being Multi Paul Harris Fellows, Paul Harris Society Members, Rotary Foundation Sustaining, Bequest Society Members and Major Donors.



You now have the opportunity to use your cell phone to make a one-time US\$5 donation toward polio by texting "polio" to 90999. Proceeds will go toward Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge.

A one-time charge of \$5 will be added to your mobile phone bill. Standard messaging rates and additional fees may apply. All charges are billed by and payable to your mobile service provider. Proceeds benefit The Rotary Foundation. Service is available on most carriers. You can unsubscribe at any time by texting 'STOP' to 90999. For now, this service is available only in the United States for most carriers except Verizon.

Help End Polio Now by texting "polio" to 90999. [You also can donate to polio in any amount online](#) .

**PETS 2009
Mark your
calendars for
April 2, 3, 4, 2009 at
Cedar Shore.

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URGENT
District 5610 is looking for a District Disaster Committee Chair. Are you interested in serving? Contact ED Susan at susan@rotary5610.org

John F. Kennedy Dream
The problems of this world cannot possibly be solved by skeptics or cynics whose horizons are limited by the obvious realities. We need men who can dream of things that never were.

DK Lee, President of Rotary International Monthly Message

Dear fellow Rotarians,

I grew up in a small village, the same village where my family had lived for many generations. I lived close to many members of my extended family, and our family traditions were very strong. In those days, few Koreans ever traveled abroad, and there was very little Western influence. My home, my language, and my culture were all I knew.

When I was in my 20s, I made a decision that would shape the rest of my life. With my father's encouragement, I traveled to the United States to work and to study. I chose San Francisco as my destination and spent nearly two years there, taking classes and learning English. I made my way working at several entry-level jobs.

It is difficult even today to describe what an impact that experience had on me. Everything, and everyone, was different. I was used to seeing only Korean faces; in San Francisco, I saw people from all over the world. I worked hard on my English and in my job. I learned what it was like to be the person who did not understand, who cleaned up after others, who took orders but never gave them. I learned how large the world outside my village really was. And those experiences sent me back to Korea changed.

When I returned to join my father's business in Seoul, I knew what it was like to be a worker at the bottom of an organizational hierarchy – and that affected how I treated my employees. I knew what it was like to do physical labor all day – and that gave me increased respect for those who worked in every kind of job. Perhaps most important, I knew how much of the world lay beyond my own experience. I knew that there were so many different countries and cultures, so many different people in the world. I knew that as much as we are all different, we are all essentially the same. And I knew that everyone, everywhere, sometimes needs help from others.

In Rotary, February is World Understanding Month – a time to focus on the importance of goodwill and understanding for peace. It is a time for all of us to pause and consider how we are pursuing Rotary's fourth Avenue of Service – International Service – because it is our international service, and our international fellowship, that will do the most to help us all build a more peaceful tomorrow.

Dong Kurn (D.K.) Lee
President, Rotary International

Attention Clubs
Did you hold your elections? Please submit your president, secretary, foundation and youth exchange chairs to Susan at susan@rotary.org. This will help the district to achieve the goal of getting the directory out by July 1. Thank you!