



District 5610 Gearing Up



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Make Dreams Real by DG Vivian Adams

That is what we must do this year. Our 2008-2009 Rotary International President, Dong Kurn Lee, from Korea, says, "In 2008-09, I will ask Rotarians everywhere to focus on the most precious resource of every community: our children. Every child deserves the chance at a healthy life. Unfortunately, every day, some 30,000 children under the age of five die from preventable causes. When I first learned this statistic, I thought that surely there had been a mistake, and the number was an error. Unfortunately, it was not. Every day, around the world, children die needlessly of pneumonia, measles, and malaria. Thousands die every day from the lack of a most basic resource: clean water. And many more die from a combination of factors, in which malnutrition and poverty play major roles. This is why the RI theme for 2008-09 is **Make Dreams Real**. Food and water, health care and schooling, the chance at a long and full life — this is the unrealized dream of too many children. In 2008-09, I ask you to **Make Dreams Real** for these children and their families, and to work with me toward the Rotary dream of a happier, healthier, and more peaceful world."

D. K. has given us a HUGE goal this year. We will continue with previous emphases — health and hunger, water, and literacy. We just have to focus our efforts on children. Mark and I have just returned from Los Angeles and the 99th Annual **Rotary International Convention**. It was an amaz-

ing experience. There were at least 18,000 people from all over the world in attendance. Next year we will be going to Birmingham, England. (Are you ready to go?) This was one more form of training to help get me ready for my role at your District Governor. Previously, I have trained at the Zone level in Scottsdale, AZ, Denver, CO, and Austin, TX, and at the International level at **International Assembly** which was in San Diego last January. I feel that all of this training has given me the tools I need to serve you well as District Governor.

I am looking forward to a great year in the District and know that with everyone's help it will be a great year. Our **District Conference** will be coming up very shortly. It will be September 12 – 14, 2008 at the Marina Inn in South Sioux City, Nebraska. Registration forms should be available in a week or so. In the mean time, you might wish to reserve your room at the Marina. They will only hold rooms until August 22, 2008. We have been given a rate of \$79 per room — with either King or Queen beds. The telephone number for the Marina Inn is 402-494-4000. They have a web site at www.marina-inn.com When making your reservation let them know it is for ROTARY. Remember, there is no charge to attend our District Conference. I hope to see many of you that weekend.

Leadership — The district is lead by your District Governor. Your District Governor Elect is Dr.

Roger Kozak from the Vermillion Rotary Club. He is currently serving as one of the Assistant Governors. F. Bert Olson from the Sioux Falls North Rotary Club is your District Governor Nominee. Bert has been serving as the Group Study Exchange (GSE) Committee. Both of them will be working with me this year to assure that continuity of programs will take place.

Speaking of **Group Study Exchange** we will be exchanging with Australia this year. They will have a team here at our upcoming District Conference. I know that you will all want to have the chance to meet them while they are here. If you have an interest in leading a team to Australia — or know a non-Rotarian that would be a good team member, please consider completing an application and submitting it.

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Youth Exchange is now being chaired by Pam Merchant from the Brookings Rotary Club. This is a huge job, but I know you will all give Pam and her committee the help they need to allow us to continue to offer this fabulous program to our young people. We recently joined SCRYE (South Central Rotary Youth Exchange). They are a support group to help us with our exchange program. Both Pam and I were at their winter meeting in Tulsa, OK last February. They meet twice a year to help keep us trained and up to speed on all new regulations within both RI and our government.

Friendship Exchange will again be chaired by John Kittelson from the Sioux Falls Downtown Rotary Club. John is planning a trip to Brazil this fall. There might also be one or two more trips in the planning stages. Maybe a trip to Canada??? Maybe another trip to Norway??? Where do you want to go? Let John know.

Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee is now being chaired by Pat Sutliff from the Rapid City Rushmore Rotary Club. Pat will be accepting applications for this scholarship until approximately August 1, 2008 for the 2009-2010 Program Year.

Rotary Foundation Committee will again be chaired by Scott Hill from the Marshall Sunrise Rotary Club. This is Scott's third year of his three year term at committee chair. There are a lot of opportunities within the Rotary Foundation - opportunities to give and opportunities to serve. If you have an interest in helping mankind, check out the ways you can serve. Also, be watching for information about the District Simplified Grant program. This is the program where Foundation funds can be used within your own community.

As a district, we will continue with our annual **Foundation Raffle**. Each club should be thinking about a prize worthy of the focus of the raffle. Prizes should be substantial in value (several hundred dollars?) The Grand Prize has not yet been chosen, but will probably again be a trip. If every Rotarian in this district will sell (or purchase) at least \$100 of raffle tickets, we would reach our goal of "Every Rotarian Every Year". Everyone's help will be needed.

I will begin making club visits July 10. All club presidents will receive a letter, at the beginning or prior to the beginning, of the month of my visit to their club giving them the time and date of my visit. If there is a change in your meeting place or time, please notify me immediately. In most cases your Assistant Governor will also be coming to the meeting. If you find that you must change the date of my visit, please let me know immediately as most of my time between now and November has already been scheduled with Rotary events. I will make every effort to make whatever changes might be necessary. I'm looking forward to meeting all the Rotarians in the district.

Yours in Rotary, DG Vivian

In 2008-09, RI welcomes its first president from Korea, Dong Kurn Lee. Rotarians already have shown enthusiastic support for Lee's theme, *Make Dreams Real*, which will focus on decreasing child mortality and building membership.



RI President Dong Kurn Lee has seen firsthand how war affects a country, and how international aid can rebuild it. The rags-to-riches story of postwar Korea is what motivates D.K. to excel in Rotary and in business. But hard work isn't all that D.K. is about. He has a warm family, a huge network of friends in high places, and a soft spot for the problems of humanity.

Resource groups

Each year, the RI president appoints resource groups to help clubs and districts address specific issues in their communities. The president selects Rotarians with relevant expertise to serve as members, and district governors may appoint separate district-level coordinators for each group. These Rotarians are backed by a network of zone and area coordinators. For 2008-09, RI President Dong Kurn Lee has appointed five resource groups to support his emphases and reduce child mortality.

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Funds established for residents affected by Iowa floods

By Diana Schoberg

Funds have been established to assist Iowa residents who have been battered by this month's record-setting floods, which have caused billions of dollars in damage and forced the evacuation of nearly 40,000 Iowans from their homes.

Iowa RI districts 5970 and 6000, as well as the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation, have established funds to help with relief and recovery efforts. Contact information is listed below.

"The flooding, it's been devastating," said Dan Baldwin, president-elect of the Rotary Club of Cedar Rapids and president of the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation. "This has actually gone outside the 500-year flood plain. A hospital 10 blocks from the river had to be evacuated. The entire downtown was underwater, some areas with 9 [to] 10 feet of water right in our central business district. Our community has never faced anything of this magnitude in terms of an emergency and rebuilding effort."

Floods have also ravaged other parts of the Midwest, including Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri. The disaster has disrupted rail service in the Midwest and forced portions of interstate highways in several states to close, according to news reports.

The floods in Iowa coincided with a tornado that killed four Boy Scouts at an Iowa camp and just weeks after another tornado killed six people and nearly leveled much of the community of Parkersburg.

"Rotarians in Iowa responded in a magnificent way to the E5 tornado in Parkersburg, where 288 homes were destroyed," said Ken Kolek, a past governor of District 5970 and its current Rotary Foundation committee chair. "Now we turn around and are faced with 1,300 city blocks flooded, between 3,000 and 4,000 residences either partially or totally destroyed, close to 1,000 businesses destroyed."

The donor advised fund being set up by District 5970, covers the northern part of Iowa, including Cedar Rapids, Kolek said. He said he's been inundated with "incredible offers of help from all over the world."

District 6000, which serves southern Iowa including Iowa City and Des Moines, is earmarking an account for flood relief within its Humanitarian and Educational Foundation Inc., established after devastating floods hit the region in 1993. District Governor Diana Reed is encouraging Rotarians who want to volunteer to help out with immediate relief efforts to go through channels in their communities, such as the Red Cross and Salvation Army. She asks that those who want to help with future Rotary projects in the recovery process contact the district office, where they will be put in touch with the appropriate point person.

"Iowans are resilient," she said. "We'll come back."

District 5790 Fund

Make checks payable to "Rotary 2008 Flood Relief" and mail to:

Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation
200 First St. SW
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

To wire funds, call 319-366-2862 or e-mail [Ken Kolek](#) for details.



*The Ambassadorial Scholarship
Deadline is August 15*



Is your attendance missing?
Send it to ED Susan!
susan@rotary5610.org

**It is all about
our clubs!**

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

Fellowship ~ Learning

District Conference will be September 12, 13, 14, 2008 at the Marina Inn in South Sioux City, Nebraska.

Details will be put on the website as they become available.

EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR

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

June Attendance

CLUB	MEMBERS	MEETINGS	AVERAGE
Brookings Rotary Club	84	4	66.96%
Canton Rotary Club	24	4	58.33%
Cherokee Rotary Club	28	5	47.10%
Custer Rotary Club	28	5	39.44%
Hot Springs Rotary Club	41	4	75.00%
Huron Rotary Club	32	4	54.00%
LeMars Rotary Club	33	4	40.74%
Marshall Sunrise Rotary Club	38	4	58.70%
Minneota Rotary Club	13	4	63.46%
Mobridge Rotary Club	51	4	57.35%
Rapid City Rotary Club	86	4	25.00%
Scotland Rotary Club	18	3	55.56%
Spearfish - NBH Rotary Club	36	4	51.50%
Watertown Rotary Club	96	4	33.07%
Winner Rotary Club	41	4	45.00%
Yankton Rotary Club	43	4	69.90%

DISTRICT CLUBS CELEBRATE

The Huron Rotary Club celebrated the 90th Birthday Anniversary of the Huron Rotary Club in early June 2008. The Huron Rotary Charter was issued on June 1, 2008. The occasion was marked by reading the past history of the Huron Rotary Club. A special news article appeared in the Huron Daily Plainman recognizing the day. Birthday cake was enjoyed by all attending. The Sioux Falls Rotary Club (now Downtown Rotary Club) was the Huron sponsor.



ROTARY IS A FAMILY AFFAIR

Pierre/Ft Pierre: Roger Novotny's daughter, Dr. Jill Hart, Optometrist, was inducted into Rotary membership last Monday. His daughter-in-law, Brittany Novotny is also a member.

Rotary International Extends Public Relations Grant Program –
Now is the Time to Act!
By: Marsha Whetham

The RI Board of Directors has once again allocated funds to help districts improve public awareness and understanding of Rotary in their local communities. Increased Rotary awareness attracts the interest of potential members and inspires existing Rotarians.

For the 2008-2009 grant period, applications must be submitted to RI by October 1, 2008. Only one application will be accepted per district but clubs are encouraged to work together to access these funds. Last year, a club from Minnesota and one from South Dakota each had separate projects, but were able to share grant money rewarded from one application.

As Publicity Committee Chair for District 5610, I would welcome the opportunity to work with multiple clubs within our district to secure one of these grants. Total available funds per district is \$10,000 and the district (or clubs) are required to contribute at least one-third of the total grant project (\$3,333.00) which means the total projects could add up to more than \$13,000!

If your club is considering a public relations project of any kind, I encourage you to contact me immediately so we may begin the process. My email address is mwhetham@countrypridecoop.com or my home number is #605-842-2614.