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WOW – WHAT A YEAR THIS HAS BEEN! As I write this final newsletter, I am experiencing a bit of melancholy and at the same time am filled with the most wonderful memories of this Rotary year. I thank you for the honor of serving the district as your Governor. It was an incredible journey not only for me but for my wife Patricia as well. We will always remember the kindness and hospitality each of you extended to the two of us.

Each time we completed an “official” visit with a club we would be so impressed with the energy and excitement everyone brought to their local projects. At the end of each day we would wonder how it could get any better than what we just experienced. And then the next day we would start all over with another club and the same feeling was present again. One of the best parts of this year has been witnessing the energy of each club, the dedication of individual members within our clubs, the ability you all have of realizing that you can make a difference and

then you go out and do make a difference in your communities, your district and the world. One thing that I have witnessed over and over again is the fact that Rotarians are steadfast in their resolve and dedication to help others. It is such a great privilege to be part of such a powerful organization which does so much good in our world.

I would be remiss if I did not say thank you to all who have fulfilled their responsibilities to the volunteer jobs they accepted. This organization cannot function without the dedication and know-how of all its volunteers. Pat and I have shared the friendships and great joy in service that are the gifts of Rotary. All of you have welcomed Pat and me to your clubs and to your special events and projects. You each have touched our hearts in so many ways throughout the year that we have never been prouder to be a part of the Rotary family. It is the wonderful Family of Rotary that permits us to be un-

daunted in our imagination, desire and determination to make our world a better place for all.

In closing, I again want to express my gratitude and heartfelt thanks to all my fellow Rotarians who made my year as your Governor the experience of a lifetime. As I now move into a supporting role for Governor-elect Bert Olson, I will carry with me the honor of having served with the best. To my leadership team, I commend all of you for working so diligently all year long. We can pass the baton on to Bert and his leadership team with a great deal of confidence that the District is one of the finest Districts in the World.

Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to serve you as your District governor for 2009-2010. It has been an incredible honor and privilege that I will remember for the rest of my life. Thank you so very much.

Yours in Rotary,
Roger L. Kozak
District Governor

CLUB NEWS

Luverne

Bike Safety

Luverne's Rotary Club gave third and fourth graders at the Luverne elementary school new bike helmets Monday as part of Rotary's on-going support of bike safety in the community. The give-away included DVDs on bike safety and retired Luverne chief of police Keith Aanenson reviewed hand signals with the students. Since many of the kids in the school district frequently ride on country gravel roads, Aanenson talked about extra caution needed while riding on loose gravel.



Rotarians Berghorst and Hartquist awarding helmet, President John Call looks on



Helmet recipients are pictured with Rotarians Jim Harner, Barb Berghorst, Jeff Hartquist and retired police chief Keith Aaneson.

Sibley

The Sibley Rotary Club presented scholarships to five students on Friday, May 7th at the Sibley-Ocheyedan High School. One scholarship was for \$500.00 and four were for \$250.00. On Wednesday May 19th three Rotarians took pictures of 64 6th graders as part of the Jacob Wetterling Foundation abduction prevention program. Sixty four information and DNA collection kits were also distributed to the students from our Rotary Club. This continues to be an annual event.

Send your club new to Executive Director Susan. susan@rotary5610.org.

Winner

Winner Rotary Club is sponsoring a Winner High School student, Jacob Naasz, to attend the World Affairs Seminar which is taking place in Waukesha, Wisconsin at the end of June. The seminar is called "Global Freshwater Challenge". He was chosen by our district to receive a scholarship for his registration. Our club is paying his transportation costs. This is a very exciting opportunity for Jacob and he is looking forward to the experience.

We also took time to plant 18 trees around the city of Winner last week with more to come in another week. This is a long standing project for our club and, to date, have planted approximately 1,000 trees.

Clark



Clark Rotary is entering its fourth year of planting boulevard trees for the community. Approximately 250 trees have been planted at no expense to the community. The value of the project is seen each spring as one drives around town and views all the new trees in various stages of development. A Volunteer Spirit has caught on as other community members, both adults and students, volunteer to help dig holes, plant, mulch, water and care for the trees. Shown in the picture are Rotarians Chad Fjelland, Dave Boehnke, Jerry Olson and President, Rev Kevin Petersen. Trees are purchased from a local businessman, Bob Bjerke, who supplies the bare root trees to the club. District matching funds were used for this project this year.

Canton

Canton presented their plan for a picnic shelter to the Planning and Zoning commission recently and received approval to move forward. In other news, Rotary Exchange Student Luigi Beltrami Chianelli recounted his experience over the past eight months as last week's featured speaker. His journey ended on 31 May 10 as he returned to Rome.



2010 District Conference



District Governor Elect Bert Olson and First Lady Cindy Olson invite you to the 2010 District Conference to be held in Sioux Falls South Dakota Downtown Holiday Inn

Conference Preview

District Conference—August 26-28, 2010

RI Directory Phil Sivers

Diane Kessel-Knight

Japan GSE Outbound Team



Daycare will be provided!

On-line registration available soon on the District website www.rotary5610.org

Dear Rotary Club incoming Presidents and Secretaries:

Our District Conference Planning Committee is putting together a wonderful conference here in Sioux Falls, scheduled August 27 and 28 at the Downtown Holiday Inn.

We will have on-line registration available later this month on our District website, so you can register for the conference with a link to the Hotel.

As you know, our theme is Building Communities, Bridging Continents and we want to feature some of the District's best local and international service projects.

If you have a project in your club and would like to have someone speak about it at the conference, please let me know.

Also, please plan to bring a display board or materials from your club to highlight your club's activities—we would like to create a "House of Friendship" area at the conference.



Group Study Exchange

We now have a presence on Facebook for all those who have an account or want to have an account. It is **Rotary 5610 GSE**

Deadlines for The Rotary Foundation Contributions

Checks at WHQ Lockbox: Must be postmarked 30 June 2010 or prior and received at the lockbox by Wednesday, 7 July 2010.

Wire transfers: Must be initiated prior to 30 June 2010 and received in the bank by 3 July 2010.

Credit Cards: Online via Rotary.org – must be authorized prior to 30 June 2010 CDT, midnight. Via fax, phone or mail to World Headquarters - must be received and authorized prior to the close of business on 30 June 2010(CDT, 5pm).

Reclasses/Redistrib: Request must be received in the TRF Corrections e-mail box prior to 3:00 pm on Tuesday, 6 July 2010.

United States:

The Rotary Foundation
14280 Collections Center Dr.
Chicago, IL 60693

Progress for Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge for polio eradication

As of 25 May, Rotarians have [raised about \\$127.4 million](#) for Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge. These contributions will help Rotary raise \$200 million to match \$355 million in challenge grants received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The resulting \$555 million will directly support immunization campaigns in developing countries, where polio continues to infect and paralyze children, robbing them of their futures and compounding the hardships faced by their families.

As long as polio threatens even one child anywhere in the world, children everywhere remain at risk. The stakes are that high.

Polio on the decline in Nigeria, India

- As of 20 April, Nigeria has reported two cases of polio in 2010, compared to 193 cases for the same period in 2009.
- India has reported 19 polio cases compared to 32 cases -- and none in the past five weeks.

Ambassadorial Scholarship

In 2010 District 5610 will award an Ambassadorial Scholarship for one year study abroad during the school year 2011-2012. The Ambassadorial Scholarship is a \$26,000 grant funding costs associated with round-trip transportation, one month of intensive language training, required fees for a normal course load, room and board, and educational supplies. Applicants must have completed at least two years of university course work, or must have a secondary school education and have been employed in a recognized vocation for at least two years when the scholarship begins. Applicants must initially apply through a local Rotary club. For more information on this fantastic opportunity and application forms please go to www.rotary.org Applications are due to Pat Sutliff by July 15, 2010 pmsutliff@gmail.com

PolioPlus



Polio Plus

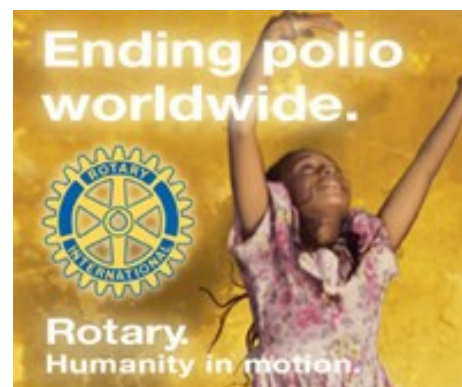
I want to thank the Mitchell, Madison and Minneota Clubs for their recent contributions to The Rotary Foundation earmarked for Polio Plus. I would love to have a check from the members and clubs that have not participated in the past. Recently there was a report about a case of polio in Russia which demonstrates polio is indeed only a plane ride away. The doomsayers are saying it is impossible to eliminate Polio. Rotary knows otherwise. Recent data continues to show it is possible and we will do it. While there have been cases getting out of the endemic countries of Nigeria, India, Afghanistan

and Pakistan they are few in number and clean up teams are in the neighboring countries to stop it from becoming endemic in them again. There have been only 146 cases of paralysis world wide this year compared to 416 last year. Nigeria has had only 3 cases, India 20, Pakistan 18 and Afghanistan 8. This is a wonderful improvement in remote, poor, dangerous places. Tajikistan has had more at 56, so a large (and expensive) effort there has been organized

Elimination of Polio Forever is going to be Rotary's and your legacy.

PLEASE BECOME A PART OF THIS CROWNING ACHEIVEMENT WITH A DONATION. This is "Rotary's Number One Priority".

Willis Sutliff MD
Polio Plus Chair Person





Rotary District 5610 seeks GSE Team Leader Candidates to District 3120, India



District 5610 is seeking candidates for a Rotarian team leader for the outbound Group Study Exchange to District 3120 in India. The exchange to District 3120 is scheduled from **January 4 to February 3, 2011.**

The GSE program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for business-people and professionals who are in the early stages of their careers. The team will experience the host country's culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships and exchange ideas. Information on the GSE program is available at www.rotary.org.

Team leader candidates must be experienced Rotarians who are willing to lead the team and act as a liaison between team members and the host clubs. Also, the leader must possess a willingness to play an active role in the team's preparations and orientation prior to departure, ensuring that team members are well informed, motivated, and cohesive.

Applications for team leader will be accepted until Wednesday, August 4, 2010. Interviews are tentatively scheduled for August 26-28, 2010, in Sioux Falls, coinciding with the District 5610 Conference. Along with the application, please submit a written statement responding to the following:

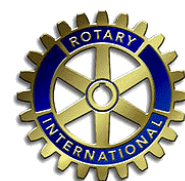
1. What makes you interested in leading a GSE trip to another country?
2. How would you describe your team-building style?
3. Tell about a time when you set out to build good will and better friendships with a person who was different from you in some way.

Choose two words to describe yourself and explain why you chose those words.

Find the application form on the Rotary web site (Service and Fellowship>Fellowship>Group Study Exchange). Send completed applications to Kate Campbell at kcampbell@sio.midco.net or at 2001 S. Summit Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57197.

Blogs at www.5610toBrazil.com, www.5610toAustralia.com, and www.5610toJapan.com tell the stories of previous GSE exchanges from District 5610.

If you have any questions or want additional information, please contact GSE Co –Chairs Kate Campbell at kcampbell@sio.midco.net or Chris Paustian at paustianc@mit.midco.net.





August 26-29, 2010
District Conference
Downtown Holiday Inn
Sioux Falls, South Dakota



PolioPlus
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Today



In February, I attended the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Rotary Club of St. Paul, Minn., USA. After dinner that evening, a young lady came up to me and asked, "Of everything you have seen this year in Rotary, what has touched your heart the most?"

For such a simple question, it was nearly impossible to answer – only because I have seen so much that has touched my heart so deeply and made me so proud to be a Rotarian. These past 12 months have given me the opportunity and the privilege of observing firsthand how our service touches the lives of others, and how great are the needs we address.

It is one thing to see photographs of the devastation in Haiti caused by January's earthquake. It was another thing entirely for me to walk among the rubble, to see the collapsed buildings, to understand that the true scope of the tragedy will never be known.

In Banda Aceh, Indonesia, where Rotary has done so much to rebuild the city shattered by the 2004 tsunami, I thought I understood the scale of the disaster before my visit. But I was not prepared for the sight of a large freighter in a field 2 miles inland, swept there by the tsunami.

In China, at a Rotary-supported orphanage, I held a two-month-old girl who had been abandoned on a train. With that baby in my arms, I realized that what Rotary provided to the orphanage – food, warm clothing, a clean and safe home – was only one part of what was needed. What that child wanted most of all, in that moment, was simply to be held and to feel loved, and that touched me very much.

There is so much we can do as Rotarians that will mean so much to others. And as important as it is to give material assistance – to help in the areas of water, health and hunger, and literacy – it is equally vital that we give that help freely, with true caring for others. Because often, simply caring is what helps others most of all.

As this Rotary year and my term as RI president draw to a close, I thank you all for your service to Rotary and your support. I have been honored to serve as your president, and remind you that *The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands*.

John Kenny
 President, Rotary International