



# District 5610 Gearing Up

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## The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands



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Dear District 5610 Rotarians:

As I write this newsletter, I am filled with the most wonderful memories of the recent District Conference. My first words are "Thank you" to everyone who attended and participated in the 2009 conference. I also want to give my deepest thanks to the entire conference team; you have shown what can be done when everyone comes together with a single purpose. You provided a program and a venue that made everyone feel welcome and a program that permitted everyone to learn and grow in Rotary.

We had the honor and pleasure to listen to a remarkable group of Keynote Speakers. President's Representative Barbara Feder shared a most interesting Rotary history through the eyes of "Tillie", Rotary International Director Tom Thorfinnson gave a very engaging and mind-opening keynote titled "Rotary at its Core" and Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator Bill

Pettus provided some amazing insight by sharing his thoughts on "The Relevance of Rotary". These presentations gave everyone a chance to revisit their own thoughts about Rotary and what Rotary means to each of us. It was not all lectures and presentations; the conference was also filled with music. We had some wonderful singing by all members in attendance and were also entertained by a string quartet during the lawn party on Friday evening and were treated to a fabulous concert by the Rawlins Piano Trio after Saturday evening's banquet.

In addition to the presentations by the keynote speakers, the presentations by our clubs for their service projects, presentations by the inbound Japan Group Study Exchange team, comments from the inbound and outbound Ambassadorial Scholars, and the inbound Youth Exchange students were simply outstanding. What remarkable groups we have in our District, each committed to furthering their

education and also contributing to the ideals of service. I certainly want to thank the many project presenters and participants who participated in each of the breakout and plenary sessions. Our conference is held to celebrate the many accomplishments of our clubs and our club members and it was a genuine pleasure to have all of you in Vermillion – you each did an exemplary job – Thank You.

Remember, the month of September is "New Generations" month on the Rotary calendar which gives us the opportunity to focus our efforts on the young adults and children of our communities. Let's make a special effort to show that we care and show that we believe deeply in our youth by engaging in a special project or activity to demonstrate that the youth of our communities have our support.

Roger L. Kozak  
District Governor

# CLUB NEWS

## Canton

Here at the Canton Rotary Club we have inducted four (4) new members in the past three months and are planning to induct another at next week's meeting. Additionally, we have started "First Friday". This is a time of fellowship on the first Friday of each month in the lounge of a club member's restaurant. We have no agenda and are encouraged to bring potential new members and non Rotarian friends to this relaxation time.

Finally, our club elected to host a Rotary exchange student this academic year. Luigi, a young man from Rome, will arrive later this month - hopefully. Canton has a history of hosting, but has not done so

## Watertown

The Watertown Club does a lot with the Middle School and High School. In the HS we award \$8000 annually in scholarships (\$4k for college and \$4K for Lake Area Tech in Watertown) and we give sports awards at end of the year for all kinds of boy's and girl's athletics. In the middle school, we have the most improved students and the top academic students attend a meeting and we get one of our own members to deliver a motivational speech. It is a good annual focus each and every year.

## Where are you?

Send news to Susan

[susan@rotary5610.org](mailto:susan@rotary5610.org)

## Clark & Watertown

Watertown Rotarian, Paul I Hinderaker, noted that "confusion reigned supreme at the 59th annual Golf Tournament and Intercity meeting" hosted by Clark on Monday, Aug 20. An afternoon golf match followed by dinner and score queries found these members victorious. Closest to the pin, Jerry Olson (Clark); longest putt, Sandy Hoved (Clark); longest drive, Gayle Wookey (Clark) and Joe Bjerke (Clark); high score, Lee Syring (Watertown); low score, Mark Stein (Watertown). The Celebrant Trophy was presented to Dale Bradshaw of Watertown and the traveling trophy is still "lost". After a challenged audit, it was announced that the Clark team had emerged victorious by two strokes. Watertown vowed "next year".

# Custer

The Custer Rotary club celebrated their 75th anniversary on August 15, 2009 with a dinner at the Crazy Horse Laughing Waters restaurant. There were 34 Custer Rotarians and spouses in attendance. The actual anniversary date of the club charter was on May 15.

The keynote speaker for the evening was District Governor Roger Kozak. Roger's wife Pat accompanied him. Also attending was PDG George Twitero and his wife Sherry from the Rapid City Rushmore Club.

# Canby

The Canby, MN club participated collaborated with SW United Way in a Stuff the School Bus Campaign. We distributed school supply lists and collected items and money donated by the public to provide complete sets of school supplies for almost 70 needy children in the MN School District 891. We will have a steak fry on September 19th as a fund raiser for next year's campaign.

# Rapid City & Rushmore

The Rapid City area Rotary clubs—Rapid City and Rushmore have a heavy schedule of activities for September and October.

Beginning the first week of September we are hosting an exchange from Paramaribo, Suriname. The group consists of 10 Rotarians and one younger son. We have a whirlwind of touring of the Black Hills planned, along with several social events. The group is hosted in a number of Rotarians' homes. They will give presentations to both club meetings. This exchange is in response to our visit to Suriname last February, when 10 Rotarians from Rapid City visited and were home-hosted in Suriname. While there, we were presented with 3 project proposals, of which we chose to support the School Latrine Block. This summer we held four fundraising parties at Rotarians' homes, and to date have raised over \$3500, plus our 2 club matches of \$1500. We have applied for a TRF matching grant for a total of \$40,815 to build one school latrine. We will present a Storybook Island project to the visiting group, with hopes they will accept and help fund our project. This has been a very interesting and gratifying cross-culture and international exchange.

Then we will host the Japanese GSE exchange from September 16 to the 21, with a farewell party on the 20th. The team will be home hosted by the Rushmore Club, vocational and touring by the Rapid City, Northern Hills and Custer clubs.

The Rushmore Club will co-host a fall festival with Leadership Rapid City group at Storybook Island on September 12-13, as a fundraiser.

The Rapid City Club launches the fall lighting project on October 10, putting many volunteers to work lighting the sets at Storybook Island. This is a major fundraising effort for Storybook Island every year, sponsors of sets are solicited for funds.

Fall is a busy time for Rotarians in the Black Hills!

## Rotary District 5610 seeks GSE Team Leader Candidates to District 2820, Japan

District 5610 is seeking candidates for a Rotarian team leader for the outbound Group Study Exchange to District 2820 in Japan. The exchange to District 2820 is scheduled from March 20 to April 18, 2010.

The GSE program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for businesspeople 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](http://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 Thursday, October 1, 2009. Interviews are tentatively scheduled for October 10, 2009. 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](mailto:kcampbell@sio.midco.net) or at 2001 S. Summit Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57197.

Learn about the adventures of the incoming team from Japan while they are in District 5610 during September at [www.2820fromjapan.com](http://www.2820fromjapan.com). Blogs at [www.5610toamazon.com](http://www.5610toamazon.com) and [www.5610toaustralia.com](http://www.5610toaustralia.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 Bert Olson at [fbolson@fnbsf.com](mailto:fbolson@fnbsf.com) or Kate Campbell at [kcampbell@sio.midco.net](mailto:kcampbell@sio.midco.net).



### Centerville Rotarian to Visit Africa

Pastor Trisha Boese, of the Centerville Rotary Club, is the full time pastor of Scandia Lutheran Church in the small community of Centerville. She has days full of challenges, from teaching the Centerville High School youth confirmation classes, chaperoning ski trips and canoeing/wilderness adventures to leading the Church Council elders in decisions that will benefit the 100-year-old Scandia congregation. Somewhere in there, she also delivers a sermon or two per week, plus officiating at wedding and funeral services. Always looking for another way to serve, Pastor Trisha has signed up for the experience of visiting Cameroon, Africa, along with two delegations from the South Dakota Synod. The Mission Trip is designed to help the Cameroon Partners in Christ celebrate the installation of their newly called Bishop in Cameroon. The delegations will teach to women at the seminary and help to build and install a roof on a village church, at the cost of ap-

proximately \$7,500 per roof.

The trip, scheduled from November 18 to December 5, 2009 will cost each delegate \$4,000 to travel to Africa and home, plus the additional challenge of assisting to raise money to build the roof. The Centerville Club, currently 15 members strong, has pledged to help Pastor Trisha raise the funds needed for her "international outreach opportunity."

The Club is working with the local school to schedule a soup/sandwich/pie supper at a local volleyball match and possibly a Tailgate party at a home Tornadoes Football Game.

The Club is also asking District 5610 clubs to consider a donation to this adventure. In exchange, Pastor Trisha would love to come to your Rotary Club and share her experiences with you. You may contact President Brendyn Richards in Centerville or Pastor Trisha herself at [pastortrisha@scandialutheran.com](mailto:pastortrisha@scandialutheran.com) for inquiries or to donate.

# 2009 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

## Music Museum



# What did you miss?



From left to right: PDG Rick Wahlstrom, PDG Dan Boyden, PDG Larry Fjeldos, PDG George Twitero, PDG Vivian Adams, PDG Dick Nolte, PDG Don McLaughlin, PDG Ron Krage, PDG Shirley Hiller and DG Roger Kozak.

## Youth Exchange



## Old & New Friends



## Special Guests



RI President Rep Barbara & husband, Abe



**Are you coming next time?  
August 26-29, 2010 Sioux Falls**



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My fellow Rotarians:

Lord Byron wrote, "The days of our youth are the days of our glory." For me, that is the line that springs to mind whenever Rotary's youth programs are mentioned. In Rotary, September is New Generations Month – a time to focus our attention on our programs for youth and the role they play in shaping the Rotarians of tomorrow.

Our youth programs – Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Rotary Youth Exchange – are some of the most important programs of Rotary. I say this because of the unparalleled potential they have to influence young minds and souls toward peace, goodwill, and harmony. That potential is the greatest in youth because the experiences of our early years never leave us; they shape who we later become. In the words often attributed to St. Francis Xavier, "Give me a boy until he is seven, and I will give you the man." For myself, I would give it a bit longer than that – but there is no doubt that the experiences of our youth have a greater formative power, and a greater ability to shape character, than any we may have in our adulthood.

When a teenager from the United States has the chance to travel to India to participate in a National Immunization Day, or when a student from Brazil spends a year studying in Japan, that person will be forever changed. These young people will have formed connections and affections that will endure. They will never think about their own country, or the world, in the same way again. Their perspective, their priorities, and their values will have been permanently shaped by that experience in a way that no later experiences will have the power to do. Your hard work ensures that these experiences continue to be possible – that these programs continue to be available, to be well run, and to earn the trust of the participants and their families.

The impressions of youth are strong, and they are lasting. There is never a second chance at them. We may grow and change as we get older, and we are surely changed by all of our experiences. But there is never another chance to build who we are. That happens only once: in our youth.

The days of our youth truly are the days of our glory – but through Rotary's youth programs, those days become the glory of all of Rotary.

John Kenny  
President, Rotary International