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Dear Rotarians and Friends of Rotary,

The month of April has started with many of us receiving a lot of snow. Even the recent PETS weekend was somewhat marred by the snow. I for one will be glad when we have seen the last of the snow for this winter season. I am definitely ready for some nice spring weather.

Speaking of the recent PETS weekend. Except for the snow, it was a wonderful weekend. DGE Roger Kozak and his committee did a great job in organizing the weekend and having dynamite speakers. If you were in attendance I'm sure you agree with me. If you were not in attendance, you missed a great training weekend. I'm sure that DGN Bert Olson will have as good a weekend next year. You need to be sure to get the dates on your calendar NOW! It will be the third weekend in April 2010. Hopefully allowing us to miss the snow storms.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS – UNBELIEVABLE!! I can't believe that some of our clubs have not yet taken advantage of the opportunity to use points of deceased and former members. WHAT A WASTE! After July 1, we (you) will lose these points as only the person who donated the points will be allowed to transfer them AND we will also be able to transfer ONLY 500 points or more. It is not too late to get a Paul Harris Fellow using points from your club. If you are interested in becoming a Paul Harris Fellow while having the possibility of using points (dollars) that were originally contributed by someone else – check with your club's Foundation Chair. If anyone has any questions about this, please let me know.

FOUNDATION GIVING – Our annual Foundation Raffle was held last Saturday. Look elsewhere in this newsletter for a list of the prize winners. If you have not yet actually made your contribution for the tickets please do so IMMEDIATELY. Club Foundation chairs need to be sure you send your club's contributions to the Rotary Foundation ASAP. Have you reached your goal for this year? If so, can you afford to give more? If not, will you honor your commitment now? After all, if we don't continue our contributions to the Foundation, there will be no money to allow us to provide the good works we provide around this wonderful world. DON'T FORGET to include your Polio Plus contributions. Remember we must now come up with \$200,000,000 to match the \$355,000,000 that was donated by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for the eradication of Polio. We are asking for a minimum of only \$20 per Rotarian this year and \$40 for the following three years to help us meet our obligation. Think about how little you might need to give up to allow children to grow up without the threat of Polio.

MEMBERSHIP – How are you doing in meeting your club's membership goal? Membership is everyone's responsibility. If we don't grow our clubs we will eventually die. Maybe you should be considering starting a new Rotary Club. If you need information on how to do this, you can contact with Membership Chair Roger Wiltz, or me. We would be glad to give you whatever assistance you might need. I understand there might be a couple of new clubs in the works. Remember, we can NEVER have too many Rotarians or Rotary Clubs.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS – I realize that Birmingham, England might be a little far for some of you, but did you

know that the convention in 2010 will be in Montreal, Canada. This is much closer to home and it should be quite easy and economical for Rotarians in this district to attend. Remember, Rotary Conventions (whether District or International) are designed for the average Rotarian. They are NOT designed only for officers or "important people" (unless you consider all Rotarians "important people". The convention in 2011 will be in New Orleans, Louisiana. That's two years in a row with conventions relatively close to us. Let's think about encouraging large groups of our members (and their families) to attend one or both of the upcoming conventions.

I guess I should mention that April is Magazine month. What does this mean? I think it means that we should all be reading our monthly Rotarian magazine – THEN sharing our copy of the magazine with someone else. Have you ever considered taking your copy to your Doctor's office, or Dentist's office, or Senior Center, or...Have you ever considered purchasing a subscription of the Rotarian for your local library? There is a wealth of information in each issue of the Rotarian.

Well, that's it for this month. Enjoy the warmer weather.

Yours in Rotary,
Vivian
Vivian Adams

Remember, happiness doesn't depend upon who you are or what you have, it depends solely upon what you think.

CLUB NEWS

Rotary North—Sioux Falls

Rotary North in Sioux Falls, SD has adopted **The Banquet**, a feeding ministry that serves 9 meals a week to the low income, homeless, elderly and disabled people living in Sioux Falls.

The Banquet's mission is to equip volunteers to provide food and fellowship to those served through The Banquet ministry. It is a safe place where people can gather and receive nourishment for the body and soul.

In addition to serving at The Banquet, **Rotary North** has given \$2,000 toward the purchase of new shelves for The Banquet's school supply project. The storage area is being equipped with metal shelves which are perfect for holding heavy notebook paper and the large, bulky boxes filled with backpacks. Project: Supply Our Students provides a brand new backpack filled with school supplies for 4,800 children each school year.

Clark Rotary Club

The Clark Rotary Club took part in the second annual Tour of Tables to help raise money for the Greater Clark Community Foundation. The club sponsored a dining table for eight. A style show from the local Thrift Store and musical entertainment followed the noon luncheon. This year's table theme was *A Garden of Service* and honored volunteers and service clubs in the city. Rotarian, Tom LaBrie, is a board member for the Foundation and spoke to the attendees about the purpose of raising money for the community.

Yankton Rotary Club



The attached photo shows Yankton Rotary Club President Elect Pam Kettering fitting a bicycle helmet to a Yankton second grader on Tuesday, April 7, 2009. This is one of our favorite Rotary projects in Yankton, SD and we have been doing it for over twenty years. The Yankton Rotary Club partners with the Yankton Medical Clinic to give free bicycle helmets to all second graders in

Yankton; this year the number was 225. We also donated some additional bicycle helmets to the Yankton Police Department to be used in Safety Town this summer. The Yankton Medical Clinic also partners with the Vermillion Rotary Club for a Vermillion Bike Helmet Day.

Brookings Rotary Club



The Brookings Rotary Club is asking all interested parties to donate books for children on South Dakota's Reservations. Children's books of all kinds are welcome, as are basic home maintenance and repair books as well as how-to books. According to Brookings Rotary Club Past President Barb Murra, "Our club's mission is to volunteer our time and talent to support the Rotary motto, Service Above Self. This book drive is one way we can serve children throughout the reservations of South Dakota." In 2008, more than 10,000 books were delivered to Reservation children. For more information about donating books or other items, please contact Barb Murra at 605-691-3153.

Marshall Noon Rotary Club

Marshall Noon Dr. Wayne Taintor and Warren Quarnstrom are active members of the Marshall Noon Club. They are celebrating 50 years of membership in our club this year.

Service above Self

Sioux Falls Downtown Rotary Club

April 9, 2009 the Sioux Falls Downtown Rotary is hosting (by newsletter time perhaps it should read "hosted") a District-wide new member orientation session. The multi-media program is designed by Orientation Chairperson, Edwina Archambault. It includes Rotary speakers, an informational video, and handouts. New members learn Rotary's history and philosophy of Service Above Self. Over twenty new Rotary members from District 5810 are pre-registered for the session at the Sioux Falls Downtown Holiday Inn. The event begins at 11:30 and includes lunch. The cost of the lunch is \$10.00.

Brookings Rotary Club



BINGO! You're a Winner!

Mark Twain said, "The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them."

In an effort to encourage Brookings High School students to read more books, the Brookings Rotary Club has partnered with the Brookings High School library to create Rotary BINGO! BINGO stands for Books Inspire New Growth Opportunities. For every five books a student reads they receive a gift certificate or gift card from one of numerous local businesses who support the project. These funds will be matched by Brookings Rotary District 5610. The quality of each book read must meet the Accelerated Reading Test criteria.

Once the student achieves a "blackout" on the bingo card by reading twenty-four books, they receive a BHS flash drive. If they complete a second "blackout," the student is entered in a drawing for a \$100.00 gift certificate.

According to Brookings Rotarian Dr. David Eggers, "The student response has been tremendous and Rotary is continuing to match funds from individuals and businesses who contribute to the project. A child's education is the best investment you can make; it will give them the greatest return on the quality of life they can achieve. It's that simple."

According to the International Reading Association, 113 million children in developing countries are not learning to read. Worldwide, approximately 500 million women are illiterate, making up two-thirds of the adult population that can not read. In the United States, one out of six people you pass by on the street is unable to read, four out of five people in prison are unable to read and overall the United States ranks 12th in literacy. The United States used to have the highest high school graduating rate in the world, now we are 18th.

Water for Life IV Regains Life!

The Le Mars Rotary Club has received confirmation from the Nueva Tegucigalpa Rotary Club that they will be partnering with us in our efforts to seek another Rotary International Matching Grant to fund the following water projects in Honduras. Any interested clubs are welcomed to join the Le Mars club in this long-awaited project. For more details or to be included in this effort, clubs are asked to contact Rotarian Lorie Nussbaum at l.nussbaum@gehlencatholic.com or at 712-546-6290 (home) or 712-546-4181 (work).

Water for Life IV -2008 Proposed, Updated Plan
Le Mars Rotary Club

All Rotary Clubs are invited to join in making these water projects possible.

Villages in the Montana de La Flor (indigenous tribes)
Total Cost for these three villages=
184,486L=\$9,710

A. Monterey - 21 homes, 153 people, 57 of whom are children under the age of 5 and 38 are youth, No lights; current water source is a contaminated stream some 250 meters away, In need of a well, water pump (gas or diesel), storage tanks and piping, and Residents suffer from diarrhea and parasites

B. Guaruma - 11 homes, and 80 people of whom 15 children under age 5 and 35 youth

C. San Juan— 6 homes, 20 people of whom 12 are children under 5, No lights, Current water supply 500 meters away through a small open water hose, Current water source from a brook 1 Kilometer and 300 meters away, In need of a well, tank, pump and piping, Residents suffer from diarrhea and parasites

Villages in and around the Esquias area

A. San Nicolas: Total Cost 668,502L=\$35,185— 86 homes, 602 people of whom 344 are children under the age of 14, (of the 344 children, 172 are under the age of 5), 8 homes have water, 8 homes do not have latrines, Children suffer from diarrhea, Dengue fever is common here, Water source is poor; electricity is present, In need of a well, storage tanks, pumps and piping

B. Vallecillo: Total Cost : 171,161L=\$9,035—104 houses, 515 people, Current source of water is a new well; 35-40 homes have No water access, and In need of tanks and piping



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Le Mars Rotarian, Lorie Nussbaum, and Richard Seivert of Mission Honduras Le Mars celebrate with residents of the Honduran community of La Nueva Concepcion as they enjoy water at their doorsteps for the first time ever!

Summary of International Projects
Water for Life Honduras
 Le Mars Rotary Club

Water for Life Honduras: Purposes

- To bring clean, potable water to residents of rural Honduran village homes
- To reduce health problems created through consumption of the contaminated water and those due to physical problems derived from carrying water long distances
- To provide the opportunity for local Hondurans to help themselves by contributing manpower in the construction process and taking responsibility for the equipment once installed
- To enhance the economy of Honduras through the purchase of materials within that country
- To provide hygiene education for villagers to reduce health problems due to contaminated water
- To create positive relationships with fellow Rotarians to further the cause for clean water for the people of Honduras

Water for Life Honduras: Outcomes

With the completion of the first project, diarrhea among residents was reduced by 30% within the first few months of its operation, demonstrating one of the greatest benefits for the residents.

An international partnership with the La Nueva Tegucigalpa Rotario continues to serve the needs of the poor of Honduras.

The partnership with Mission Honduras Le Mars continues to serve the needs of the poor of Honduras.

Other Rotary Clubs from District 156 and beyond have joined the project, increasing the funding sources which can be secured for additional projects aimed at bringing water to residents of rural Honduras.

College and high school students have had the opportunity to work side-by-side with the Honduran villagers in making the projects a reality.

Water for Life Honduras I - 2003

- Water for Life Honduras was founded by the Le Mars Rotary Club in 2003 with the club's initial contribution of \$1,500+ investment secured a Distinct Simplified Grant.
- The project totally \$6,500+ provided water to the village of La Nueva Concepcion, serving the needs of 120 residents in 22 village homes.
- The project included a windmill, piping, fuel-driven pumps, water storage tanks, and PVC piping to bring water to each home. (The village has never had electricity.)

Water for Life Honduras II – 2004/2005

- An international partnership was established between La Nueva Tegucigalpa Rotario in January, 2004
- Working with Mission Honduras Le Mars, a not-for profit organization aimed at assisting the poor of Honduras, the Le Mars Rotary Club submitted and secured Water for Life II Honduras Rotary Foundation Matching Grant application in Spring, 2005 to bring water to three villages: La Delcias, Majadaitas, El Esfuerzo, servings 259 villagers in 45 homes, 127 of whom are children.
- The grant included local and District Rotary funds, contributions from the Honduran Rotary Club partners, International funds and contributions from Mission Honduras Le Mars for a total of \$8,300.
- The project included PVC piping, electrical and gas pumps and water storage tanks to bring water from existing wells to each home in each village. The "water to each home" is a spigot located outside the entrance to the home.
- The project was completed in several phases, with villagers working side by side with Briar Cliff University student missionaries and Gehlen Catholic Mission Honduras high school student missionaries. The water projects were all operational by late summer of 2006.
- \$6050.00 total from LeMars Rotary, Mission Honduras LeMars, Several Private Donations

Water for Life Honduras III – 2006/2007

- An international partnership continued with between La Nueva Tegucigalpa Rotario
- Working with Mission Honduras Le Mars, a not-for profit organization aimed at assisting the poor of Honduras, the Le Mars Rotary Club submitted and secured Water for Life III Honduras Rotary Foundation Matching Grant application in Spring, 2005 to bring water to two villages: El Salitre and Nueva Suyapa serving 436 residents in 87 homes.
- The project included PVC piping, electrical and gas pumps and water storage tanks to bring water from existing wells to each home in each village. The "water to each home" is a spigot located outside the entrance to the home.
- The grant totaling \$13,000 included funding from the Le Mars Rotary Club as well as the District Rotary Clubs of Huron, Custer, Rapid City Rushmore, Spearfish/Northern Hills and Paso Robles CA. In addition, funds were contributed by the Rotary District and the International Rotary Foundation.
- The project was completed in the summer of 2007.



Residents of the Honduran community of La Nueva Concepcion present to Le Mars Rotarian, L:orie Nussbaum, a plaque in appreciation for the completed water project, bringing water to their homes for the first time.

Group Study Exchange Returns

With the host families from the Diamond Creek Rotary club plus District 9790 GSE Coordinator, Don Hamilton and his wife Ann along with District 9790 Foundation Chairman, Mani Seneviratne, in attendance, the District 5610 GSE team said their good-byes to the Rotarians from District 9790. Our month long trip through southeastern Australia was ending and soon we would board the 747 to Sydney and then on to Los Angeles. We had a South Dakota style good bye and said it at least three times and waved as we headed toward the gate.



More details of the GSE trip—see the blog at www.5610toaustralia.com



A trip to the “The Nobbies” resulted in some magnificent ocean views with waves crashing against the rocks, but unfortunately, no seals were basking in the sun...mainly because the sun was making infrequent appearances.

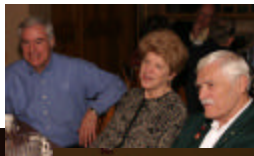
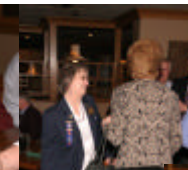
PETS 2009 ~ In Pictures ~ Pictures by Bruce Meyer



Below is prior to snow fall!

New and Old Friends uniting under a common goals!

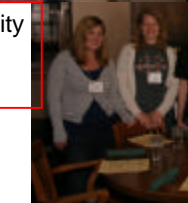
Location of the event was an ideal place for learning and bonding with Rotary friends.



FUN!



LEARNING!



Don't Miss the Opportunity April 22-24, 2010! Mark your calendars!

Last minutes coordination of PETS Training— Bert Olson, Ed Jacobson, Vivian Adams, Diane Knight, Susan Hughes, and Greg Podd.



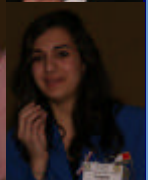
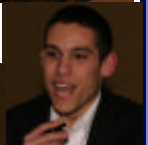
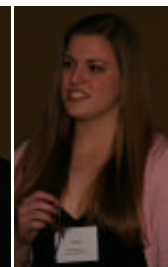
Left: Treasurer George Twitero presents PDG Dick Nolte with PDG Pin.

Youth Exchange



Raffle Co-Chair, Kelly Van Lith and Ed Jacobson working on raffle stubs!

District Leaders lean-





Polio Plus Chair, Willis Sutliff speaks at District Conference. He emphasized the importance of the Gates Match. More information regarding the challenge can be found on the RI site.



District 5610 Leadership would like to recognize District Trainer, Ed Jacobson for his years of service. Thank you ED! The District will miss his abilities. (We will still be picking your brain Ed!!!)

DK Lee, President of Rotary International Monthly Message

The magazine you hold in your hands is one of Rotary's oldest traditions. In January of 1911, a 12-page newsletter called *The National Rotarian* was published; it contained an essay by Paul Harris, "Rational Rotarianism," along with club news and editorials. Of the new publication, Harris wrote: "The primary purpose of *The National Rotarian* is to provide a means for the exchange of ideas between Rotarians throughout the world, not to give the national officers an opportunity to express their views. These messages are not written merely to fill space; nevertheless we look forward to the day when they will be literally crowded out by surging mobs of virile Rotarian ideas struggling to be heard."

Today, with Rotary's club membership spanning more than 200 countries and geographical areas, the mandate of its publications is more complex, and more vital, than ever. The English-language flagship magazine, *The Rotarian*, is edited at RI headquarters in Evanston, Ill., USA, and has a circulation of about 500,000. Around the world, 31 more magazines are published in 24 other languages, for a total of 32 magazines published by the Rotary World Magazine Press, and a total circulation of about 1.25 million.

The RI Board of Directors has designated April of every year as Magazine Month. It is a time to recognize the role that our Rotary publications play in our Rotary lives – and the role that we should play in our publications. For the magazines to live up to Paul Harris' original vision, it takes more than just an editorial staff: It also takes the good work of Rotarians. I always feel that the best part of reading any Rotary publication is the opportunity to find out what other clubs are doing. Each issue, each article, is a chance to be informed and inspired.

In an era when electronic communication seems to be everywhere, the role of the paper-and-ink magazine is still important to our organization. Rotary magazines provide us with an overview of what's happening in different clubs and districts as well as important news and updates from RI headquarters. Even the many Rotarians who regularly visit www.rotary.org will find something new in every issue.

It is a privilege today to be writing this message as Paul Harris once wrote his, and to see his vision of this publication – a magazine filled with the great ideas and great works of Rotarians – brought to life.

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



Country music legend Dolly Parton autographs a child's book on 9 March during a public ceremony, in Atlanta, USA, announcing a new collaborative relationship between Rotary International and the Dollywood Foundation's Imagination Library. The partnership aims to promote early childhood reading by providing a book each month to children from birth until age five.

Photo courtesy of the Dollywood Foundation.



Children get out of school at the Rotary Guidance Clinic and Health Center in Calcutta, India.

