



# District 5610 Gearing Up

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## The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands



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Greetings Fellow Rotarians:

November is the month that we celebrate The Rotary Foundation and the many service projects that are possible because of the generosity of Rotarians around the world. In 1917 Rotary International President Arch C. Klumph proposed that an endowment be set up for the purpose of doing good in the world.

When one considers the size and the stability of the Rotary Foundation today, it is hard to believe that it all got started with a \$26.50 donation to the fund from the Rotary Club of Kansas City. It is probably very unlikely that anyone in that year could have envisioned the size and the worldwide impact the Rotary Foundation would have nearly 100 years later. The Foundation's mission is central to the fulfillment of the object of Rotary, Rotary's mission, and the achievement of world understanding and peace through local, national, and international hu-

manitarian, education, and cultural programs.

Rotarians in District 5610 have always been very generous in giving to local community projects, district projects and the Foundation. To be certain that we continue that strong tradition, let's all take just a minute to review our giving for the past year and review what we expect to give this year. As you know, our minimum goal of giving to the Foundation is centered on the "Every Rotarian, Every Year" EREY program. The minimum \$100 that is asked of each Rotarian every year is a very achievable goal and is one that I would ask you all to consider reaching during 2009-2010. This is a goal that I would ask each President to bring to the attention of their members to encourage our clubs to achieve success with the EREY program.

This month we will also have a very special celebration in Sioux Falls to promote giving to the Rotary Foundation for Polio Plus. Celebrate

Rotary is a dinner and dance to be held Saturday evening, November 14, 2009 for Rotarians and guests from throughout District 5610. The event will be held in the Great Room at the Delbridge Museum and Great Plains Zoo in Sioux Falls. I would encourage each of you to consider purchasing a ticket or perhaps a table and join your Rotary friends for a special evening of celebration to help raise funds to support Polio Plus in our District. For more information and for tickets, please contact Bob Trader at [tradernb1@sio.midco.net](mailto:tradernb1@sio.midco.net) or call 605-376-7998.

Happy Thanksgiving to All of You.

Roger L. Kozak  
District Governor



# CLUB NEWS

## Mobridge

We did the Roses for Rotary and sold over 340 dozen roses. She is also going to do an article on the bleachers project that we finished this summer along with the Mobridge Youth Organization.

## Huron

Huron Rotary sponsored "The Harlem Ambassadors" on Oct 5th. The Ambassadors spent Monday going around to local schools & encouraging students to STAY OFF DRUGS. That evening they suited up to play a team of local businessmen in a very entertaining basketball game. A nice crowd attended & a good time was had by all. Most importantly, more than enough money was raised to purchase an automatic external defibrillator (AED) that was needed locally.

## Denison



The Rotary Club of Denison, Iowa has made it's goal to strive towards a Zone Award in Literacy by completing ten literacy projects by April 15, 2010. One such project a partnership between the Denison Rotary Club and the Denison Community School District where the Club provides reading mentors to read to children and to listen to them read. Here President-Elect Brad Griffin listens to a young student. The Reading Mentor programs has provided to be an excellent project for Rotarians to do meaningful service in the Denison community, that is not a huge investment of time and requires no fund-raising.

## Minneota

The Minneota Rotary Club has sponsored Whopper Feeds before 3 home football games this fall. These Whopper Feeds have grossed \$1051.00. They are fundraisers for scholarships for graduating seniors. Rotary gives 3 - \$500.00 scholarships each year. Over the years, Rotary has contributed over \$20,000 for the scholarship program.

### Reminder

Deadline for filing 990 Forms to the IRS is November 15th

# Winner



Pictured above are members of the Winner Rotary Club with over 150 dozen roses which they delivered on October 29th. The new "freshman class" Rotarians recently took on the Rotary Rose project but added their own motivating twist this year. Since October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month only pink roses were distributed and along with the beautiful flowers a brochure from the Pink Posse was given to each recipient. The Pink Posse is the Winner Area Breast Cancer Foundation and Support Group made up of trained volunteers, survivors and medical professionals who reach out to those diagnosed with breast cancer. Winner Rotary made a \$400 donation to this group from the proceeds of the rose sales.

# Wagner

The Wagner Rotary Club held a membership drive/steak dinner on October 14, 2009. Over half of the membership brought a potential new member. We are now doing follow-up on these individuals and hope to meet our membership goal soon.

Our "Clothes for Kids" collection drive was successful. We partnered with the local school district and a student group will be distributing the clothes on November 24, 2009 during parent/teacher conferences. In discussion with the school there seems to be a need for more winter coats, hats, gloves and mittens so we are starting our second collection for kids this week.

We've also had more discussion regarding a new City Park/Community Gardens near our new water tower in Wagner. We will try to partner with the City of Wagner and the Yankton Sioux Tribe on this project since the area is near Indian housing.

Each of our members this quarter will be billed \$20 for their contribution towards eliminating polio.

# Denison

On November 1, 2009 the Rotary Club of Denison, Iowa held our annual fundraiser. Every year we have an auction which for the last three years has netted approximately \$35,000 in a night. This year we had an item of interest to Rotary members. [The Glidden House Bed & Breakfast](#) has generously donated an autographed copy of Warren Buffett's book *The Snowball: Warren Buffett and the Business of Life*. The book is signed by both Warren Buffett and the author. Why this is of special interest to Rotarians is the letter that accompanies the book with a special message and thanks to Rotary for the good work we do. Further information to follow.



**Sibley** In the photos are Bill Gidding, Kevin Storbakken, Ray Schuster, President Carol Hill, Secretary Arlene Kuehl, Melanie Sievert, Pam Vandehoef, Harold Dawson, Tom Engeman, Treasurer Connie Schwarzkopf, Marion Roetzel, Tom Snyder and Scott Gaarder. Included below is the press release regarding the international project of Soles 4 Souls and it's partnering with Village Northwest Unlimited in Sheldon, Iowa. We in turn partnered with the Village. On October 12 we had a shoe drive within our local rotary club - many of those shoes are in the photos. Many more were outside in a vehicle. We as a rotary club will continue to collect footwear ongoingly and will see that they get to Village Northwest. This was our A Day In the Life of Rotary service project.

**VILLAGE NORTHWEST UNLIMITED ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP WITH SOLES4SOULS® Inc., THE SHOE CHARITY, AS A PROCESSING CENTER FOR SHOE DONATIONS**

**Nashville, TN – Sheldon, IA – September 21, 2009** – Village Northwest Unlimited (VNU), along with Soles4Souls, announces they will now serve as a donation processing center for the shoe charity. VNU currently offers a wide array of services and training to more than 180 individuals with disabilities. The individuals have varying degrees of disabilities including intellectual disabilities, brain injury, cerebral palsy, autism, Down syndrome, epilepsy, and range from ages 17 to 80.

Soles4Souls currently has one distribution center in Roanoke, Alabama, but are excited about the partnership with VNU, which will provide upper Midwest donors a more convenient and cost-effective alternative to shipping to Alabama. VNU is proud to offer Soles4Souls a place to ship and store their donations, while giving disabled individuals the opportunity to participate in the impact Soles4Souls is having around the world.

Barry Whitsell, President and CEO of Village Northwest Unlimited said, "VNU is excited to begin this partnership with Soles4Souls and allow the people that we serve to give back to society by being able to provide shoes to those less fortunate around the world. Soles4Souls is distributing a pair of shoes every 9 seconds around the world and to be a part of improving another human being's life is what VNU is all about".

VNU will also actively engage churches and organizations in their area, allowing Soles4Souls to have a more prominent presence in the region, while being beneficial to the development of life skills for the individuals served by VNU's program.

"Historically, these individuals have been marginalized by society and treated as second class citizens," said Wayne Elsey, founder and CEO of Soles4Souls, Inc. "Our goal is to include them in our process and allow them to be part of our team. We couldn't think of a better group of people to partner with in helping change the world."

VNU clientele will receive the donated footwear, sort into specific categories, and ready for shipment to Soles4Souls main outreach distribution center. This step will make the Alabama facility much more efficient in responding to needs in the US and overseas. Soles4Souls will, in return, pay VNU a certain amount per pair of shoes processed.

People and companies interested in donating can visit the organization's website at [www.giveshoes.org](http://www.giveshoes.org) and follow the instructions.

**About Soles4Souls®**

Soles4Souls is a Nashville-based charity that collects shoes from the warehouses of footwear companies and the closets of people like you. The charity distributes these shoes free of charge to people in need, regardless of race, religion, class, or any other criteria. Since 2005, Soles4Souls has given away over 5.5 million pairs of new and gently worn shoes (currently donating one pair every 9 seconds.) The shoes have been distributed to people in over 125 countries, including Kenya, Thailand, Nepal and the United States. Soles4Souls has been featured in Runner's World, Ladies' Home Journal, National Geographic's Green Guide and The New York Times. It has appeared on CBS, ABC, NBC, FOX, BBC, CNN and thousands of regional news outlets across North America. Soles4Souls is a 501(c)(3) recognized by the IRS and donating parties are eligible for tax advantages. Anyone can join our cause, and we need your help. Visit [www.giveshoes.org](http://www.giveshoes.org) for more information.

**About Village Northwest Unlimited**

Village Northwest Unlimited is nationally recognized as one of the premier providers of services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and traumatic brain injuries. VNU builds successful lives for 180 individuals by providing opportunities and choices in residential, vocational and social programs while fulfilling its mission of providing Purpose, Privacy and Dignity for all people. Visit [www.villagenorthwest.org](http://www.villagenorthwest.org) for more information.

# Ambassadorial Scholarship

District 5610 will be awarding an Ambassadorial Scholarship in August of 2010. This is a fabulous opportunity for a young person in our district. The Scholarship is \$25,000 to study abroad for one year. The details about the scholarship can be found at [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org) EVERYONE please be on the lookout for qualified students in your area and encourage them to apply through your club. Applications are due to Pat Sutliff by July 15, 2010.

## Rotary Service Opportunity While Traveling

Adult chaperons (Rotarians and/or spouses) are needed for well organized travel with inbound Rotary Youth Exchange students in March and June, 2010. Here are the dates where we are looking for volunteers:

- Florida Disney experience with Kennedy Space Center – March 7 to 12, 2010
- Mall of America, Minneapolis, MN shopping experience – March 10 to 14, 2010
- Western States Tour A (Oakland to Phoenix) – June 11 to 25, 2010
- Western States Tour B (Phoenix to Oakland) – June 14 to 28, 2010

Eastern States (Washington to Boston) – June 17 to July 1, 2010

Our trips have been operating for nearly 25 continuous years with such great success, we have chaperons that have repeated for as many as 10 straight years. If you love teenagers and can handle long hours with infinite rewards from working with students from 20 countries, please request a staff application no later than December 1, 2009. All applicants will be required to submit to a background check in order to be accepted. Travel, housing and some other expenses are paid.

PDG Chuck Frazier, tour administrator  
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*(formerly South Central Rotary Youth Exchange Tours)*

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Former District Governor Gerald Wood, 94, of Hawarden, died Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009 at Hillcrest Health Center in Hawarden. Service was November 2nd. Burial was in Grace Hill cemetery with military rites. No other information is currently available.

# You can put a price on hope.

\$100 = 50 mosquito nets  
for children in Tanzania

\$1,000 = 94 microcredit loans  
for 23 women in the Philippines

\$10,000 = 2 water wells  
for two villages in Haiti

\$100,000 = 100 dairy cows and 50 flocks of chickens  
for farmers in Romania who supply area orphanages

## MAKE YOUR ANNUAL GIFT TODAY!

Because of your contributions, *Every Rotarian, Every Year*  
is bringing hope to people around the globe.

## District 5610 Raffle

There's still time  
to send in your  
donation!

## Get involved!

Donate prizes—sell tickets—buy tickets!

*The District 5610 Raffle provided \$16,000 this year for our Simplified Grants!*

Your continued generosity and support are vital to the success of the District Raffle! Each club has been mailed a raffle sheet to complete and return by Dec. 1, 2009 which lists your club's raffle contact member and the 2010 raffle prize description with its estimated value. Tickets will be sent to clubs in January 2010 and the drawing will be held at PETS in April 2010. If you have any questions feel free to contact the District Raffle Committee Co-Chairs: Kelley Van Lith 605-295-3118/ kellyvanlith@gmail.com and Marcia Whetham 605-295-3118 mwhetham@countrypridecoop.com

Thanks for  
your past  
support!

### Prize Suggestions:

- Select a prize that appeals to a wide variety of people
- Keep in mind that the prize may need to be shipped to the raffle winner
- A rule of thumb (not required) is that each club donates a prize that is valued at a minimum of \$5 per club member.

Example: 50 members x \$5 = \$250.00 value



**November 14**

## **Celebrate Rotary**

Please join the Sioux Falls Rotary Clubs for an evening of fun and fundraising as we Celebrate Rotary. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has given \$355 million to the Rotary Foundation for Polio Plus with the stipulation that Rotary International match \$200 million by Dec. 31, 2012.

If 1.2 million Rotarians world-wide each give \$55 per year for three years, we can eradicate this horrible disease for good.

Purchasing two tickets is a fun way to fulfill your individual obligation for 2010, and you get a great night of food and fellowship in return.

Celebrate Rotary will take place on November 14th at the Banquet Room of the Delbridge Museum, located at the Great Plains Zoo.

We will start the evening at 5:30 with our Master of Ceremonies Joe Henkin and a wine tasting event and cocktail hour. Dinner will be served at 6:30. Ted Muenster will be our featured speaker. Ted will discuss the successes of Rotary and give us a look into the future.

The night will continue with the fabulous Hegg Brothers playing your favorites until 11pm.

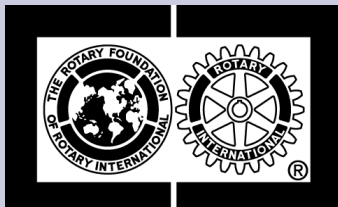
Please bring your friends and potential Rotarians to Celebrate Rotary!



EVERY  
ROTARIAN  
EVERY  
YEAR



PolioPlus  
Donate  
Today



My fellow Rotarians:

The playwright George Bernard Shaw once wrote, “Imagination is the beginning of creation. You imagine what you desire; you will what you imagine; and at last you create what you will.”

There is no shortage in this world of people able to imagine a better future. But in Rotary, we do not just imagine that future -- we will it, and we work to create it. This we do through our two great strengths: our Rotary clubs and our Rotary Foundation.

Over the years, I have been privileged to witness firsthand the fruits of the outstanding work carried out by Rotarians all over the world, supported by the programs of our Foundation. One thing that impresses me is how these programs focus not on short-term satisfaction or reward for the giver. The best Rotary programs and projects focus on building for the future – and making lives better for generations.

Two decades ago, we Rotarians made a promise: to make life better for the entire world, forever, by eliminating polio. It has always been an ambitious goal, but it has always been a realistic one. And now, thanks to our Rotary Foundation, we are closer than ever to reaching it.

It is my hope that with the help of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and [Rotary’s US\\$200 Million Challenge](#), there will soon come a time when we will be able to say that we have made polio a thing of the past. For if we fail now, we will fail all those who have gone before us, and every child to whom we made a promise. If we fail, we risk our own good name, and the good name of all the Rotarians who came before us.

We will not fail. We can and we must succeed.

I know that each one of you recognizes that *The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands* – and that the future of our Foundation is as well.

John Kenny  
President, Rotary International

Here are a few of the ways that your contribution can make a difference:

- US\$100 can buy textbooks for one elementary school in Zambia
- \$5,000 can buy vaccine to immunize 10,000 children against [polio](#)
- \$26,000 can buy an academic-year Rotary Foundation [Ambassadorial Scholarship](#)
- \$120,000 can buy funding for two [Rotary World Peace Fellows](#) to complete a two-year graduate program



Thank you for helping change the world.