



ROTARY DISTRICT 5610

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Assistant Governors

What is an AG?

Right along with some key “chair” positions and the Executive Director, **Assistant Governors** are the most important figures in a Rotary district. The Assistant Governor’s job description is clearly defined in Section IV of our recently amended Bylaws.

“Assistant Governors will assist the Governor in accordance with the District Leadership Plan. The District Governor may delegate such duties to the Assistant Governors as she/he may desire so long as they are consistent with the District Leadership Plan, Rotary International Bylaws, and the Manual of Procedure.

- (a) Assistant Governors will attend their respective PETS meeting, and implement A PETS workshop for president-elects of their respective areas who failed to attend PETS.

- (b) Assistant Governors will endeavor to be present at their respective area clubs when the District Governor makes his/her official visitation.
- (c) Assistant Governors are a part of the district leadership team. As such, they will Be present at the district conference District Leadership Meeting as well as the Mid-Winter District Assembly.
- (d) Assistant Governors will serve as a liaison between the Governor and clubs within their areas with regard to problems, questions, and the collecting of dues, reports, etc.”



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Zones within District 5610

Our Assistant Governor Zones and respective clubs are:

Zone 1

Rapid City, Rapid City Rushmore, Northern Hills, Custer, Hot Springs.

DGE Richard Nolte, this year's AG, did a superior job but will be replacing himself when he assumes the District Governor position.

Zone 2

Mobridge, Gettysburg, Pierre/Ft. Pierre.

Jim Mollison of Pierre has done a superior job this current year, and will continue in this position.

Zone 3

Aberdeen, Huron, Clark.

The current AG is John R. Luddy of Huron.

Zone 4

Watertown, Brookings, Madison.

The current AG is Ginger Thompson of Brookings.

Zone 5

Canby, Minneota, Marshall, Marshall Sunrise.

PDG Don McLaughlin of Marshall is doing a superior job, but will step down at the end of this Rotary year.

Zone 6

Mitchell, Scotland, Tyndall.

Ron Gates Jr. of Mitchell is the current AG.

Zone 7

Gregory, Wagner, Winner.

Marsha Whetham of Winner has done a superior job this current year, and will continue in this position.

Zone 8

Rock Valley, Sioux Falls Downtown, Sioux Falls West, Canton, Luverne, Sioux Falls North.

The current AG, Loren Boyen of Sioux Falls West, has done a fine job. While six clubs makes for a large zone, DGE Dick Nolte plans to continue with this format.

Zone 9

Vermillion, Sibley, LeMars, Centerville, Yankton.

Marian Roetzel of the Sibley club is stepping down at the end of the current Rotary year.

Zone 10

Cherokee, Sioux City, Sioux City Suburban, South Sioux City, Mapleton, Denison.

The current AG is Bob Knowler of Sioux City. Again, while six clubs make for a large zone, DGE Dick Nolte plans to continue with this format.



Admittedly, an AG position is a demanding job. Rotarians are busy people, and holding down a full-time job and being an AG is difficult at times. I cannot understate the importance of AG positions as they are the heart and soul of our district. If you would consider being an AG in your respective zone, let DGE Nolte or me know so that when the time comes, we know to whom we can turn.

Where are we "Foundation wise"?

Last month I indicated that I could give a club by club report on Foundation fundraising and the raffle in particular. At this point, tabulations are incomplete. Raffle chairman Ed Jacobson has told me that we have surpassed the \$100,000 mark. We have also been recognized by RI for the generous work already done.

I continue to believe that we can attain the goal I have set of \$100 per District 5610 Rotarian. This amounts to \$210,000. For the least of our checkbooks, 25 cents a day is not going to change what we drive, where we live, or what we are having for supper tonight. With our Foundation's ability to triple donations through matching grants, we can affect what the least of our brothers eat for supper tonight, not to mention the quality of their drinking water or their children's opportunity to attend a school.

Hopefully I'll have the information for the March Newsletter.

Attention: Club Presidents & YE Chairs

To download the YE Intent to Participate Form, please click the attached link and then download <http://www.rotary5610.org/5610/newsletters/showArticle.asp?id=50>

OR

go to the website www.rotary5610.org and then to newsletters. If you have problems, contact ED Susan and she will assist you!

A Dream Come True



Ken and Casualene Meyer

As you know, First Lady Betsy and I donated the cruise that was the grand prize for our first annual District 5610 Foundation raffle. As we learned through our training just how efficient our Rotary Foundation is, we wished that our donation could have gone to the Foundation, and not a travel agency.

When I called grand prize winner Ken Meyer of Madison, SD to discuss the cruise options, he told me that he and his wife would like to see the value of the cruise go to the Rotary Foundation if at all possible. For those of us who believe that there is purpose in all that happens, along came Ken and Casualene Meyer.

In the near future, I will be presenting Paul Harris Fellows to Rotarian Ken and his wife. The Madison club, under the leadership of President Tim Campbell, has embraced the Foundation. I have already made a second visit to Madison to present Paul Harris awards, and this club will be among those on the top of the D5610 leader board. How fitting that Ken is a Madison Rotarian. To Ken and Casualene, a big

THANK YOU!!!

CLUB SPOTLIGHT Winner

By Marcia Whetham

The Winner Rotary Club consists of approximately forty members who meet every Thursday at noon at The Holiday House. This club is known in the community for its tree planting programs. For the last two years, the club has worked closely with the City of Winner in a collective effort on city projects. In the spring of 2006, trees were planted to develop an expansion at the Winner Cemetery and also planted around the newly erected Boy Scout Cabin. The City recently built a recreational trail and in 2007, the Winner Rotary Club will plant all the trees needed at the fourteen rest stops and will also be sponsoring the bench, trash receptacle and signage at one of the stops. A Rotary District Simplified Grant of \$1000 was awarded to this club for the 2006 project and another has been applied for this year.



Also in 2006 the Winner club sponsored a GSE team member. Zane Hamiel, a local crop insurance salesman, had the opportunity to travel with a Rotarian Team Leader and stay with Rotarians while he visited many Rotary projects and other points of interest in India. Hamiel said this was a once in a lifetime experience and he would encourage others to take advantage of this program.

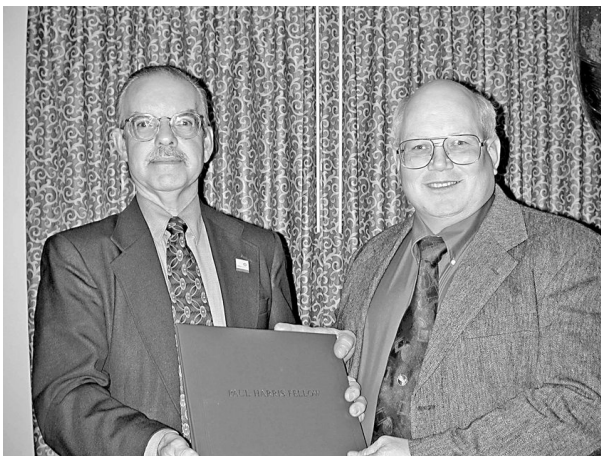


The club meets weekly at noon, but has two evening socials each year to include spouses and guests. The Fall Social is just a fun time for members to get together for games and socializing. The Valentine Social is held each February and is a formal dinner. At this social, the club recognizes one Outstanding Rotary Member of the Year and presents the Rotarian with a Paul Harris Fellowship. The \$1000 is raised by a special assessment on each member's quarterly billing. This is also the time when other Paul Harris Fellowships earned throughout the year are presented.

When traveling through Winner on Highway 183, make sure to look for the new billboard being erected across from the Drive In Theatre. The Winner Club was awarded a \$2000 Public Relations Grant this fall and will co-sponsor the sign which promotes Rotary as "Humanity in Motion". Grant funds will also be used for radio advertising to promote the projects and image of Rotary International.



Winner Rotary's main source of fund raising is through the sale of football raffle books each fall. With the money earned through the raffle and half and half drawings, they support many local programs including: Out of School Program, Chamber of Commerce, Social Services Christmas gifts for children, Tripp County Historical Society, The Senior Citizens' Center, Share Baskets for needy families, and the Winner Playhouse. The club gives its time to United Blood Services, Trunk or Treat, parades and many other local projects. During the school year, two high school seniors are invited weekly as guests to the meeting and in the spring, two \$500 scholarships are granted to deserving applicants.



This is a picture of Brent Janek, Rotarian of the Year 2006. (Brent is on the right) The award was presented by Dan Bechtold, Rotarian of the Year 2005.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

WHO: **YOU!**
Everyone from District 5610

WHAT: District Conference

WHERE: Crazy Horse Memorial
 Custer, South Dakota

WHEN: September 13 to 16, 2007

WHY: Rotary Fellowship and Learning

HOW: By Plane, Train, Car, Boat?

District Governor Elect Dick Nolte would like to invite you to the 2007 District Conference.



Dinner on Friday Evening at Crazy Horse will be highlighted with the Rapid City Barbershop Chorus who will be on their way to national competition!



Saturday Evening will be at Mount Rushmore and the entertainment will be John McAndrew.

All sessions will be held at Crazy Horse.



The conference hotel will be the Bavarian Inn just north of Custer.

Further details to follow.....

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

REMINDERS

Is your club's semi-annual report in?

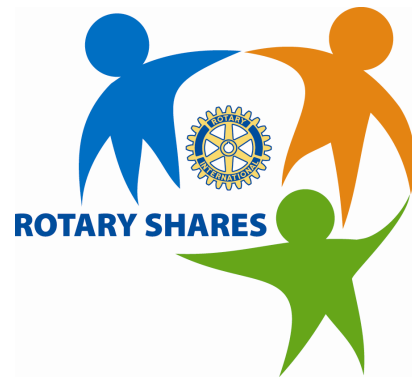
Are you going to respond to DG Roger's recent letter to club presidents:
About Sustaining Memberships?
About Presidential Citations?

Did you send your President Elect and your Secretary's Information to ED Susan or DGE Dick for 2007/2008?

2007 International Assembly



Can you find DGE Dick????



What does the 2007-08 theme, [Rotary Shares](#), mean to you and your district? Here's what some participants at the International Assembly had to say.

Vinay Dattatray Kulkarni, District 3130's governor-elect from Pune, India

"It means we share our knowledge and resources with the needy people of the community."

Gwendolyn Ridgley, District 7330's governor-elect from Uniontown, Pennsylvania, USA

"Rotary Shares means we indeed can continue to make a difference, both on a broader and a smaller scale."

Dean L. Jackson, District 5420's governor-elect from Provo, Utah, USA

"It's the opportunity to take all of the dynamics of Rotary and share those in a tangible way, not only with our fellow members, but with the community at large. It also reminds us to reassess our resources and make them available to those less fortunate than us."

Past District Governor Bob J. Aitken, from Lapstone, New South Wales, Australia, and editor of Rotary Down Under

"It's one of the most perfect themes of recent years. Like *Lead the Way*, it encourages all to be personally involved by example."

YOUR CLUB NEWS

Remember to send Susan Hughes, our executive director, any news bits from your club. Her e-mail address is blacksbookkeeping@rushmore.com.