



ROTARY DISTRICT 5610 January 2007 NEWSLETTER



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Roger & Betsy Wiltz

Roger and Betsy Home for the Holidays...

**Betsy and I wish
you and your families
a rich and meaningful
new year!**

Regarding Rotary District 5610 business, I'll immediately go to the first item.....

Group Study Exchange

We could use a few more applicants for the GSE program. Applicants must be professionals, non-Rotarians, and 25-40 years of age. They cannot be immediately related to a Rotarian. They will be part of a team that spends a month in South Korea beginning April 2, 2007. The Rotary Foundation pays the expenses. These candidates must work for an employer who will permit the time off, or be self-employed. Interested candidates must contact Kris Swanson (swanny2@sio.midco.net) or Bert Olson (fbolson@fnbsf.com) as soon as possible.



Sights in Korea



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Major Month for District 5610

Foundation Miracles

The Pierre/Ft. Pierre Rotary Club, largely through the efforts of Ed Jacobson, will host the "Miracles Workshop" beginning at 9:30 A.M. at the Pierre Ramkota. Every club's Foundation chairman should be in attendance for this "No Nonsense" approach to putting Foundation money to work through various grants, etc. It is *the* "how to" workshop on putting your club's name on a project that will make the world a better place.



RAFFLE DEADLINE

Please mail the ticket stubs back by the end of December, if at all possible. Do not wait to bring them yourself to the Jan. 13 meeting. If weather intervenes -- and you can't get to Pierre with your tickets -- the drawing will be held without them. We are obligated to have the drawing on Jan. 13, the date indicated on the tickets.

Send them to: ROTARY RAFFLE, PO BOX 443, PIERRE, SD 57501-0443

Please be sure all the necessary information is on each ticket and remove the staples before mailing.

Winter District Leadership Meeting

The annual winter leadership meeting will take place beginning at 2:30 P.M. at the Pierre Ramkota. I'd like as many Past District Governors, Assistant Governors, and Committee Chairs as possible to be in attendance along with Governor-Elect Richard and Governor-Nominee Vivian. The agenda includes many important items including the following:

- **Governor-Elect Richard Nolte's Preliminary Budget**
- **A report on Youth Exchange with the possibility of amending the two-year hold that was voted in at last fall's District Conference**
- **A discussion on equipment including the district's need for Power-Point capability plus a computer for Executive Director Susan.**
- **The current status of Group Study Exchange**
- **The current status of Friendship Exchange**
- **A preliminary Raffle Report along with a discussion on continuing the program.**
- **Discussion on the District Conference Hospitality Room**
- **Presentation by the "Surplus Funds" chair Scott Hiller**
- **Report by DG Roger on new zones within our district and current Assistant Governors. Is it working?**
- **The up-coming March 2007 PETS Conferences – Rapid City March 24th, Sioux Falls March 31st.**

**OTHER SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS?
Email to DG Roger!**

**WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
SEE NEXT MONTH'S
NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS!**

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**CLUB SPOTLIGHT
MAPLETON
ROTARY CLUB**

Information provided by Keith Robinson

This is where our dollars go:

- Rotary Foundation (Annual assessment of membership)
- Graduating Senior Four-Year College Scholarship - \$100 each year they are in school
- Rotary Rose Bowl Float (\$25)
- Mapleton Food Pantry (\$300)
- Mapleton Girl Scout Washington, D.C. Trip Fund
- Mapleton Boy Scouts Mapleton
- Cub Scouts Rotary Roadside Park - Built Gazebo, erected Centennial Sign (Part paid with District Grant)
- Mapleton 4-H Community Halloween Party (\$200)
- Christmas Lights on Three Mapleton Welcome Signs (\$75)
- Christmas Kleenex for all Retired Citizens delivered by Mapleton's Santa (\$225)
- Christmas Gifts for Nursing Home Residents Without Family (\$90)
- Rotary Solar Oven Project (\$60)
- City Park Restroom Project (\$500)
- After Prom Party (\$250)
- Monona County Fair Trophy (\$12)

- Rotary Crow Creek School Assistance (\$50)
- Scholarship for Maple Valley School Building Tech Students –
- A Part of The Roadside Park Project Annual Service Above Self Award (\$60)
- Mapleton American Legion Veterans Memorial Project (\$500)
- Two Bicycles for Community Bike Safety Program Prizes (\$100)
- Member of Maple Heights Nursing Home Auxiliary (\$20)
- Mt. Hope Cemetery Sexton Building Restoration (\$500)
- Bingo at Nursing Home (\$60)
- Friends of Fisher-Whiting Memorial Library (\$300)
- Lifetime Membership in Maple Valley School Foundation (Pledge of \$200 a year for five years)
- Membership in Maple Valley Development, Inc. (\$100)
- Annual Fourth of July Parade Float (\$25)
- School Supplied for Children Without (\$50)
- Gift for Rotary District Raffle (\$125)
- Annual Charter for Mapleton Boy Scout Troop (\$20)
- Annual Charter for Mapleton Cub Scout Troop (\$20)

This is our Income:

- We have two suppers each year (one spaghetti, the other chicken) - we clear around \$1,000 for these.
- In Iowa we have a 5 cent deposit on beverage cans and bottles. We have erected a wire fenced enclosure for residents to deposit their used cans and bottles. We started this project in 1997 and it provides the major source of our income. Last year was the first year that we surpassed \$4,000 income for the project. In the Rotary year ending June 2006 we collected 81,926 cans for a total of \$4,096.30. Since beginning in 1997 we have made over \$35,000 for various community projects.

Finishing Touches Complete

Thanks primarily to the generosity of Mitchell Rotarian Ron Gates, Jr., the people of three African villages in Togo will have clean drinking water as well as sanitary latrines.

I don't believe that any of us can comprehend just how much good has been accomplished. Also instrumental in pulling this project together is Ernie Montagne of the Sierra Vista Rotary Club in southern Arizona.

ATTENTION: CLUB PRESIDENT ELECTS

By now, all clubs should have sent the name of their club's President-Elect to District Governor-Elect Richard Nolte. If your club hasn't yet done so, e-mail the information to DGE Richard at rh nolte@comcast.net.

DG Roger's \$210,000 Foundation Goal..... How is it coming along?

At this point in time I do not know the answer to this question. Next month's February Newsletter will report the results of the raffle program. We won't have a final tally until the end of July 2007. However, I have to believe that raffle revenues will prove to provide a large chunk of that goal. The majority of D5610 clubs pledged a hundred dollars per member for the Foundation, and the raffle is a major part of their fund-raising.

THE ANSWER

1. All downhill from here

If mountain biking up and down the Rockies sounds intimidating or just plain impossible, you can just skip the "up" part. Nearly every weekend, Terry Kutzbach, a local Rotarian and recent transplant from Arizona, rides the gondola at nearby Deer Valley to the top of the mountain, enjoys the view and perhaps lunch at the luxury resort, and then pedals down. Never up.

Still, you'll want to wear a helmet. "I've gone over the handlebars a bunch of times," Kutzbach says. "And I generally stay off the expert runs. They are really tough. You see teenage boys on them, all padded up like they've got armor on."

If you go: Deer Valley Resort is 30 minutes from Salt Lake City. Nearly all the area's many ski resorts operate lifts in the summer and offer bike rentals (if you're not up to biking, you can also hike or ride the lift down); www.deervalley.com.

2. Nice genes

Rotarian Ralph Montgomery looks like an average guy — nice bearing, but you wouldn't peg him for royalty if you met him on the street. Yet he's directly related to William the Conqueror and Charlemagne. "It's important and interesting to know where you're from," explains Montgomery, who writes a newspaper column on genealogy and is a frequent visitor to the Family History Library. The largest genealogical research center in the world, it stores the names of more than three billion deceased people and more than 2.4 million rolls of microfilm from 110 countries and territories. The library, opened in 1894 by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, bought its first computer back in 1961. More than 1,900 people use the center every day.

The Salt Palace Convention Center will feature several of the library's genealogical research stations for Rotarians to use at the RI Convention.

The Family History Library is located next to Temple Square, home of the six-spired Salt Lake Temple and the Tabernacle. It's also near the Museum of Church History and Art, where you can learn about the Latter-day Saints.

If you go: The Family History Library is just a few minutes away from the Salt Palace Convention Center; www.familysearch.org.

3. Book it

Except for the Salt Lake Temple, the city's skyline is pretty generic. But that's changing, and at the forefront of the new architectural and cultural movement is the City Library, designed by renowned Canadian-Israeli architect Moshe Safdie. "As a library and how it functions, it's cutting edge," says Rotarian and architect John Pace. He points to the stacked fireplaces, the huge windows with stunning views of the mountains, the quiet nooks for studying, and the cafe-like ambience. "The library really gets a lot of use," he says. "You can talk here, you can buy coffee and a pastry here and eat it while you read and just enjoy yourself."

The building anchors Library Square, which is flanked by other cultural institutions and restaurants. The square also includes a year-old Salt Lake Rotary club sculpture garden, which opened with an exhibit from Zimbabwe.

The new library is the most visited place in Salt Lake City aside from Temple Square, Pace notes. He's designed projects across the area, including the downtown Gallivan Center, which includes a plaza, a concert hall, and artwork, including the eclectic sundial sculpture "Asteroid Landed Softly."

If you go: The City Library is located at Library Square, four blocks south and two blocks east of Temple Square. The Gallivan Center is two blocks south of Temple Square; www.slcpd.ut.lib.us.

4. It's a winner

If you've ever pinned your Olympic hopes on the bobsled — if you've ever thought, hey, if those guys from Jamaica could do it, so can I — now's your chance to give it a dry run. At Utah Olympic Park, you can hit speeds of up to 80 miles per hour on the world's fastest bobsled run. You can also take a ride on the world's steepest zip line. Just sit in a harness and whisk down a cable to the base of the ski jumps. Another option: Ski down and somersault 50 feet in the air into a swimming pool. Or simply grab some refreshments while watching others, including past and future Olympians, take the plunge.

Connie Nelson, a Park City Rotarian and director of the park's winter sports center and museums, notes that 52 of the 200 U.S. competitors at the 2006 Winter Olympic Games live and train here, a half-hour drive from Salt Lake City. "I know Tristan Gale, Chris Waddell, Jim Shea," she says. "These are folks you see at the Home Depot or the grocery store."

Nelson moved here from Australia about a year ago, but she still gets excited about living in the Rockies. "Look! Look in that hollow! A moose and her baby!"

she exclaims, jumping into the air as she walks along the bobsled run.

While you're here, she recommends stopping at the Olympic museum, where you can race downhill in a virtual reality ski theater or heave a 42-pound curling stone. Finish with an audio tour about the park, which was viewed by a TV audience of two billion during 2002 Olympics.

If you go: Utah Olympic Park in Park City is a 30-minute drive from downtown Salt Lake City; www.parkcityinfo.com.

5. Seeing stars

All of Utah's a stage, it seems: More than 700 films and TV movies have been filmed here since the 1920s. Southeastern Utah has been called "John Ford Country" because the famous director filmed so many movies there.

Rotarian Leigh von der Esch, managing director of the Utah Office of Tourism and Film, cites Utah's amazing geographic diversity and beauty, services, and the ease of getting around for its popularity in Hollywood. And stars love Salt Lake City, she adds. "Brooke Shields told me, 'This is the friendliest, most accessible city I've ever filmed in. The people aren't jaded at all.'"

A lot of film industry staff end up moving here, says von der Esch. "The cosmopolitan feel of the city always surprises them. And they can't believe how clean it is."

Salt Lake City typically doubles for other places, including China, Sudan, and the Alps in TV's *Touched by an Angel*, which filmed here for nine seasons. *Everwood* is still filming in nearby Ogden.

Movies produced in Salt Lake include *Airport 1975*, *Dumb and Dumber*, *Fletch*, and *Legally Blonde 2: Red, White, and Blonde* (look for the Utah State Capitol).

What's von der Esch's favorite movie? "That's like picking a favorite child," she says. "My favorite is probably the 50th anniversary edition of John Ford's *The Searchers*. The landscape drives the narrative, and that's why Ford filmed in Utah. But I'm most proud of *The World's Fastest Indian*." The true story, based on a New Zealander, was filmed, like so many others, in the Bonneville Salt Flats, famous for its seemingly endless moonscape.

If you go: Pick up the Filmed in Utah! guide to film locations; www.film.utah.gov.

6. Wild West nights

Tell some locals that Utah's too conservative for night life, and there's a good chance they'll do the one thing most likely to change your mind: Buy you a drink. At least that worked on Meryl Streep when she came to town, says Rotaractor Monique Loumeau, a University of Utah student who you can catch singing Spice Girls songs at Green Street karaoke bar. Serious crooners looking to mimic Gwyneth Paltrow in the 2000 film *Duets* can head to Port O'Call, where a live band will accompany your performance, she says.

There's also dancing to the piano duels at the Tabernacle Social Club or to the local bands at Liquid Joe's or Mo's Neighborhood Grill. You can also check out jazz clubs like Monks or the Circle Lounge.

"Because there are so many Mormons, people just think that Utah is conservative," Loumeau says. "It seems like some people almost want to break that stereotype and are more intense about going out."

If you go: Pick up a copy of the alternative newspaper Salt Lake City Weekly or the monthly magazine Salt Lake; www.slweekly.com and www.saltlakemagazine.com.

7. Backstage pass

Ever wonder if the Mormon Tabernacle Choir is a little bit country or little bit rock and roll? Just ask Donny Osmond, says choir member and local Rotarian Lori Drake. He's one of the many celebrities who've performed with the world-famous choir over its 150-year history. Others include Angela Lansbury, Audra McDonald, and Walter Cronkite.

Drake balances her everyday life (a mother of four sons, she teaches at Weber State University, where she's earning her doctorate in instructional technology) with road trips and rehearsals. It's a schedule that has Drake memorizing her lines while she hikes Utah's mountains, a considerably safer practice than that of another choir member who got pulled over and ticketed for reading music while driving, she notes with a laugh.

The choir, which includes four other Rotarians, will perform free during the convention on Sunday, 17 June. Rehearsals are open to the public. The group's repertoire includes religious standards, of course, but also show tunes and other popular music.

If you go: While the Tabernacle is under repair, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir performs at the Conference Center, just steps from the Salt Palace Convention Center.

8. Art attack

The Utah Arts Festival is "almost like our Mardi Gras," says Rotarian Linda Bonar, a past festival board

director. "It just brings out the zany in people." Luckily for Rotarians, the four-day outdoor extravaganza opens downtown on 22 June, just after the RI Convention. While you're chomping down on the food (everything from alligator on a stick to Navajo tacos) and sampling Utah wines and beer, you can shop for works created by artists from all over the world, watch art demonstrations, and listen to musicians like Mary Chapin Carpenter and Laurie Anderson, who've headlined past festivals.

If you go: The Utah Arts Festival takes place at Library and Washington squares from 22-25 June; www.uaf.org.

9. Can you dig it?

One of Utah's biggest tourist attractions is a giant hole. The hole is so huge, in fact, that astronauts can see it from outer space.

The Bingham Canyon Mine, the richest, largest open-pit mine in the world, took over a century to dig. Operated by Kennecott Utah Copper, the mine is 2 1/2 miles across and three-quarters of a mile deep. The fact that an 8,000-foot mountain once stood here excites some visitors and dismays others. But either way, "people see it, and they're stunned. Absolutely stunned," says Rotarian Frank Joklik, who headed Kennecott from 1980 to 1993.

From the overlook at the visitors center, the trucks below look like tiny toys. But these trucks are giant, with 12-foot-high tires, and they can cart about 350 tons of copper ore to the crusher, which pulverizes the rock into the size of soccer balls and sends it on a 5-mile conveyor belt for processing. Two to four times a day, megaton explosions deepen the crater.

Joklik, a member of the Rotary Club of Salt Lake City and an honorary British consul, opened the visitors center in 1992. The center donates 100 percent of entry fees to charity.

If you go: Bingham Canyon Mine is about 20 miles from Salt Lake City; www.binghamcopper.org.

10. Sink or swim

Although some locals urged us to, we can't leave out the Great Salt Lake. It might be a marshy letdown to some, but it's also got a cool island in the middle where buffalo roam, great bird-watching, and some fascinating history. Take a boat tour and a swim and decide for yourself.

If you go: www.saltlakecitytours.org

**Head to Rotary International
Conference in Salt Lake City!**

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!



Meet Ed Jacobsen District Trainer

Ed Jacobson first joined Rotary in the mid-80's in Eugene, Oregon. He was a member of the (then) 250-member Eugene Rotary Downtown Club. He came to South Dakota on a fund raising consulting job, met a redhead, married her, and moved to Pierre permanently in 1992. He continues to do consulting work, mainly with associations and non-profit organizations. He is a past president of the Pierre-Ft. Pierre Rotary Club and currently serves the club as its executive director. He and his wife, Sandy, are avid golfers.

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YOUR CLUB NEWS

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



Jim Schooler called Rotary's "Most Faithful Member"

By Ed Jacobson

Rotarian **Jim Schooler** was 94 when he died December 11 in Pierre. For 58 of his years he proudly called himself a "Rotarian."

Schooler, 94, was a Charter member of the Pierre/Ft. Pierre Rotary Club and had close to 50 years of perfect attendance. The club was chartered in 1948.

During the club's celebration of its 50th year, in March 1998, Schooler was featured in a newspaper article. The headline read, "Schooler Rotary Club's most faithful member."

The reason: Schooler reckoned he had *at least* 35 years of perfect attendance at the time. By most accounts, that was a very conservative estimate. Club members figure he had close to 50 years of perfect attendance, although records are too spotty to confirm a number.

Schooler, who worked for the State Department of Education, was famous for insisting on attending a Rotary meeting when he was on the road and had missed his home club meeting. Many old-time Rotarians will remember his visits to their clubs across South Dakota.

In addition to joining a Charter Member in 1948, when he was chemistry and physics instructor at Pierre High, Jim served as president of the Pierre/Ft. Pierre Club during the 1960-61 Rotary year.

In the 1998 newspaper, profile Schooler said "the fellowship and opportunity to become better acquainted with leaders in the community" are what he enjoyed most about belonging to Rotary.

Jim and his family have arranged for a Rotary scholarship to be established in his name.



**See you
January 13th
in Pierre!**

