



ROTARY DISTRICT 5610 MARCH 2007 NEWSLETTER



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District Mourns the loss of John W. Harris

1998-1999 Rotary District 5610 Governor, John W. Harris, passed away on February 2, 2007. He was eighty-one years old.

John, a life-long educator and Wisconsin native, began his career as a high school English teacher following a brief tenure as a naval officer through the end of WWII (1944-1946). During this same period he married Paisley Ann Harwood. They were happily married for thirty-eight years and had three children. Following Ann's death in 1987, he married Ila Hunt in 1990. Ila passed away in 2002.

In 1959, John received his doctorate in educational administration from Harvard University. In July 1968, John came to Sioux Falls where he served as superintendent for twenty-four years until his retirement in 1992. In 1991, the Sioux Falls school board named the John Harris Elementary School in his honor.

Prior to knowing John through Rotary, I knew him as a fellow school administrator. He treated me as

an equal even though my career touched only a small fraction of the lives he positively affected. I will never forget his humility. In an age when superintendents are routinely fired, Dr. Harris guided the Sioux Falls system with unerring wisdom. John W. Harris was a giant among educators who will be sorely missed.



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Raffle Success

Our 1st annual raffle, chaired by Ed Jacobson of the Pierre/Ft. Pierre Club, netted \$108,490 with 10,849 chances being sold at ten dollars apiece.

I'm hesitant in publishing these statistics as they do not tell the entire story. (Note the story about the South Sioux City, Nebraska Club). Before making any judgments, it should be noted that some clubs chose not to use the raffle as they had other fund-raising activities in place. Next year's 2nd Annual Raffle will be co-chaired by Ed Jacobson and current Pierre/Ft. Pierre club president Chuck Quinn. The following list names clubs and chances sold: This is not a per-capita listing.

Mitchell 1616, Rapid City Rushmore 925, Brookings 861, Pierre/Ft. Pierre 618, Watertown 486, Clark 479, Vermillion 454, Wagner 436, Sioux Falls West 429, Sioux Falls Downtown 394, Hot Springs 343, Winner 322, Madison 307, Gettysburg 298, Sioux Falls North 293, Northern Hills/Spearfish 272, Canton 271, Marshall Sunrise 269, Marshall 216, Sioux City Suburban 193, Custer 136, Sioux City Downtown 133, Sibley 131, Luverne 108, Canby 105, Tyndall 102, Mobridge 61, Scotland 61, Centerville 60, South Sioux City 53, Rock Valley 49, Huron 41, Mapleton 40, Yankton 19, Dennison 17, Gregory 13, Rapid City 13, Cherokee 5, Aberdeen 0, LeMars 0, Minneota 0, UNKNOWN 221. Perhaps your club is a part of the "unknown." Ed already has an idea on improving next year's record keeping.

I am truly humbled by our district's generosity, and so proud to call myself "Governor." Never did I dream that this notion I brought home from a Texas GETS (Governor-Elect Training Session) would go so far

SOUTH SIOUX CITY

Shortly after my visit to the South Sioux City Nebraska Club last summer, Past District Governor Golby Uhlir called to tell me that his club was going to double my goal of \$100 per Rotarian for the Foundation. I was really touched by this generous offer. The news that followed was even more impressive. South Sioux decided to become a club of 100% Paul Harris Fellows "doubled." This meant a minimum of two Paul Harris Fellows per club member. The banner in the photo says, "100% Paul Harris Fellow Club." As far as we know, they may be the only "Double PHF" club of more than 32,000 clubs world-wide.

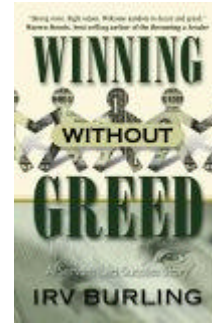


Note in the photo that the South Sioux Club was joined by PDG Ron Krage, AG Bob Knowler, and DGN Vivian Adams.

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.

Group Study Exchange



Late last year I received a nice letter and a copy of his book, Winning Without Greed, from Irv Burling. I read the interesting book in one sitting. Irv talks about corporate corruption, as well as leaders who care more about the company and employees than themselves. It's about good management that we can relate to our everyday lives. I feel that it helped me to be a better district governor.

Catherine "Kate" Campbell of Sioux Falls will be leading our GSE team to South Korea next month. Team members include David Feuerstein of Sioux Falls, Kyle Quanbeck of Sioux Falls, Jessica Walter of Vermillion, and Doug Rohde of Denison, IA. Our alternate is Steve Lawson of Sioux Falls.

Thanks to the administrative skills, expertise, leadership, and enthusiasm of Bert Olson and Kris Swanson, our GSE outbound and inbound chairs, things are running smoothly. I would be remiss in not recognizing David Mah, a South Korean American and Sioux Falls Rotarian, for his assistance – especially in communication.

Irv makes his books available to clubs at a nice discount. He'd also send you one for the asking. Irv, a Rotarian and former CEO of CUNA Mutual Life, currently resides at 1409 W. Dow Rummel St., #307, Sioux Falls, SD 57104. Call him at 605-310-6854 or e-mail him at irv@sio.midco.net. I have no deal going with Irv what-so-ever, but I do appreciate his contacting me and making something useful to all of us

Assistant Governors



Don't Forget To Send your centennial project pictures and international project pictures to ED Susan as the GSE Team is putting together their slide show!!

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.

Nominate

If your club is interested in providing our district with a governor in 2009-2010, let me know and I'll send you an application. Past District Governor Larry Fjeldos leads a team of PDG's who will make the recommendation of a candidate at the District Assembly.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Rapid City Noon Rotary Club



Rapid City Rotary Club concluded its twelfth season of sponsoring "Storybook Christmas" this past December. Storybook Christmas is a significant fundraiser for Storybook Island, a free children's park in Rapid City that is operated by the Rapid City and Rushmore Rotary Clubs. Storybook Island is decorated for the Christmas season each fall by Rotarians, sponsors and volunteers and open weekends from Thanksgiving through New Years for a \$1 per person admission. This Christmas season generated over \$50,000 in revenues that flow directly to Storybook Island to maintain and improve the park.



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

Greetings from Evanston!

This is a reminder to remind your clubs that if they have not already done so to complete the New Club Officers Form for the 2007-08 club's officers and submit to Rotary International. These forms were sent out to the club officers in October, and if they require a new form, they may contact myself, or one of my colleagues below:

James Damato, james.damato@rotary.org, x3405
Charlene Sobczak, charlene.sobczak@rotary.org, x3257
Heather Hartung, heather.hartung@rotary.org, x3275

You may want to remind the club officers that not only will this information be used in mailing important RI and TRF information to them in their year of service, but will also be used for their contact information in the *Official Directory*. They may complete and fax to: 847-733-9340, or mail the form to:

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

One Rotary Center
1560 Sherman Ave.
Evanston, IL 60201

Please make a note that they may also update this information in the Member Access section of the Rotary International website, www.rotary.org.

If it may be helpful to you, we can also generate a report that shows which club officers have been reported for each club in your district. Please let us know if you would like such a report, which may help you determine the clubs that you need to follow up with. You may also view incoming officer information in the Member Access section of the Rotary International website, www.rotary.org.

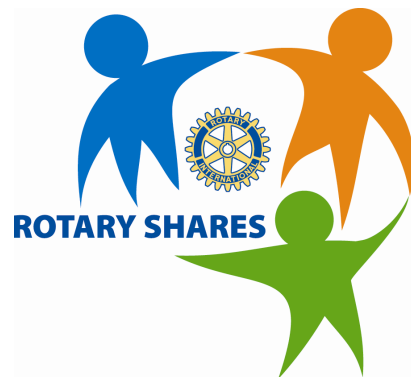
If you have any questions, please let me know.

Attend P.E.T.S.

This year's PETS (President Elect Training Session) Meetings will be held in Rapid City on March 24th at the Holiday Inn Civic Center and Sioux Falls on March 31st at the Holiday Inn Downtown.

The Registration Form is on the Website and can also be obtained from ED Susan. Registering helps the district have enough materials to give out and planning for lunch!

This is a mandatory meeting for all President-Elects and we are encouraging all officers attend as we will have sessions for youth exchange and RI Foundation. Come enjoy our expanded PETS meeting!



P.E.T.S. Schedule

0900-0930 ROLLS / COFFEE / JUICE

930-950 INTRODUCTIONS
RI THEME
DISTRICT GOALS
DISTRIBUTE PACKETS
DISTRICT CONFERENCE

950-1030 NEWSLETTER
GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE
FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE
DISTRICT GENERAL

1030-1045 BREAK

1045-1125 YOUTH EXCHANGE

1125-1205 DISCUSSION/BREAK OUT

1205-1300 LUNCH
RECOGNITION & AWARDS

SESSION (A)

1300-1340 EFFECTIVE CLUBS
ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES

CLUB ADMINISTRATION
WORKING WITH CLUBS
AND DISTRICT

SESSION (B)

1300-1340 FOUNDATION CHAIRS
& COMMITTEE MEMBERS --
THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

SESSION (C)

1300-1420 YOUTH EXCHANGE
COMMITTEE CHAIRS

1340-1420 MEMBERSHIP, RECRUITING &
RETENTION & ORIENTATION --

GOALS
LONG RANGE PLANNING

1420-1440 BREAK

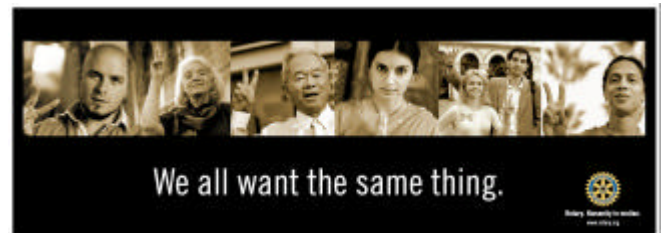
1440-1520 GRANTS & SERVICE PROJECTS

1520-1600 RAFFLE & PUBLIC RELATIONS
& DISCUSSION

1600-1620 BREAK

1620-1700 ALL -- DISCUSSION &
EVALUATION

This is definitely a “winner”



Club Spotlight

Share with the district your club's successes.
Send information and pictures to:
ED Susan
blackbookkeeping@rushmore.com