

# District 5610 Gearing Up



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## December Thoughts from DG Dick Nolte

Another Month has come and gone. The old adage "time flies when you're having fun" seems to fit the bill. Here it is December and closing in on the end of 2007 and midway into this RI year. I hope everyone had a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

December is "Family of Rotary Month". We are all missing a great number of potential new members if we do not know who the RI alumni are in our area. This information is available from RI and is a very good recruiting tool. If your club needs help finding RI alumni in your area, contact "RI Club & District Support".

As I have mentioned previously, and emphasize in my theme, "MEMBERS COUNT", recruitment of new members is each Rotarians job and is an ongoing job for each club throughout the year. I have just reviewed the club member statistics from RI and this indicates that some clubs are getting a good start in adding new members to their club.

The numbers since 1 Jul 07 are as follows: 10 clubs have added members; 6 clubs have lost members and 25 clubs have maintained their members since 1 Jul 07 for a net gain of 18 members for the District.

This is close to half way to our goal of a net increase of 41 members for the District for the year. For clubs who have lost members or not gained, you need a **PLAN** and a concentrated effort to find new members. One idea which a number of clubs use to get potential new members is for every member of your club to invite a minimum of one prospective member during the Rotary year and the club paying for that prospective members lunch.

Congratulations to the following clubs for their top rating on annual giving to TRF during 2006-2007: #1. South Sioux City, NE with per capita giving at \$230.77; #2 Wagner club at \$208.33; #3 Watertown at \$179.77. So how did they rest of the clubs do? Two clubs were less than \$10/member; 12 clubs were \$10-\$50 / member; 6 clubs were \$50- \$75 / member; 8 clubs were \$75-\$100 / member and 13 clubs were over \$100 / member. This means that even though we took a big step last year in increasing our per member average, almost 70% of District club are below \$100 / member.

There is still time for clubs to apply for District Simplified Grants for matching funds for local projects, however the deadline to apply for DSG funds is 31 Dec, so get your project plans finalized and take advantage of District funds that are available.

All club presidents have received details on how to apply and the terms and conditions used to award the grants.

Our District Youth Exchange committee is also working hard at getting the necessary things done to have both incoming and outgoing students again next year. To do this under all the new requirements is a very big job and takes a lot of time and effort to meet all requirements. Congratulations to this hardworking committee!

The raffle committee is gearing up to kick off this years' TRF raffle but is still looking for additional prizes to make our raffle a bigger success than last year, so if your club has not committed to a prize do so soon. As last year, any tickets purchased will give you full credit toward your next Paul Harris Fellow award and will also help to attain our District goal of \$100 / member contribution to TRF.



Bernie and I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with safe travel wherever you go.

Until next year, remember: "ROTARY SHARES - MEMBERS COUNT"

YIR, DG Dick





### Clark Rotary Club—Spring Time Delight

On November 10th, the Clark Rotary Club lead by project chair, Brian Cook prepared the beds for 8,900 flower bulbs to be planted in a small park near the center of the town. The Clark Rotary plans to put a sidewalk and benches in this area next spring. Many people passing through town stop at this small park and an effort is being made to make it more inviting. Next spring and summer visitors should enjoy a sea of flowers.

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Thank you Peggy Brekke of the Clark Club for the news item!

### December is Family Month

It is often said that children are the future of the world. Healthy and happy children are key to achieving Rotary's goal of building international understanding and peace in the world. There is no better place to nourish a young mind than in a family whose basic needs have been met and who can spend time together. Celebrate Rotary's commitment to family in December. Consider bringing together the mothers, fathers, children, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and members of your Rotary family into shared activities. Participate in a community service project that will help strengthen families in your community by:

- Sponsoring a seminar for new parents on child development
- Organizing a father/daughter or mother/son dinner
- Promoting a family literacy project which emphasizes parents reading to their children
- Raising awareness of child abuse prevention programs in your community
- Chaperoning a safe and fun weekend activity for the community's teenagers
- Volunteering at a shelter for homeless families
- Assisting the elderly in nursing homes with simple crafts that they can give as gifts to their families
- Creating a park or recreational area where parents can spend time with their children
- Providing materials and support to a daycare facility or orphanage
- Creating an after-school activities program for older children which will give them a safe place to go while their parents are at work



**The RI Board has adopted the following statement on family:** The Board, recognizing that

- the family, which is the basic unit of society in the community, is struggling with a host of complex social and economic problems that are attacking its structure;
- in many parts of the world, this breakdown of the traditional structure is, in turn, threatening the fabric of community life;
- Rotary's longtime commitment to Community Service makes it imperative for Rotarians to actively address the crisis in the family today;
- Encourages Rotarians, Rotary clubs, and districts worldwide to:
  - a) bring their power to bear through existing programs on the most formidable problems facing families today, including but not limited to domestic violence, child abuse and neglect, homelessness, drug and alcohol abuse, gang activities, child-care needs, and underemployment;
  - b) instill the importance of universal human values in the homes, schools and communities of the world;
  - c) continue current projects and undertake new ones that strengthen the family structure and make it a secure anchor for the larger community;
  - d) demonstrate their commitment to family and community through projects, activities, and events in celebration of "Family Month" each year.





## Rotary District 5610 2007-2008 Foundation Raffle

### TWO THINGS WE NEED FROM YOU NOW:

**Name and e-mail address of club representative** who will be responsible for the raffle.

Send to Ed Jacobson – [coach@pie.midco.net](mailto:coach@pie.midco.net)

**Prizes worthy of a \$210,000 raffle!** Please have in place by Christmas! (And please don't limit your club or your members to only one prize – we will graciously accept multiple prizes which will make for a more successful raffle! Thanks in advance for your generosity!) When your gift(s) are in place, please email Ed Jacobson.

### DISTRICT 5610 ROTARY RAFFLE SCHEDULE

<b>October – January</b>	Clubs solicit, arrange, organize raffle prizes.
<b>January 15</b>	Tickets to printer.
<b>January 31 – Feb. 15</b>	Tickets distributed to clubs (mostly by mail).
<b>February – April 1</b>	Ticket sales.
<b>April 1 or PETS</b>	Deadline to return tickets & cash.
<b>April 4 &amp; 5</b>	Raffle Drawing at PETS, Chamberlain.

(PETS is the President-Elect Training Seminar, all club leaders will want to attend. Great program planned!)

### PAT YOURSELVES ON THE BACK!

Rotarians in District 5610 gave over \$165,000 to THE ROTARY FOUNDATION (TRF) last year, July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. That was an increase of about \$44 for every Rotarian in the District. And, of course, in a short three years TRF will return some of those dollars for us to use right here in District 5610! Thanks to all who gave!

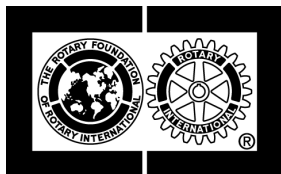
### REMEMBER THE REASON FOR THE RAFFLE...

The Raffle raises funds to benefit THE ROTARY FOUNDATION and its humanitarian and educational projects around the world. Every dollar given & every raffle ticket sold benefits the Annual Fund of TRF. *(We learned last year every \$250 saves a life!)*

### THE RAFFLE REWARDS ROTARIANS WHO GIVE TO TRF

**ANY TIME THIS ROTARY YEAR, JULY 1, 2007 – JUNE 30, 2008.**

Any Rotarian who has given \$10 or more to TRF since July 1, 2007 – or will give (has signed a pledge to give this Rotary year) – is entitled to one raffle ticket for each \$10 given or pledged. Thus a new Paul Harris Fellow who gives \$1,000 should receive 100 raffle tickets from his or her club! (A \$100 Sustaining Member giver would get 10 tickets.)



## \$100 Million Challenge Grant For PolioPlus Program



The Gates Foundation has awarded TRF a \$100 million challenge grant which Rotary will match dollar for dollar over 3 years. This is the largest single grant ever given to a volunteer service organization and represents a tremendous validation of the success of TRF PolioPlus program. The details of how this will be implemented have not yet been revealed. Information forwarded to club Presidents gives the details of a Q & A and information session which will be held 10 Dec on line. Any Rotarian can access this session. Check with your club president for details. This will give our PolioPlus efforts a big boost to work at finally eradicating this disease.





### PETS Meeting & Training

It's not too early to think about our district PETS / AG / LEADERSHIP training coming up April 4th & 5th which will be held at Cedar Shores near Chamberlain. Rotary International changed the bylaws so it is now mandatory that Presidents Elect attend PETS to be eligible to assume the club presidency so, Presidents Elect, get these dates on your calendar now.

**We are on the Web**  
[www.rotary5610.org](http://www.rotary5610.org)

### It is all about our clubs!

Have you sent in your news items to Susan? The district wants to see more of the club's activities!



### The Legend of the Candy Cane

According to legend there was a candy maker who wanted to invent a candy that was a witness to Christ.

First of all, he used a hard candy because Christ is the rock of ages. This hard candy was shaped so that it would resemble a "J" for Jesus or, turned upside down, a shepherd's staff. He made it white to represent the purity of Christ.

Finally a red stripe was added to represent the blood Christ shed for the sins of the world, and three thinner red stripes for the stripes He received on our behalf when the Roman soldiers whipped Him. Sometimes a green stripe is added as a reminder that Jesus is a gift from God.

The flavor of the cane is peppermint, which is similar to hyssop. Hyssop is in the mint family and was used in the Old Testament for purification and sacrifice. Jesus is the pure Lamb of God, come to be a sacrifice for the sins of the world.

So, every time you see a candy cane, remember the message of the candy maker: Jesus is the Christ!



## November Attendance

CLUB	MEMBERS	MEETINGS	AVERAGE
Sioux Falls North Rotary Club	90	4	54%
Sibley Rotary Club	21	3	57%
Sioux City Suburban Rotary Club	11	3	62%
Hot Springs Rotary Club		4	71%
Spearfish - NBH Rotary Club	27	4	71%
Clark Rotary Club	23	4	

Is your attendance missing? Send it to ED Susan!

# Merry Christmas To All Rotarians and Their Families



## Group Study Exchange

Reports from our District GSE committee indicate that we have a number of candidates which the committee is now in the process of interviewing. By the time this newsletter is published the team will no doubt have been chosen. Congratulations to the committee for doing an excellent job! DG Dick

DG Dick was right! The GSE Team was chosen. Here is the announcement from District Co-Chair Bert Olson:

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

I am pleased the GSE team has been selected and is listed on the following web-site: [www.5610toBrazil.com](http://www.5610toBrazil.com)

Team members include:  
Jon Bosworth-Rapid City  
Sol Brich-Pierre  
Michelle Lewon-Sioux City  
Shelle Litzen-Rapid City  
Kyla Wright-Rapid City-5<sup>th</sup> team member, subject to Rotary Trustee approval because of age



Left to right: Sol, Kyla, Mary, Greg, Jon, Shelle, Michele  
Chamberlain, SD - Saturday, December 8, 2007  
Temperature 14 degrees F / -10 C

Alternate-Mary Zanter-Brandon.