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Roger &
Betsy Wiltz

Presidential Citations

Just prior to my April 15th District Governor's deadline, I will be sending RI a list of clubs that have earned a Presidential Citation for the 2006-2007 Rotary year. **If your club isn't listed, Please let me know.**

These clubs include: Clark, Hot Springs, Huron, Le Mars, Madison, Mitchell, Pierre/Ft. Pierre, Rapid City Rushmore, Vermillion, Wagner, & Watertown.

The primary qualification for this honor is a net gain of one member since June 30, 2006. The other qualifications are listed in the brochure received at PETS.

Celebrate the 1 millionth

Paul Harris Fellow

Best Western – Marshall, MN

6:00pm – Social 6:30pm – Dinner

\$12 per person

RSVP: before April 10

To Shirley Hiller, Marshall, MN

507.532.2000 or 507.532.6569 fax

Email: shirley@jobjockeys.com

P.E.T.S.

A Step Forward

District Governor Nominee Vivian Adams of the Sioux City Suburban club is already making plans with district leadership to hold a single, centrally located PET at Chamberlain's Cedar Shores next spring.

This meeting, second only to the District Conference, will include PETS training, AG training, and training for club secretaries, youth exchange committee chairs, and foundation chairs. Tentative plans also include the Winter Leadership Meeting as well as the District Raffle drawing.

A well-attended, highly successful PETS in Sioux Falls on March 31st seems to have set a tempo for greater things to come.

Nominate

If your club is interested in providing our district with a governor in 2009-2010, let DG Roger know and he will 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

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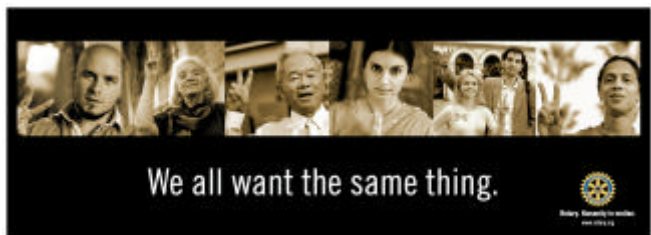
Wilfrid Wilkinson

RI President 2007-08



When Wilfrid J. Wilkinson joined the Rotary Club of Trenton, Ont., Canada, in 1962, his club focused on quiet local service. But he soon attended his first RI Convention, where he was inspired by Rotary's international scope. Four decades and numerous RI and Foundation positions later, he's poised to take on his biggest job yet: RI president.

President-elect Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, will continue to emphasize four key service areas — literacy, water management, health and hunger, and the family of Rotary.



Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program

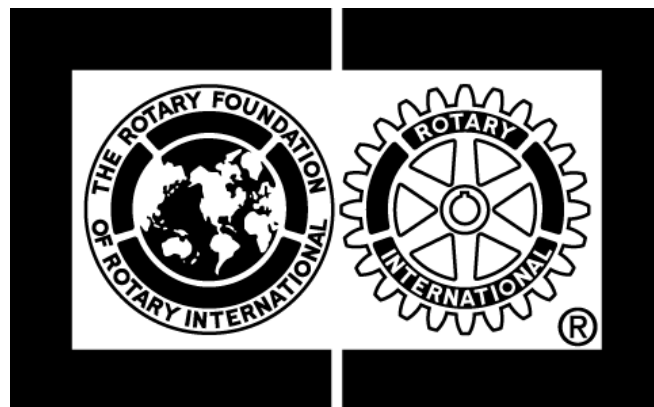
Applications for the January 2008 program session for the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies (RPCS) must be submitted to the Rotary Foundation by July 1, 2007. For more information, contact Jenn Weidman at 847-866-3374 or by e-mail at jenn.weidman@rotary.org.

The Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program was established to provide professionals from around the world the opportunity to be trained in conflict resolution and mediation strategies and to

become better equipped to help prevent and resolve conflict, as well as foster policies and create settings that ensure peace, worldwide. Offered in English, the program is aimed at mid- to upper-level professionals in governments, nongovernmental organizations, and private corporations. Beginning July 2006, the intensive three-month course housed at the newly established Rotary Center for Peace and Conflict Studies at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand will accept up to 30 program participants per session for two sessions per year. Each session will include both academic learning and practical fieldwork components. The program aims to:

- Inspire people to work for a culture of peace and tolerance while enhancing their capacity, knowledge, and skill to do so, in part by generating interaction between practitioners and academics
- Provide advanced international educational opportunities for Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program participants chosen from different countries and cultures on the basis of their potential as leaders in government, business, education, media, and other professions
- Provide a means for The Rotary Foundation and Rotarians to increase their effectiveness in promoting greater tolerance and cooperation among peoples, leading to world understanding and peace.

This Masters Degree program could enable one of our own to negotiate peace in a global setting. A young lady from Rapid City has already graduated from this program.



Group Study Exchange



From Left to Right: David Feuerstein, Kate Campbell-team leader, Kyle Quanbeck, Jessica Walters, Doug Rohde



The Group Study Exchange of District 5610 left Sioux Falls on March 26th. They arrived in South Korea and were greeted with the Daegu skyline.

If you'd like to follow their progress on a regular basis, go to www.connerscorner.com/korea.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Club Spotlight

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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 announced.

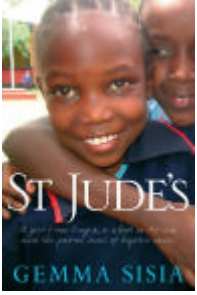


All sessions will be held at Crazy Horse.

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

Further details to follow.....

The School of St. Jude's



**With \$10,
you can start anything!**

St Jude's is the remarkable story of an Australian girl from the bush who's busy transforming the lives of hundreds, if not thousands, of African children. Her name is Gemma Sisia, and she runs a school in Tanzania called The School of St Jude. Gemma's idea is simple. Her school is for the very poorest kids, the ones whose families can't afford the clothes or books or even pencils to send their children to the supposedly "free" government schools. These are the children of illiterate parents, whose destiny is to remain trapped in a cycle of poor education, illiteracy and poverty. Her slogan is "fighting poverty through education".

Gemma started St Jude's (named after the patron saint of hopeless causes) in 2002 with an 18-year-old volunteer teacher from Sydney, three kids and her own boundless energy. From those humble beginnings, the school now has over 850 students, and one of the best academic records in the country. There are plans for a second campus, and a long term aim of reproducing the hugely successful formula across Tanzania and East Africa. St Jude's is an astonishing success for kids who would otherwise have no hope and no future.

This is a truly amazing story (along with almost 70 pictures) about how the determination of one person can help change the world.

The book is also a tribute to the organization of Rotary International. Many Rotarians have supported the school since before it was built and so the book will really educate the reader about what Rotarians around the world are doing every day.

Meet Kris Swanson & Bert Olson



Kris is the current co-chair of the District GSE Committee. Kris was a GSE team member to France in 2004 and joined Rotary shortly after

this trip. I have served on the District GSE Committee since 2005.

I have worked at Wells Fargo for the past 14 years and currently serve as a Learning & Development Consultant III for the sales area of Wells Fargo Financial.

Family include partner of 13 years Bob Koons, newborn son Kanaan, and two golden retrievers Buddy & Hunter.

Bert is the current co-chair of the District GSE Committee. Bert was a GSE team member to Japan in 1998 and joined Rotary shortly after this trip. I have served on the District GSE Committee since 1998, including chair in 2003 when we had an exchange with France. I am currently president-elect of Rotary North and have attended the International Convention in Chicago in 2005. Finally, in 2006, my wife Cindy and I traveled to St. Andrews, Scotland to play in the 52nd Rotary Open Golf Championship held at St. Andrews with 300+ Rotarians and guests, most of who were from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.



I have worked at The First National Bank in Sioux Falls for the past 24 years and current serve as the Manager of Corporate Trust and Retirement Plans divisions.

Family include wife Cindy, son Derek, step-daughter Becca (both 23) grand-daughter Suriena who is five will start kindergarten this fall.