



# ROTARY DISTRICT 5610

## December 2006 NEWSLETTER



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### On The Road . . .

All official club visits have been completed, and this month's report marks the end of this series.

We waited until September 25<sup>th</sup> to visit our nearest neighboring club, **Tyndall, SD**. The Tyndall Rotarians host "Farmers Night." All area farmers are invited to this event where they receive a great meal and a fine program. District clubs might want to consider such a venture. This club also provided and maintains an electronic media sign that bridges Main Street. You always know what's going on in Tyndall. This community has a strong music tradition, and the Rotary club supports it with the purchase of musical instruments. Tyndall is where Wagner members do make-ups, and there is a strong bond between our clubs.

October 2<sup>nd</sup> found Betsy and me in **Sibley, IA**. They made us feel very welcome. With 41% of the membership being women, the Sibley club has the best male-female ratio in our district. Sibley Rotarians have a strong scholarship program in their local high school. They also sponsor the community's physical wellness program. They supply their youth with summer swim passes as well as providing a day care program. They recently put a new furnace in the town's

McCallum Museum. The word "Rotary" is justifiably important to every citizen of Sibley. Assistant Governor Marian Roetzel hails from this club.

**Pierre/Ft. Pierre, SD** was our destination October 30<sup>th</sup>. This club really makes me feel welcome. They even take me fishing! Much of our district leadership including Assistant Governor Jim Mollison and Trainer/Raffle Chair Ed Jacobson come from this club. Locally, they make \$8900 available in scholarships. Pierre/Ft. Pierre Rotarians are currently hosting a Youth Exchange student, and will host the Foundation Miracles Workshop on January 13<sup>th</sup>. During the current year, this club has made a net gain of five bringing their total membership to 79. Foundation wise, they support Water for Honduras as well as the St. Jude's school in East Africa.

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On November 21<sup>st</sup>, our final official visit of the year took us to **Yankton, SD**. This club is unique in the way they greet the district governor. Past presidents sing "Welcome to the Governor" to the tune of "Clementine." The words come from an ancient Rotary songbook. We appreciated their singing. Contact me for the lyrics. A generous scholarship program, along with bike helmets, are some of their club projects. They are also working at acquiring some land to build a Rotary Nature Area. This was my second visit to Yankton. Both times I presented Paul Harris Fellows. They celebrated their 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary while Betsy and I were there.

With my governorship approaching the half-way point, I've been most impressed with what all 41 of our D5610 clubs do within their communities. I see overwhelming generosity. Because of my Foundation aspirations, I may overlook the work being done locally. I have been asked on a few occasions, "Is this the biggest or best community project in our district?" To attempt putting them in order would only create hard feelings.

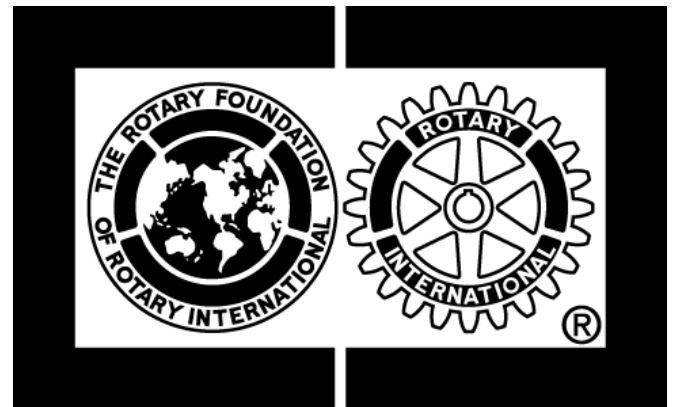
I can tell you that one particular project stands out in my mind. The Rapid City Rushmore breakfast club, with its 56 members, is approaching one million dollars raised for the Children's Home Society. We're talking about the sexually abused. We're talking about orphans. I want to do a magazine article for *The Rotarian* about this project. How proud all of us must be to think that this project is a part of District 5610. Merry Christmas.



## Foundation Miracles

We are happy to announce we have confirmed the attendance of Donald A. Gatzke, who is "Annual Programs Fund Strategic Advisor" to the Rotary Foundation. He is the Past District Governor from Montana who spoke at the 2005 District Conference in Rapid City -- where he made a whole lot of sense and signed up quite a few new Sustaining Members.

Don will join Ed Jacobson and Jerry Johnsen as a presenter and will serve as a resource for any club officer smart enough to tap into his well of information. We'll have a special Q & A session for club officers with Don starting at 2:00 p.m. January 13.



## Winter District Leadership Meeting

The Winter District Leadership Meeting has been set for Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, at the Pierre Ramkota River Centre. Time is 2:30 P.M. This meeting will be preceded by the raffle drawing at 1:30 P.M.

Governor-Elect Dick Nolte will unveil the 2007-2008 proposed budget while District Governor Wiltz presides over agenda items. Dinner follows at 5:45.

## Will Your Club Make the 2006-2007 D5610 Leader Board?

During the 2006 District Conference in Wagner, Phil Silvers coined the term "Leader Board" during one of his Foundation Power-Point presentations. One of his illustrations listed in order the D5610 clubs that reached or surpassed \$100 per capita foundation giving. It looked like this:

Marshall, MN "Sunrise"	\$221.21
Custer, SD	\$181.82
Mitchell, SD	\$158.31

When I looked at the graphic, I told myself that Wagner will be on that "Leader Board" next year. Many of us felt that way about our own clubs. According to this year's Club Goal Report Forms, we should have well over half of our clubs on this list.

At PETS, club president-elects received the 2006-2007 Presidential Citation pamphlets. It is blue-green in color with President William Boyd's "Lead The way" logo on the cover. It is due back to me on April 1, 2007, and it asks that every club show a net gain of **ONE** since July 1, 2006 to receive a citation.

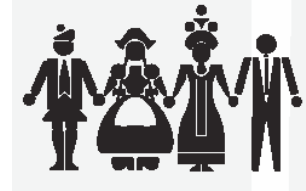
Pay attention to your membership number, for it will be the number that is divided into your total foundation giving number for your Leader Board score. I don't want any club to miss the \$100 per capita mark because of a numerical error.

If you want to know last year's per capita giving for your club, contact me. Last year our district's per capita foundation giving was \$34.19. It's no secret that I want this year's number to equal or exceed \$100.

## UNTIL NEXT MONTH...

Also keep track of your Presidential Citation pamphlet. We'll talk about achieving citations for your club next month.

## Friendship Exchange



Our District 5610 is doing a Rotary Friendship Exchange with District 3030 in India. The Team Leader will be Dale Dobrovolny from the Mitchell Rotary Club.

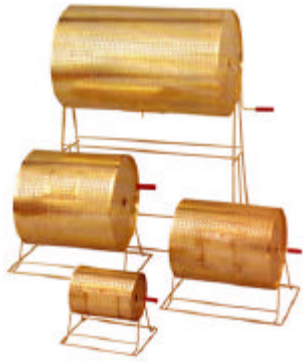
The group will leave either the end of December or the first of January so the group can attend the District 3030 Conference the first part of January. The trip will be approximately two weeks.

The team will be comprised of 5 or possibly 6 couples. Everyone will be staying in the homes of Rotarians and hosted by Rotary Clubs as they move around the District. Each member of the team will see the country on a personal basis as they will be guided throughout the area by Rotarians that call this "home."

They will attend Rotary meetings and get a chance to tell about D5610. Basic costs are transportation over to India and back plus some minor expenses. Of course, you will be expected to help host the team from India when it visits D5610. This is a fantastic opportunity!

### 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](mailto:blacksbookkeeping@rushmore.com).



## **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.



Help Wanted: District 5610 needs a Membership Chairperson. (RI keeps reminding me of this).

Job Description - With membership reports for "Presidential Citations" due 4/1/07, we someone to remind and encourage our 41 clubs to work for that "net gain of one" since 7/1/06 and then get the needed information sent in. Computer e-mail skills highly desirable. Pay? A warm feeling of personal satisfaction and a big THANK-YOU from District Governor Roger.

Apply at [rwiltz@charles-mix.com](mailto:rwiltz@charles-mix.com).

## **CLUB SPOTLIGHT**



## **SOUTH SIOUX CITY**

By Kent Broyhill

The South Sioux City Rotary Club is a Double Paul Harris Fellow Club. As far as we can tell it is the only one in the world currently in existence.

Our club is currently promoting our community calendar. This calendar is one of our major fund raisers. It is supported by advertisers in the community and contains dates of significant school and community events.

We also collect funds for a community program called "Pete's Feeders" in honor of a past city policeman. Many organizations have collection points throughout the community to raise funds to buy food for needy families during the Christmas season. Several days after the money is raised these same organizations gather to pack food baskets and distribute them.

We have supported local law enforcement efforts by purchasing police bicycles and have also supplied baseball style trading cards to the sheriff deputies and police officers to support their youth outreach programs.

We've supported the solar oven program and one of our members has actually redesigned and produced a solar oven that is much more efficient. Aside from that we've been active in the Rotary Bridge (card game) program, youth scholarships and pancake feeds.

We are a very small, close knit, club that enjoys the fellowship of an evening social hour and dinner with a program. It's a very diverse group.

## MEET GEORGE TWITERO DISTRICT TREASURER



George is a partner in the Black Hills Animal Hospital in Rapid City, SD.

He was raised on a farm north of Sisseton, SD and attended SDSU before getting his DVM degree from the University of Minnesota.

He served in the Army after college and before returning to South Dakota.

He moved to Rapid City in 1972 and has operated the animal hospital ever since.

George married Shari West (also a Rotarian) in 1989 and is a charter member of the Rapid City Rushmore Club. George has served the District well, as our District Governor in 1996-97, as the District's Foundation Chair for the past several years, and now serves as our District Treasurer.

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

1. All Down Hills From Here
2. Nice Genes
3. Book It
4. It's a Winner
5. Seeing Stars
6. Wild West Night
7. Backstage Passes
8. Art Attack
9. Can you dig it?
10. Sink or Swim

## POLIO PLUS

### Rotary gives additional US\$ 19 million to conquer polio in the remaining strongholds

(Evanston, IL - USA: 1 November 2006) Since world health experts recently announced that a polio-free world hinges on just four countries (Nigeria, India, Afghanistan and Pakistan — [see press release at polioeradication.org](http://www.polioeradication.org)), Rotary has contributed more than US\$ 19 million toward polio eradication in 2006.

Rotary - a humanitarian service organization that has made polio eradication its top philanthropic goal - allocated these funds to combat specific challenges in these and in other neighboring countries at risk of reinfection.

Funded activities include polio eradication operations, disease surveillance and social mobilization. This allocation raises Rotary's total contribution to polio eradication to nearly US\$ 616 million since 1985, representing the largest private-sector support of a global health initiative ever.

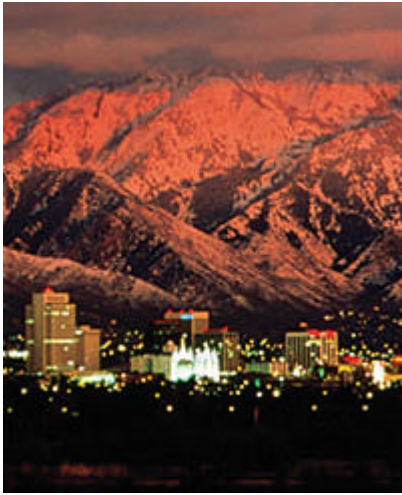
In addition, this fall and winter teams of Rotary volunteers will travel to administer the drops of oral polio vaccine to children, deliver the vaccine to remote villages and educate families on the importance of protecting children against polio. Teams will depart for the following countries:

A highly infectious disease that can cause paralysis and sometimes death, polio still strikes children in parts of Asia, Africa and the Middle East. To date, the number of polio cases has been reduced from 350,000 children annually in the mid 1980s to approximately 2,000 cases all last year.

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative is spearheaded by the World Health Organization, Rotary International, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

Rotary International is the world's first and one of the largest non-profit humanitarian service organizations. It is comprised of 1.2 million business and professional leaders in nearly 170 countries. Rotary members initiate community projects that address many of today's most critical issues such as violence, AIDS, hunger, the environment and health care.

# FIVE REASONS TO ATTEND THE 2007 ROTARY CONVENTION



## 1. Reconnect with Rotary

Inspirational stories during the plenary sessions will remind you why you became a Rotarian. You'll gain a deeper knowledge of Rotary and its Foundation during workshops, discussion group sessions, and countless other networking opportunities the convention offers. You'll leave with a new sense of Rotary pride and purpose.



## 2. See old friends, make new ones

Attending a Rotary convention is like being part of the world's largest family reunion. Imagine the same camaraderie and fellowship you know in your club, multiplied by thousands. Whether on the convention floor and or in host events such as barbeques, you'll experience what Rotary fellowship is all about.

## 3. Celebrate your accomplishments

RI conventions celebrate Rotary's power to do good worldwide. Learn what a difference you and your fellow Rotarians make through volunteering and contributing. You will have the opportunity to meet or learn about beneficiaries of Rotary programs, including the next generation of peacemakers during the Rotary World Peace Symposium, a new convention event.



## 4. Location, location, location

Nestled in the Rocky Mountains, Salt Lake City is beautiful, clean, and friendly — and waiting to be explored by you. Whether your definition of fun is fine dining or mountain biking, the region has something for you. It's also the gateway to some of the greatest sights of the American West, so plan your vacation around the convention. Salt Lake City also boasts the world's largest genealogical database, which Rotarians can access in the House of Friendship during the convention.



## 5. Affordability

Salt Lake City is inexpensive and compact. The convention's centralized venue, the Salt Palace, is near many hotels and most Host Organization Committee activities, saving you time and money. With the city's reasonable hotel rates, this adds up to one of Rotary's most affordable conventions. If you register by 1 December, the basic registration fee is only US\$275. Refer to "How to Register" and the registration form (PDF) for more details.