



ROTARY DISTRICT 5610 JUNE 2007 NEWSLETTER



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My final thoughts...

By Roger Wiltz

As this will be my last Governor's Newsletter, I'd like to touch on some of the year's events/people that were most memorable to me. It is my hope that Rotary District 5610 has grown under my leadership, and that it will be an even more effective instrument for world peace a year from now when DG Dick Nolte completes his year.

At the March 2006 PETS workshop, I attempted to get a feeling for our district's thoughts on a raffle similar to those done annually by the Texas districts of our zone. It all came together when Pierre/Ft. Pierre's **Ed Jacobsen** stood up and volunteered to be the raffle chairman. Our first D5610 raffle netted over \$100,000 for the Rotary Foundation thanks to Ed.

Currently, our year's giving to the Foundation is at \$150,000. We may not reach the goal I had set of \$210,000 for the year, but I have a good feeling about the efforts made in general. We still have a month! It appears that every club will have made a donation to the foundation.

Speaking of the foundation, an effort led by **Ron Gates, Jr.** of the Mitchell club will see fresh water wells in three Togo, Africa villages as well as some school benches. The lives of many people have been forever changed. There will never be world peace so long as people somewhere are dying for lack of potable water. This year Ron also became D5610's first Paul Harris Society member. There are now seven members.

District leadership became more effective through improved communication this year with the addition of Executive Secretary **Susan Hughes**. She is providing an invaluable service as our District Newsletter continues to grow. Her knowledge of Rotary is a huge asset in "getting it right."

Our D5610 Group Study Exchange Co-Chairs, **Kris Swanson & Bert Olson** of Sioux Falls North, actually snatched victory from the jaws of defeat when it looked like we weren't going to get a team together to visit South Korea. Thanks to **Kate Campbell**, our team leader, the trip was a great success.

More good news! I have had some great Rotarians express an interest in becoming a future district governor! It would not surprise me to see candidates competing for the honor in the not too distant future.

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Susan Holloway of the Spearfish/Northern Hills Club made a Herculean effort to keep Youth Exchange viable in our district. Though we have no out-bounds this coming year, we will be hosting five in-bound students. I don't believe anyone, myself included, realizes how hard Sue has had to work.

Would you believe that the millionth Paul Harris Fellow is from Marshall, Minnesota? **Ted Rowe** is his name, and thanks to **PDG Shirley Hiller**, there was quite a celebration. Zone Director-Elect **Phil Silvers** was on hand to present Rotary's War On Terror.

Our strength lies in the great people we have in our most important positions, and this is certainly true of our Foundation people. What a team we have in **Jerry Johnsen** of Rapid City Rushmore and **Scott Hiller** of Marshall Sunrise. Jerry is our sub-committee chair grant writer while Scott is our Chair.

The Pierre-Ft. Pierre club, led by President **Chuck Quinn** with help from Ed Jacobsen, hosted our first "Foundation Miracles Workshop." They enlisted **Don Gatzke**, the Guru of Foundation people in my opinion. Many forces contributed to our fund raising success this year.

In recognizing hard work, **DGE Dick Nolte** comes to mind. Did you know he served as the Assistant Governor for the Hills area while also serving as Custer's club president?and all of this while serving as District Governor Elect? Dick had no "spare time."

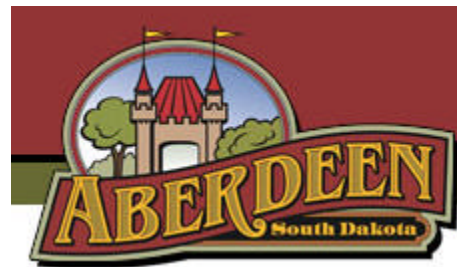
With ten Assistant Governors, do I dare single out two in particular? It fell on the shoulders of Pierre/Ft. Pierre's **Jim Mollison** to cover the huge expanse of prairie that includes Moberg and Gettysburg. He visited those clubs on several occasions and helped make them feel vital to D5610.....which they are! And then there's a Past District Governor who was on hand at every club I visited – **Don McLaughlin** of Marshall, who served as an Assistant Governor for Marshall, Marshall Sunrise, Canby, and Minneota.

First Lady Betsy, who deserves any "pats on the back" I received, and I donated the raffle grand prize – a cruise. As I became committed to The

Rotary Foundation, I found myself wishing that I could give that money to the Foundation instead of a travel agent. Grand prize winner **Ken Meyer** of the Madison, SD club made my wish come true when he asked that his prize go to the foundation.

What a job was done by the community and club of **Wagner!** 150 Rotarians and guests attended the District Conference, with 75% of clubs in attendance. How proud I felt when praises were heaped upon my town! How proud I felt when I heard, "We want to be like Wagner!"

In conclusion, the Rotary Club of **Minneota, MN** joined **Clark, SD** as 100% Paul Harris Fellow Clubs. However, even they were outdone by **South Sioux City, NE**. As far as I know, they are the world's only 200% Paul Harris Fellow club.



How pleased I was to learn that the Pierre/Ft. Pierre Rotarians have decided to send a thousand dollars to the Aberdeen Rotarians to help with the flood effort. How great it would be to hear that other D5610 clubs have joined in. I will contact Jerry Johnsen to see if anything can be accomplished "grant wise."

TRIVIA TIDBIT QUESTION:

Toward the end of the 18th century nursing was considered an unsuitable occupation for "proper" young women, undoubtedly due to the fact that hospitals in those days were dirty and pestilential places where patients usually died. So who did the nursing?

- A. Paroled murderers
- B. Drunks
- C. Prostitutes
- D. No one

Rotarians Tidbits

This month's tidbit is from Tim Campbell of Madison:

“Just a quick note. I attended my first out of state Rotary Meeting. I was out visiting my son in Seattle, WA and found a meeting that fit my schedule. It was at the Covington, WA Club and had a great time. I had called ahead and we exchanged club banners and met alot of nice people. This club was founded in 2004, so is quite new, but very active. I would recommend this to all Rotarians, wherever they travel, they are welcome and will be treated very well. Just use the Rotary website and find a meeting to attend. It is very user friendly. Tim”

Member Access Made Simple

Member Access has a lot to offer busy Rotarians. By using this password-protected area on RI's Web site, you can register for the 2007 RI Convention or make club or district administrative tasks as simple as a few mouse clicks.

You can also:

- ✚ Donate to The Rotary Foundation
- ✚ Manage e-mail subscriptions
- ✚ View the *Official Directory*
- ✚ Download RI club and district administration software
- ✚ Visit the software support forum

Other tools may be available to you depending on the Rotary office you hold. For example, club presidents and secretaries can:

- ✚ Search, view, and update club and district membership data
- ✚ Pay club dues
- ✚ View Rotary Foundation contribution reports

District governors can:

- ✚ Search and review club and district data
- ✚ Access the District Governors Forum
- ✚ View incoming officers
- ✚ View membership histories

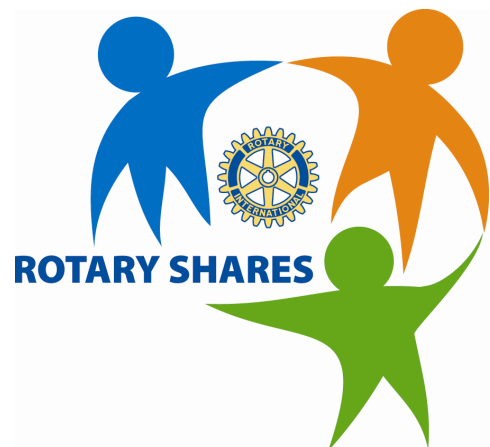
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TRIVIA TIDBIT ANSWER:

B. Drunks

Toward the end of the 18th century nursing was considered an unsuitable occupation for “proper” young women, undoubtedly due to the fact that hospitals in those days were dirty and pestilent places where patients usually died. As a result, those who provided nursing care were commonly persons who had been imprisoned for drunkenness or who could not find work elsewhere.



Have you seen it yet???

2007 Rotary District 5610 Conference



The Black Hills are gorgeous in the Fall!



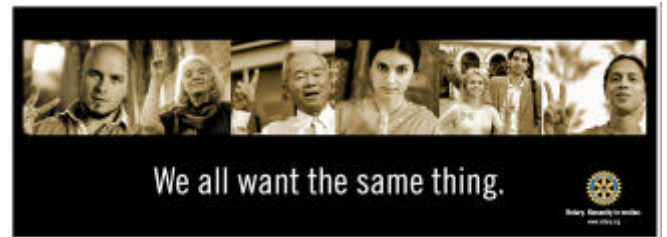
Make plans today to visit Custer State Park, Crazy Horse Monument, Mt Rushmore, and Custer in early September. Our Rotary Conference events will be held right at Crazy Horse and Mt Rushmore.



Our Keynote speaker is none other than our Lt. Governor Dennis Daugaard. He has a wealth of information to share with us.

*See old Rotarian friends
and make new Rotarian friends.*

We will have a representative from our Rotary President, Wilfrid Wilkinson of Canada. Rotary International is achieving extraordinary successes around the world; learn more about them.



Our district is having great success in many charitable areas and we look forward to sharing this information with all our Rotarians; learn more and you just may become excited to help even more.

Who Say Nothing Is Free?

*The cost of the conference is free!
The cost has been included in your
District 5610 Dues you have already paid!*

Plan to bring your spouses and children because they will keep busy in the Hills while are meetings are in session. Cave exploring, golfing, hiking, visiting museums and candy shops are all favorite activities in the beautiful Southern Hills. Visit the Custer Chamber site at custersd.com to learn more.

Rooms are being held for the whole week at a discounted rate at the Bavarian Inn in Custer. Call them 800-657-4312 to lock in a room.

Our meetings are being held Fri, Sept 14th through Sunday morning, Sept 16th.

Address questions to Susan Hughes at blacksbookkeeping@rushmore.com or Ed Starr at starrinsurance@yahoo.com

See You There!!



Club Visits 2007-2008

<i>Club</i>	<i>Date of Visit</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Custer	July 9, 2007	Thursday	Noon	Senior Center
Rapid City Rushmore	July 10, 2007	Tuesday	7:00 AM	Alex Johnson
Hot Springs	July 12, 2007	Thursday	7:00 AM	Dale's
Rapid City	July 12, 2007	Thursday	Noon	Radison
Northern Black Hills	July 13, 2007	Friday	Noon	Holiday Inn
Madison	July 16, 2007	Monday	Noon	Nicky's Restaurant
Brookings	July 17, 2007	Tuesday	Noon	Senior Activity Center
Sioux Falls North	July 18, 2007	Wednesday	Noon	Sioux Falls Airport
Mitchell	July 19, 2007	Thursday	Noon	Holiday Inn
Sioux Falls West	July 20, 2007	Friday	Noon	Westward Ho Country Club
Pierre/Ft. Pierre	July 23, 2007	Monday	12:15 PM	Ramkota
Yankton	July 24, 2007	Tuesday	Noon	Hillcrest Country Club
Gregory	July 25, 2007	Wednesday	Noon	Stukel's Café
Gettysburg	July 26, 2007	Thursday	Noon	Firehouse Lounge
Mapleton	July 30, 2007	Monday	5:30 PM	Piccadilly Restaurant
Cherokee	July 30, 2007	Monday	Noon	Danny's Sports Bar
Lemars	July 31, 2007	Tuesday	Noon	American Legion Hall
Denison	August 2, 2007	Thursday	Noon	Cronk's Café
Sioux Falls Downtown	August 13, 2007	Monday	Noon	Holiday Inn
Marshall	August 14, 2007	Tuesday	6:00 PM	Marshall Golf Club
Luverne	August 14, 2007	Tuesday	Noon	Blue Mound Banquet Center
Minneota	August 15, 2007	Wednesday	12:15 PM	Madison Ave. Apts.
Marshall Sunrise	August 16, 2007	Thursday	7:00 AM	Marshall Y
Canby	August 16, 2007	Thursday	Noon	P.K. Egan's Restaurant
Aberdeen	August 20, 2007	Monday	Noon	Ramkota
Clark	August 21, 2007	Tuesday	Noon	Play House Café
Huron	August 22, 2007	Wednesday	Noon	Crossroads Hotel
Watertown	August 23, 2007	Thursday	12:15 PM	Ramkota
Tyndall	August 27, 2007	Monday	6:00 PM	Corral Restaurant
Rock Valley	August 27, 2007	Monday	Noon	Valley Bowling Lanes
Canton	August 28, 2007	Tuesday	Noon	Hiawatha Country Club
Wagner	August 29, 2007	Wednesday	Noon	Rotary Building
Scotland	August 30, 2007	Thursday	Noon	Mama Kruse's Restaurant
So. Sioux City	October 1, 2007	Monday	6:15 PM	Marina Inn
Sioux City	October 1, 2007	Monday	Noon	Plaza Hotel
Vermillion	October 2, 2007	Tuesday	Noon	Al Neuharth Media Center
Suburban Sioux City	October 4, 2007	Thursday	Noon	Botticelli's Restaurant
Winner	October 11, 2007	Thursday	Noon	Rich's Restaurant
Sibley	October 15, 2007	Monday	Noon	Pizza Ranch
Centerville	October 18, 2007	Thursday	Noon	Dakota Diner
Mobridge	October 22, 2007	Monday	Noon	Moose Lodge