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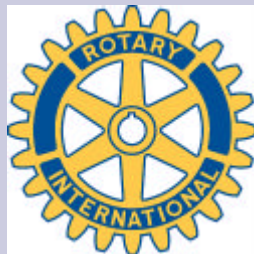
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“ROTARY SHARES – MEMBERS COUNT” By DG Nolte

For those who attended our District Conference last Month, a BIG THANK YOU for taking time out of your busy schedules to attend this important meeting of our District. I hope you took ideas and enthusiasm back to your clubs to share and put to use. For those of you who did NOT attend our District Conference, you missed an opportunity to grow in Rotary and to be able to share with the members of your clubs information and ideas which you could put to use in your community and throughout the Rotary world. Also a BIG THANK YOU to all of you who used your time and talents to make presentations at the Conference and share your knowledge and experiences with your fellow Rotarians. Without you we would not have had a successful conference! I will not mention any names here so I don't inad-

vertently omit someone, you know who you are. THANK YOU !!!

One important item which was voted on at the conference was the decision to join a multidistrict organization to increase the efficiency of operating our Youth Exchange program in the district. This process will take a little time, since there are a number of things to be done before this becomes a reality. In addition to PDG Larry Fjeldos joining the YE committee, there will be a number of other new faces on the YE committee. Thank you for sharing your time and talents with our district. The youth exchange program is a vital part of Rotary! Another important item of business to be taken care of at the conference was the adoption of the district budget. Because of increasing requirements in the youth exchange program, that part of the

budget saw a large increase this year.

Other highlights of our district conference were meeting and welcoming our GSE team which arrived at the Rapid City airport on Sunday September 9th just in time to be present at our conference. If you have not met them yet, they are a fine group from D4740 in Southern Brazil. Also present at our conference were our Youth Exchange students who are also a great group of young people. The Friendship Exchange group from India did not make it at this time since they had not planned on the long lead time to get their visas to enter the US. However they plan on being in our district sometime next Spring. Since we all had such a great time with the Brazilians, John

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The Four-Way Test

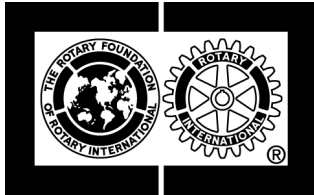
From the earliest days of the organization, Rotarians were concerned with promoting high ethical standards in their professional lives. One of the world's most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics is The Four-Way Test, which was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor (who later served as RI president) when he was asked to take charge of a company that was facing bankruptcy.

This 24-word test for employees to follow in their business and professional lives became the guide for sales, production, advertising, and all relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company is credited to this simple philosophy. Adopted by Rotary in 1943, The Four-Way Test has been translated into more than a hundred languages and published in thousands of ways. It asks the following four questions:

"Of the things we think, say or do:

- Is it the TRUTH?**
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"**





October is Vocational Awareness Month

COMING EVENTS

We will again have the good fortune to have PDG Don Gatzke from Montana District 5390 in our district in the Sioux Falls and Sioux City area the week of October 21st to help us all understand more about the functions of The Rotary Foundation. There will be a schedule of visits / seminars coming out very soon during that week of October 21st.

Every October, Rotarians are encouraged to focus their attention on vocational service. Discussions among clubs and districts on vocational service can lead to projects that not only develop the ethical consciousness and vocational skills of Rotarians but also the talents within their communities. Vocational service month is an opportunity to begin yearlong vocational service activities, ranging from Rotary discussions to awards to community projects. Below you'll find a number of ideas to help your club celebrate.

- Devote the first meeting in October to examining the second Avenue

of Service, including The 4-Way Test and the Declaration of Rotarians in Business and the Professions. After expanding members' awareness, solicit their input in planning projects for the remainder of the year.

- Introduce a "mini-classifications talk" series in which each member gives a five-minute talk on his or her vocation. Schedule one speaker for the beginning of each meeting until everyone has made a presentation. The purpose: promote vocational awareness among Rotarians and help them recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations.
- Present a vocational

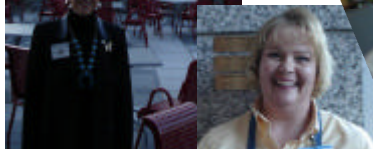
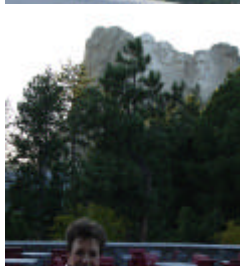
award to someone in the community who has exemplified outstanding professional achievement while maintaining very high ethical standards. Promote the presentation within the community, and consider making it an annual October event.

- Invite experts to give a presentation on the vocational needs of the community and develop a project in response to those needs. Possible projects could focus on developing character, providing career information to youth, mentoring small businesses, or organizing workshops that provide employees with new skills.

At Mt. Rushmore we were greeted in the parking lot by our new friends at the below! The evening banquet was a beautiful event. Shared with new friends and old faces. A good time was had by all especially by our youngest guest, Owen and Grace (Eric Hoak's children). We enjoyed the music and RI President, Judi's address!



**RI President's Representative
Past District Governor
Judi Beard Strubing
&
Her Husband
Bob Strubing**



ROTARIANS
IN ACTION!



South Dakota has great faces and great places so does Rotary!



Inside a Shelterbox

Shelterboxes are sponsored by service clubs, (Rotary Clubs), school and church groups, businesses and individuals, etc. Materials are ordered from a range of suppliers selected for general use, long-life, quality and price. Shelterboxes are prepared and packed using all new materials as delivered from manufacturers, at the Shelterbox warehouse based in Helston, Cornwall. The standard Shelterbox weighs 110 lbs. and has approximate dimensions 33" x 24" x 24". They are sealed and banded for transit and security. Box contents vary depending on the nature of the disaster requiring their use.

Boxes Are sometimes packed with two 10-person tents in them, (to the exclusion of some smaller items, to maximize shelter capacity. Some of the selected Box items that are available for inclusion in the Box are:

- One 49 gallon box (The Shelterbox) initially the container for delivery of the materials listed below. Once delivered, can be used as water tank, food store, cot, table, etc.
- One domed ten-person, tent complete (200 square feet of covered accommodation), including two fabric interior privacy partitions, outer fly-sheet and repair kit. These tents are considered 'winter suitable' by international relief standards.
- Vinyl insulated sleeping mats and lightweight thermal blankets. More compact than sleeping bags, these mats and blankets have multiple uses. The blanket can also be fashioned to catch water, as a tarp, etc. while the mat also serves as a ground 'table' for meals, or tent rugs.
- Ten envelope-type sleeping bags.
- One pack of 180 water purification tablets and one 5 gallon flat-pack water container (Each tablet will purify a full container of water providing 1,800 gallons of clean drinking water which should be sufficient for a family of ten for up to three months).
- Two 2.1 gallon, collapsible, plastic water carriers.
- One collapsible trenching shovel
- Rope, 164 foot
- Repellant-treated mosquito netting
- Ten PVC Ponchos/ ten HD plastic bags
- Tool kit in canvas bag: hatchet, jack-knife, screwdriver, hammer, hoe head etc.
- Multi-fueled cook stove
- Eating utensils: enamel plates/cups
- Children's activity kit-simple school supplies, stickers and coloring book





The contents are under continuous review. A small stock of wind-up radios (short-wave and FM) has been obtained to substitute a sleeping bag in every tenth box should such a requirement arise.

For shipping purposes, a large container (40 feet) can accommodate up to 240 Shelterboxes, smaller containers would typically be half the size and quantities. The purpose of Shelter Box USA, Inc. is to provide victims of disaster with shelter, by supporting the efforts of the Shelter Box Trust.

Plans are in development for site-specific Box contents to address varying climate conditions. For example, a tropical disaster site would require sleeping mats and mosquito netting instead of sleeping bags.

Interested a Program for your Club?



Tom Gage of Sioux Falls Downtown Rotary Club is more than willing to bring his shelter box, set up and provide a very enlightening program!
tgage@gagebrothers.com



Donations

The price of a complete Shelter Box is \$1,000 (US). This includes the purchase of new Box items, assembly, warehousing and their subsequent delivery to the site location, (covering transportation, handling, insurance) and standard administrative costs. Administrative time for Shelter Box USA is donated by the Rotarians of Lakewood Ranch, FL. Smaller donations are also gratefully accepted.

ShelterBox USA will combine partial donations and distribute a complete box when funds equal the cost of an entire box. All donations submitted with a mailing address will be sent a tax-deductible receipt, noting the Box number their contribution funded.

ShelterBox USA is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law



PETS Meeting & Training

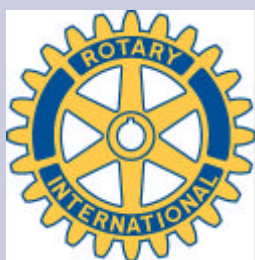
It's not too early to think about our district PETS / AG / LEADERSHIP training coming up April 4th & 5th which will be held at Cedar Shores near Chamberlain. Rotary International changed the by-laws so it is now mandatory that Presidents' Elect attend PETS to be eligible to assume the club presidency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

We are on the Web
www.rotary5610.org

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!



GOAL

**\$100 For Every
Rotarian Every
Year**

**Have you met
your goal?**

Continued from Page 1—Kittelson has a Friendship Exchange group all lined up to go to D4740, Brazil in October 2008, which Bernie and I plan to join, since we have not been to the South American continent. Bernie and I met the District Governor and his wife from D4740 in San Diego last February and really enjoyed their company.

Since the district conference, PDG Roger Wiltz has agreed to be District Membership Chair. I thank him very much for stepping forward to assume this important position. We now need to get organized to work on growing our district membership.

After concentrating on club visits during July and August, September has been a change of pace with preparations for our District Conference and now as I write, returning from the Zone Institute which was held the week of September 23 in Austin, TX. Besides getting to visit with the other DGs and other Rotarian friends in Zone 25 & 26 and being brought up-to-date with the latest happenings in Rotary, here again was the opportunity to bring back to our district new ideas and information to help to improve our district.

One session was a review of the more important items passed by the Council on Legislation. One which will affect all of us was: RI dues will increase by \$1 each of the next three years starting next year. Dues for 2008-2009 will be \$48; dues for 2009-2010 will be \$49; dues for 2010-2011 will be \$50. ALL CLUB SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS TAKE NOTE!!!

During October Bernie and I will be spending most of our time finishing club visits in and around Sioux City and Sioux Falls where we have 9 club visits remaining.

So until next Month, remember: Rotary Shares ~ Members Count District Governor Dick

NAME THE NEWSLETTER

Congratulations Maynard Lintvedt from Canton Rotary Club.

Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions

The Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions was adopted by the Rotary International Council on Legislation in 1989 to provide more specific guidelines for the high ethical standards called for in the Object of Rotary:

As a Rotarian engaged in a business or profession, I am expected to:

- Consider my vocation to be another opportunity to serve;
- Be faithful to the letter and to the spirit of the ethical codes of my vocation, to the laws of my country, and to the moral standards of my community;
- Do all in my power to dignify my vocation and to promote the highest ethical standards in my chosen vocation;
- Be fair to my employer, employees, associates, competitors, customers, the public, and all those with whom I have a business or professional relationship;
- Recognize the honor and respect due to all occupations which are useful to society;
- Offer my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community;
- Adhere to honesty in my advertising and in all representations to the public concerning my business or profession;

Neither seek from nor grant to a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship.