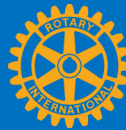


Rotarians in Action

Rotary District 5630
December 2017 Newsletter

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ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

Message from the District Governor



The holiday season is a time for joy, love and happiness; a time to give thanks and rejoice. However, it can be quite difficult to maintain this holiday spirit after reading the daily headlines of loss, suffering and the horrific acts of violence. For many it can lead to a sense of despair and helplessness of alone not being able to lessen the agony.

To overcome this helplessness, it first takes gratitude; appreciating all for which we have been blessed, the opportunities that we have been given and the things for which we are thankful. With gratitude we acquire the compassion to look beyond our own wants to see the suffering of others and the fortitude to make a difference.

For every act of violence, Rotarians around the world are responding with innumerable acts of kindness. This is the strength of Rotary—to unite together to lessen the suffering; of giving hope to those who have none; healing those who are sick; and providing the tools necessary to ensure many the right to lead productive lives for themselves and their families.

By making a difference in the life of another we make a difference in our own. Rotary is truly a gift to humanity. Let us continue to share this gift.

Have a blessed and joyful holiday season.

Jerry Milner

2017-18 District Governor
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New Club Forming

Bob Taylor, District Extension Chair, is working with community leaders in Ord to start a new Rotary Club. If you know of a good candidate for Rotary in Ord, please phone him at 972-740-6663 or email botaylor2205@hotmail.com.

Offering the Gift of Membership



As a member of your Rotary Club, you can share the gift of Rotary membership with others.

What better way to celebrate this season of giving than to share the opportunity of Rotary membership? Rotary enables us to give back to our communities and to provide humanitarian service to others.

Let's start off the 2018 Calendar Year with a growth in membership! Invite a guest to join you at a club meeting or to participate with you at one of your club's service projects. Look for information to be released soon about how you and your club can participate in the Rotary District 5630 Membership Challenge between January 1 and June 30, 2018.



Dian Edwards

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District 5630 Global Grant Activity

A **Multisensory Classroom** in District 4945 Argentina was dedicated in October. Kearney Dawn was the International Club Sponsor. To see a video of the project, click on this [Dropbox Link](#).

New Clean Water Project in District 4945 Argentina launched with Hastings Noon Club as the International Club Sponsor.

About the Paul Harris Society

- Paul Harris Society members agree to contribute a minimum of \$1000 annually to the Rotary Foundation.
- Only **3%** of all Rotarians globally belong to the Paul Harris Society.
- Paul Harris Society members annually contribute **37%** of the Annual Fund.
- Assistant Governor **Scott McKelvey** from the Holdrege Club is the newest Paul Harris Society Club Member.



Annual Fund Goals

Did you know? All clubs **must** set an **Annual Fund Goal** at [Rotary Club Central](#) by the end of the calendar year to qualify to apply for a District Grant in May of 2018. The clubs listed in the right column have fulfilled this requirement.

District and Global Grants and the **Match from the World Fund** supporting humanitarian projects are funded **100%** from Rotarians' contributions to the Annual Fund.



**Please support our
Rotary Foundation!**

Don Peterson

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From the District Public Image Chair

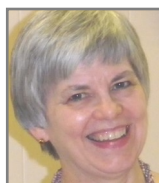


Tips for taking Publicity Shots

- *Plan ahead.* Decide what message you want to convey, and find a way to capture it in a photo.
- *Take action shots.* They create more interest than posed shots of people shaking hands and standing and facing the camera.
- When taking photos to submit to the media, *keep deadlines in mind.* Include a caption with the correct spelling of names and a sentence explaining who, what, when, where, and why.

To publicize your event or fundraiser in the district, please send your photos and captions or a clear copy of a newspaper clipping to me.

Do you enjoy using social media? Then I can use your help with the district's Facebook page. Please give me a call at 308-883-0265.



Cheryl Bryan

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Clubs Who have Set Annual Fund Goals at Rotary Club Central

Alliance	Holdrege
Arnold	Imperial
Broken Bow Area	Kearney
Burwell	Kearney Dawn
Cambridge	Lexington
Chadron	McCook
Curtis	Minden
Grand Island	North Platte
Grand Island Sunrise	Ogallala
Grant	O'Neill
Hastings Sunrise	Valentine

If your club is not listed above, please talk to your Club President. It only takes a few minutes to enter your Annual Fund and PolioPlus goals at [Rotary Club Central](#) - Rotary.org - For Members - Rotary Club Central.

This step will also help you achieve your Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) award – every club member gives something to the Annual Fund; the club averages \$100 per member.

One of the easiest and most secure ways for you to support the Rotary Foundation is through Rotary's recurring giving program, [Rotary Direct](#). Choose an amount, contribution method, and frequency — monthly, quarterly or annually — that will be convenient for you.

Club News

Area 3 - Ogallala



Despite the wintry weather, 50 kayakers took off across Lake McConaughy on November 4 for Ogallala's 3rd Annual Kayak Big Mac. Funds raised will benefit the Rotary Water Initiative. [KNOPNews](#) gave them great coverage.

Area 8 - Holdrege



Holdrege Rotary organized a Feed My Starving Children Mega Pack with some help from Kearney, Minden, and Alma Rotarians. They packed 362,880 meals – enough to feed one meal a day to 994 kids for an entire year – and raised \$67,703 to pay for meals.

Area 6 - North Platte



North Platte Noon Rotary is sponsoring two youth exchange students this year. They recently traded club flags with Club President JoAnne Hoatson.

Above - **Lorenzo Negro** from Italy.
Right - **Titouan Rey** from France.



Area 9 - Kearney Dawn



Kearney Dawn Rotary's October 21 Dancing with the Stars event brought in \$50,000 for the Kearney Veteran's Memorial.

Area 7 - Curtis



The Curtis Rotary Club gave activity books and dictionaries to 2nd and 3rd graders in October. Even in this day of tablets and Google, the kids love owning their own books.

More Club News

Area 11 - St. Paul



St. Paul has fun with their dictionary project -- giving them to both the Loup City and St. Paul Public Schools. This is St. Paul Rotary's 14th year of participation in the dictionary project.

Area 12 - O'Neill



With this size crew, it didn't take long for the O'Neill Rotary Club to finish their Fall Highway Cleanup. Rotarians **Tim Grey** and his wife **Peg** hosted the workers for dinner afterwards.

Area 10 - Grand Island, Area 13 - Lexington



Dr. Marjie Heier, a native Nebraskan, recently spoke at a Lexington Rotary club meeting about her work at the Chifundo Rural Health Center in Zambia.

Grand Island Rotary is working with Dr. Heier on a maternal child health Rotary International grant to provide the clinic with vital medical equipment and supplies.

Area 14 - Hastings Sunrise



Hastings Sunrise Rotarians with one of two trees the club donated to the public schools.



Rotary District 5630 Governor's (Very Generous) Incentive

Each District 5630 Club that achieves **Rotary Club Central**, **Rotary Foundation**, **Membership**, and **Public Image** challenges will receive a **\$500** monetary rebate. Clubs will also be eligible to send their Club President Elect Nominee to the 2019 PETS, supported by the 2018-19 District Budget.

To learn more, see [2017-18 District 5630 Governors Incentive Challenge](#) on the District website, Rotary5630.org.

Want a Dramatic Display for your next Polio Awareness Campaign?



Bob Taylor of the Alma Rotary Club has inherited Bill Ballou's Iron Lung.

Ballou, who as a member of the Kearney Rotary Club was responsible for restoring this iron lung, has moved away from our area and has passed the possession of the iron lung to Bob.

The sole purpose of this 800-pound full-size iron lung is, as Bob says, "to provide a visible icon of Rotary's audacious goal of ridding the world of polio."

If you'd like to use the lung in an upcoming Polio Awareness campaign, please phone Bob at 972-740-6663 or email him at botaylor2205@hotmail.com, and he will send you the Display Considerations. Rotary Clubs who use the lung will be expected to pay Bob's travel, housing, and other expenses and make a \$265 donation to the Rotary Foundation PolioPlus Fund.

Have you selected your 2018-19 Club President?



Time is getting short. High Country PETS (President Elects Training Seminar) is **March 2-4, 2018** at the Renaissance Hotel in Denver.

9th Annual Big Red Blowout: For Fun, Foundation, and Fees



Jackets on as ticket winners board the bus in North Platte on their way to watch Nebraska play Rutgers on September 23. Jackets off to watch the Cornhuskers win in 90+-degree heat at the UNL stadium.

This year's Big Red Blowout yielded \$17,126.35 for the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund, \$8,588.58 for the District (helping keep down club dues), and \$8,588.58 divided among participating clubs.

Congratulations to the 100% clubs: Hastings Sunrise, Curtis, Ogallala, Alliance, and Gothenburg After Dark. All but six clubs participated.

Remembering...

Donald Calkin (1928-2017), founding member of the Alma Rotary Club.

Robert Ripp (1943-2017), member of Lexington Rotary Club, whose special passion was the Dictionary Project.

Bill R. Vaughn (1955-2017), 2010 President of the Hastings Rotary Club.

If you'd like to honor a member of your club who has passed away since July 1, 2017, please let us know.
Email Cheryl@cherylsdesk.com.

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