



Rotary International —District 5630

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Governor's Message

By **KOBY RICKERTSEN**
Rotary 5630 District Governor

July 1st is always an exciting time for Rotarians. The uniqueness of our organization is that the entire leadership from top to bottom for the most part changes. July is a time to thank and congratulate those that have lead us through the previous year and to share a vision with those that are leading us into the future. I would like to thank my dear friend Duane Tappe on a spectacular year leading our district. Our Foundation giving in 2013-14 set an all-time district record!!

With that being said I also congratulate Don Peterson on an outstanding roll out of the new Rotary Foundation model. Don and his team of amazing volunteers have turned a stale unexciting process of matching and global grants into a easy way for our clubs

to match dollars and do amazing things throughout our communities. Our first global grant was an amazing success. The feedback that I have received from the partner Rotarians in India is astounding. So thank you Sri Seshadri for the time and energy spent on working through this process and giving other Rotarians in our district the opportunity to do other Global Grant Projects going forward.

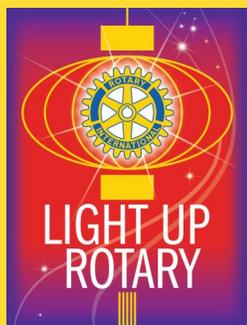
I want to especially thank one of my mentors Dian Edwards for taking the reigns of one of my passions, Rotary Leadership Institute. RLI gives us the opportunity to learn more about the organization we all belong to and cultivate those future leaders in our clubs. Believe me there are so many other great Rotarians in every club through-



Koby Rickertson
District Governor

out central and western Nebraska I would fill the next 12 newsletters with thanks, so know that all of you that have stepped up in your clubs or for our district have my eternal gratitude.

When I started learning about what the duties and responsibilities of a District Governor were a few years ago I realized super fast that success of Rotary at the district level is no different than at the club level. It is the outstanding team of people that make things happen! We have worked very hard to as-





semble what we feel is a team that will help our district to grow going forward. We have looked at the last ten years of both foundation giving and membership and we believe that setting a goal to return to the historic best in those categories is attainable. We understand that this is not going to happen over night but we believe that this is an attainable goal.

As I look into the future of Rotary in our District I see excellence and growth in every area. I see an amazing pipeline of talented leadership! I see us coming together as Nebraskans and sharing a goal of greatness. Let's stop growing for the sake of growth, and start building an empire that we can hand down for generations to come. I do not see this coming year as my moment to shine, but as an opportunity for all of us to work together to ignite a fire across our dis-

trict. We do so many great things in our clubs, and for me the gift that my friend Tim Strauser gave me 7 plus years ago when he invited me to our local meeting and sponsored my membership is one I will never be able to repay. Because, there is no better gift than an opportunity to serve our community and our world!

Let's make the next year about celebrating the success of every member of every club. Let's focus on the things that we do well in our communities and know that we make a difference in the lives of so many of our neighbors both locally and globally. As we think about RI President Huang's theme, let's "light up" our achievements in our communities. Let's hold Rotary Days and showcase the amazing volunteers that we have in our clubs. Let's give awards to Rotarians and Non-Rotarians in our com-

munities that go above and beyond the call. Most of all let's remember that the next 12 months and beyond belong to all of us. Rotarians are doers! We make things happen all over the world! The more we educate our members the stronger our organization becomes.

"Light Up Rotary" is our theme, but it is more than our theme. It is how we live in Rotary, how we think in Rotary, how we feel, how we work, It is how we make a difference — every day, in every club, every district, and every country where we serve.

I look forward to visiting each of you over the next 12 months as we "Light Up" Rotary District 5630.

Yours in Service,

Koby

Koby Rickertsen
District Governor

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*Join Us
for RI President Gary Huang's
Visit to Nebraska!*

You Are Cordially Invited

The pleasure of your company is requested for a special message from the honorable

Gary C.K. Huang
2014-2015 RI President

President Huang's global perspective will inspire Rotarians and guests to "Make a difference — every day, in every club, every district, and every country where we serve."

Reservation Information Below

Your hosts: Rotary Districts 5650 and 5630

Presented by:
Rotary Clubs of Nebraska & SW Iowa

RI President Gary Huang will make the first official visit of his Presidency to Nebraska next month! Visits to Rotary Clubs in District 5650 and 5630 will comprise the focus for his visit to our state. A full list of events that all Rotarians are encouraged to attend is listed below.

RI President-elect Gary C.K. Huang chose "Light Up Rotary" as his theme for 2014-15. Huang was inspired by the teachings of Chinese philosopher Confucius who said: "It is better to light a single candle, than to sit and curse the darkness."

President Huang has outlined an ambitious agenda for his presidency. He leads an international effort to grow Rotary membership by 50,000, and spread membership across Russia and China. His membership development goals center on the need for more women and young adults to become Rotarians. He seeks to increase membership to a total of 1.3 million members worldwide;

a goal he believes can be achieved by engaging Rotarians to invite their spouses, family members, and friends to join Rotary.

Huang urges club members to Light Up Rotary in the coming year by hosting a Rotary Day in their community and include local Rotaract and Interact members in their service projects. By continuing to fight against polio, setting an example in local communities, and growing membership, Huang hopes to see Rotary shine brighter than ever.

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The Rotary way is the Confucius way. The Rotary way is to light a candle. I light one, you light one, 1.2 million Rotarians light one. Together, we light up the world."

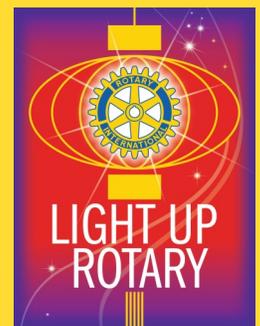
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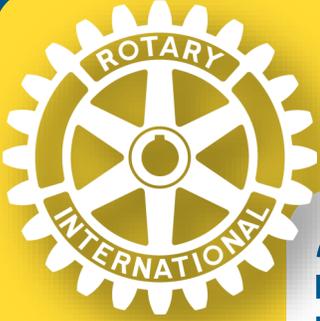
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RSVP required by July 6th. Register online at www.rotarydistricts650.org. Questions? Contact Nicki Klein at nklein2@neb.rr.com or 402.429.2789.



RI President Gary Huang's Nebraska Schedule

TUESDAY, JULY 8 – LINCOLN: Lincoln Rotary Club #14 Luncheon Meeting

11:30 am – 1:00 pm: The Nebraska Club, US Bank Building, 233 S 13th St, 20th Floor

President Huang will speak to the regular meeting of Lincoln Club #14. Special guests in attendance will include Governor Dave Heineman and Lincoln Mayor Chris Beutler. *Regular lunch meeting prices apply: Club #14 Rotarians \$11; Guests \$15.*

RSVP required by July 3rd to Mary Buckley, Club #14 Executive Director at 402.796.2505 or direx@inebraska.com.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9 – NORTH PLATTE: North Platte Noon Rotary Club Lunch Meeting

11:30 – 1:30 pm: Quality Inn, 2102 S Jeffers St

President Huang will speak to the regular meeting of the North Platte Noon Rotary Club. Cost \$20. *RSVP required by July 7th. Register online at www.rotary5630.org.*

THURSDAY, JULY 10 – GRAND ISLAND: Grand Island Rotary and Sunrise Rotary Club Luncheon Meeting

11:00 – 11:30 am: Registration

11:30 – 1:00 pm: Lunch at Riverside Golf Club, 2820 Riverside Drive

President Huang will speak to a special meeting of Grand Island Rotary, Sunrise Rotary and other surrounding clubs. Cost: \$25.

RSVP required to Denise McGovern-Gallagher, Grand Island Rotary Secretary at dmcgovern02@gmail.com or 308.379.5266. Payment required in advance – by July 5, 2014. Mail checks to Grand Island Rotary, PO Box 973, Grand Island, NE 68802-0973.

Register online at www.rotary5630.org.

THURSDAY, JULY 10 – OMAHA: Celebration Dinner for President Huang

6:30 Social at Omaha Hilton Hotel, 1001 Cass St. Dinner to follow.

All Rotarians are encouraged to attend a celebration and formal dinner in honor of President Huang. Cost: \$45.

Big Red Blowout

Sell your tickets, and return stubs to your
Club BRB Coordinator by August 15th.

GO BIG RED

10 Winners! | Tickets \$10 each

- 2 Nebraska vs. McNeese State Football tickets 9/6/14
- 2 Round Trip Motor Coach transportation
(from North Platte, Kearney, Grand Island)
- 2 Prime Rib Buffet – Chances “R”, York, NE
- 2 Tailgate Passes

The budget this year, passed by the Leadership for the District is the Big Red Blowout raise \$17,000, that is every member selling 1 packet, 10 tickets. Adding the previous 5 years, to what we expect to raise this year, the district total could reach a quarter of a million dollars! That is A LOT of money that does good to HELP OTHERS! This year, we are on a fast track as we had to pick an early game. So we need you to sell early. Please feel free to contact me, Beth or Dave with any questions or concerns.

Drawing for the winners will be drawn on August 27th.

Have you sold your tickets? Please do your part to support this important district fundraiser. Remember that 50% of the net proceeds of your ticket sales go to The Rotary Foundation in your name, 25% of the net returns to your club budget, and the remaining 25% net supports our District 5630's exciting new leadership initiatives.

THANK YOU for what you do for Rotary every day!!
With Gratitude,

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Polio Update

WORLD CUP BRINGS POLIO VIRUS TO BRAZIL

To be clear, there have been no reports of polio cases in Brazil. At, least not yet. But the **polio virus** has appeared. Testing of the sewage from airports used by World Cup visitors has shown the presence of live polio virus in Campinas, 60 miles outside Sao Paulo. Fortunately, Brazil has a fairly high immunization rate (generally over 95%) and has had no active cases of polio since 1989.

Still, this situation is troubling. There are unvaccinated people in Brazil that could potentially become infected, if exposed to the virus through contaminated water or food. The situation illustrates how easily an area considered polio-free for decades could become polio-infected almost



overnight because the virus remains alive in some parts of the world that are only a plane ride away.

This can happen because most of the people that carry live polio virus are not ill and exhibit no symptoms to arouse suspicion that they carry the disease. Genetic sequencing of the virus found in Brazil shows it probably came from Africa. It most resembles polio virus recently detected in Equatorial Guinea in West Africa. Epidemiologists believe polio in Guinea was spread from nearby Cameroon. The cases of polio in Cameroon

are thought to have come with refugees from Chad. Chad had previous outbreaks attributed to contact with northern Nigeria. Although this may not be proven, the scenario is believable. Invisible carriers of polio can shed the live virus which then gets into sewage. Any fecal material that is infected with polio has the potential to spread if the sewage is capable of contaminating water systems. Unsanitary conditions and the perfect environment for spread of the disease.

Polio remains in retreat in most of the world, but is making a comeback in several worrisome regions. WHO travel restrictions now require polio vaccinations for visitors to or from selected world "hot spots" for this disease, including Pakistan, Cameroon, and Syria because of risk of spreading the disease.

Rotary has been leading the cause for decades in the effort to eradicate Polio. The progress has been impressive, but the battle is not won until the polio virus becomes extinct. Funding for Polio Plus in our District 5630 was disappointing in 2013-2014. Please keep Polio Plus in mind for your Rotary giving during the coming year and help your



club stay aware that **we need to fund Polio Plus at a higher level.** Fundraisers should be under discussion, soon, in order to have more than one opportunity through the year to fund polio eradication.

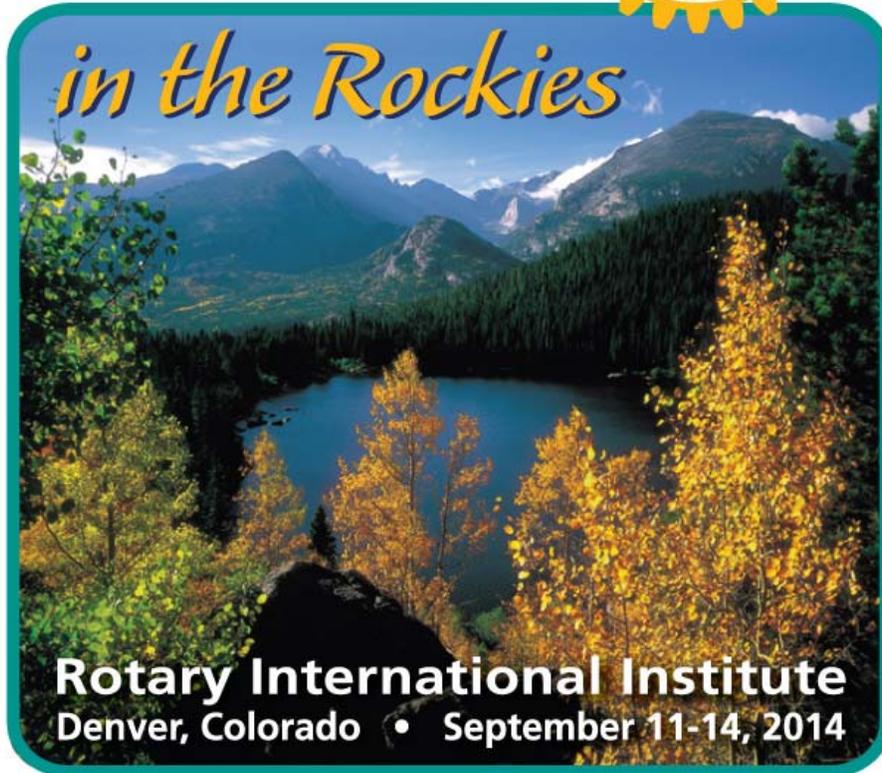
Every club should be able to raise enough money through fundraisers and member contributions to exceed a minimum of \$50 per member during the next year (July 2014 through June 2015). In fact, we have multiple instances where clubs have exceeded \$200 per member, in past years. Please think about how your club might achieve this level of support in the coming year. Planning and organization is essential and cannot begin too soon. Learn more about polio eradication at: <http://www.endpolio.org/>



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Rotary

in the Rockies



Rotary International Institute
Denver, Colorado • September 11-14, 2014



Rotary District 5630 has joined the Rocky Mountain Division of the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI).

Why do we need a Leadership Institute?

To provide information to Rotarians that may not be readily available at the club level regarding all facets of the programs and services provided by the exciting world of Rotary International.

What does the Rotary Leadership Institute offer?

The Institute offers a leadership development program in three full day sessions. (Parts I, II, and III). The courses are designed to provide Rotary knowledge and to develop leadership skills for voluntary organizations.

Some examples of course sessions include: The Perfect Meeting; A Look Outside the Club; Membership Orientation and Activation; Introduction to Leadership; Creating Service Projects; Problem Solving Workshops; Vocational Service; Effective Committees; Membership Development; The Rotary Foundation; Analyzing a Rotary Club; The Object of Rotary; The District; International Service; Problems of Leadership; Creative Service; Written Communications; and, Motivating Rotarians and Effecting Change.



Should your club participate?

If your club cares about its future, it will want the best leadership possible. This is an outstanding opportunity for each club to improve the Rotary knowledge of its key people, who will also be exposed to new ideas of leadership. The exchange of ideas with other experienced Rotarians alone makes the courses worthwhile.

What is the cost?

We ask clubs to contribute \$25 per participant per session to cover the cost of materials, lunch, and facility fees.

Who should be nominated to attend the Institute courses?



The Institute recommends that clubs nominate those Rotarians who appear to have the potential for club leadership, not necessarily as future presidents. Candidates should have a strong interest in Rotary and be ready to be exposed to the larger world of Rotary.

What are the teaching methods?

Course methods include discussion groups, role-playing, problem solving workshops, creating projects and audiovisual presentations. Everyone participates during one of the Institute's sessions. A course workbook containing an Institute Manual, session program agendas, faculty listings and course outlines and materials, is provided to each attendee.

Where and when will the sessions be held?

Efforts will be made to provide training sessions at various times and convenient locations throughout the district. Training schedules will be published on the district web site, www.rotary5630.org. Participants may attend sessions at any of the locations they choose on a first-come first-served basis. Therefore, pre-registration is encouraged.

How do I learn more?

Contact Dian Edwards, District 5630 RLI Coordinator: dg5630.2012@gmail.com or 402-340-6166. Please visit the Rocky Mountain Rotary Leadership Institute web site at: www.rmrl.org.



July District Calendar

DATE	TIME	EVENT
7	12:00 PM	DG Rickertsen Visit: Kearney Noon @ Ramada
8	7:00 AM	DG Rickertsen Visit: Grand Island @ St. Francis Medical Health Center
9	12:00 PM	RI President Huang & DG Rickertsen Visit: North Platte @ Quality Inn & Suites
10	12:00 PM	RI President Huang & DG Rickertsen Visit: Grand Island @ Riverside Golf Club
11	9:00 AM	11th Annual Rotary Golf Benefit Kearney @ Medowlark Hills Golf Course
21	12:00 PM	DG Rickertsen Visit: Alliance @ Newberry's
21	6:15 PM	DG Rickertsen Visit: Sidney @ Buffalo Point
22	12:00 PM	DG Rickertsen Visit: Broken Bow @ Prairie Pioneer Center
24	12:00 PM	DG Rickertsen Visit: Curtis @ Curtis Cattle Company
20-25		Great Plains RYLA—4H Camp Halsey
25-26		Zone Training—Denver, CO
27		PETS Planning—Denver, CO
31	12:00 PM	DG Rickertsen Visit: Chappell @ Points West Community Bank

District Executive Committee

**District Governor
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District Happenings



5K Mud & Fun Adventure Run

Runners of all abilities welcome.
You will get wet and muddy!
Saturday, July 12,
8 a.m.

Registration begins at 7 a.m.

Starts and Finishes near 1320 Hardy Rd.
(just east of St. Paul)

 \$38 Entry Fee

Held in conjunction with GCA Days
Registration forms at www.stpaulrotaryclub.com
or sign up on race day, beginning at 7:00 a.m.

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Good
decisions
don't just
happen.

Ask
yourself
these 4
questions:



1. Is it the TRUTH
2. Is it FAIR to All Concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and Better Friendships?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to All Concerned?