



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL - DISTRICT 5630

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Governor's Message

"We are in the final push to end polio, but as long as the disease exists anywhere in the world, all children are at risk. "With just two endemic countries remaining – Pakistan and Afghanistan –we must continue to raise awareness and funds needed to end this paralyzing disease. Our grants show Rotary's commitment to staying the course until we wipe out polio forever." What a proud time to be a Rotarian!

Our District lost a great Rotarian last month as Past District Governor Jack Knicely of Sidney passed away at the age of 94. Although I never had the opportunity to know Jack personally, the positive impact that he left on family, friends, and his community was very obvious. His passion for service was transparent to all that knew him in service to his country as a pilot in World War II, his career as an attorney, and his love of Rotary for 66 years. He

served as President of his club, District 5630 Governor in 1994-1995, and instituted the Youth Exchange program in our District. Jack is a true example of "one person" can and does make a difference!

Membership in our District continues to be on the rise with most of our clubs showing a positive gain in new members and retaining existing members through engagement. Since starting the Rotary year at 1196 members we currently are at 1223 with a new satellite club www.RotaryEclubBeyondBorders.org that is launching its place on the Webb as open for business the first week of this month, check it out.

Welcome kits now available: Rotary is developing new resources to help support clubs' efforts to strengthen their membership. Visit shop.rotary.org to order welcome kits to share with new members. Customize your kits with



*District Governor
Don Peterson*



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a club brochure, personalized member certificates, and ID cards available in the Brand Center.

Rotarians in our District are really active now making a difference in their communities and the world through District & Global grants. Twelve of our clubs are active in their communities and internationally by utilizing the district designated funds that our District Rotarians have invested in our foundation. Seven of

our clubs have global grants in progress in Zambia, India, South Africa, Kenya, and Mexico so get involved because you can make a difference. Lexington Rotarian Nancy Parra has traveled to Mexico City to visit the humanitarian projects from Heart to Heart including the global grant for Rehabilitation of Children with Neurological Impairments that their Club is sponsoring for our District. Nancy would be a great program for your club meeting in the future.

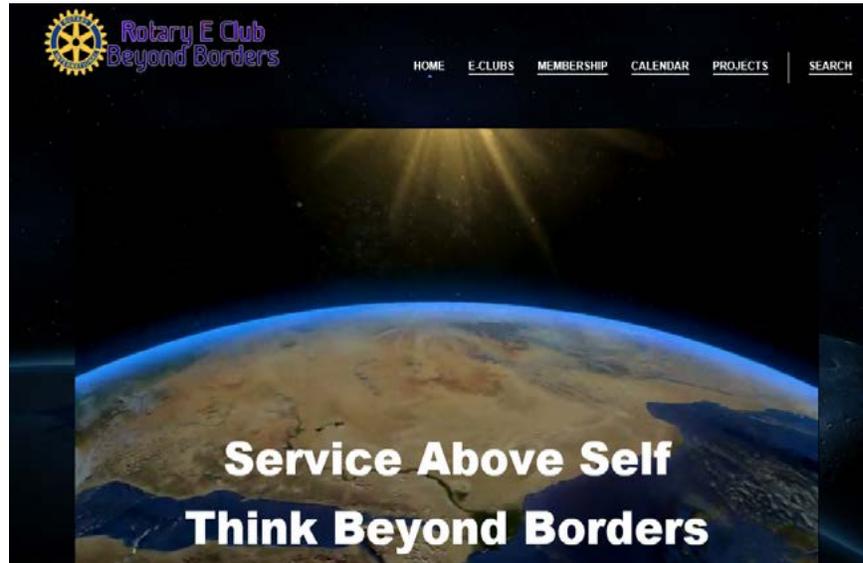
Thank you all for your service & for being a Rotarian!

Don

District 5630 eClub

Know someone who would be a great Rotarian, but may not fit the traditional Rotarian meeting role. Point them in the direction of the district's newest club. Beyond Border's eClub. Find them at:

<http://rotaryclubbeyondborders.com/>



1st Annual Row Across Big Mac

Watch the television coverage here <http://www.1011now.com/northplatte/home/headlines/Row-Across-Big-Mac-Helps-Spread-Safe-Water-Awareness-342672872.html>



The Ogallala Rotary Club hosted the Row Across Big Mac, and the fundraiser benefits Katie Spotz's non profit safe water campaign.

Each rower this morning raised at least \$30, \$10 for every mile rowed, and with over 50 people, the philanthropy row was a success.

"We are going to use that money to get some kids to Kearney in April in, our Interact Club, the high school version of rotary, and hopefully see Katie and see her speak, and we will also make a contribution to her philanthropy, H2O for Life," said Rotary President Ron Schmidt.

Row Across Big Mac raised over \$2,500, and aside from giving financial help to the philanthropy, the event helped raise awareness.

Rotary Leadership Institute Classes



The Great Plains Rotary Leadership Institute concluded a series of 4 Monday night sessions that covered the complete RLI Curriculum on site in O'Neill and via Zoom teleconferencing with Rotarians in Alma, Denver, Imperial, Lexington, and Ogallala. RLI Coordinator Dian Edwards and AG Nicole Sedlacek facilitated the sessions. Make-up sessions will be scheduled for any participants in the class who were unable to attend one or more sessions. For more information about how you can receive the RLI training via the teleconferencing option, please contact Dian by phone at 402-340-6166 or by email to dg5630.2012@gmail.com.



Find us at:

www.rligreatplains.org

“Thank you!” from the Imperial Rotary Club

Residents of Imperial once again showed their spirit of generosity last Friday and through the weekend as they contributed \$500 toward Rotary's End Polio Now campaign. Thanks to a two-to-one match from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, every dollar contributed will count as \$3 in the fight against polio around the world.

On Friday morning, designated “Purple Pinkie Day,” students at the school and individuals in businesses up and down Broadway contributed \$1 – and often more – and in exchange got their pinkies painted purple. Others contributed cash at the movie theater over the weekend.

Each 66 cents collected was enough to purchase one dose of polio vaccine each for children in the two countries where polio is still being spread: Pakistan and Afghanistan. Because of Imperial's contributions, 2300 children will be immunized against this crippling, life-robbing disease.

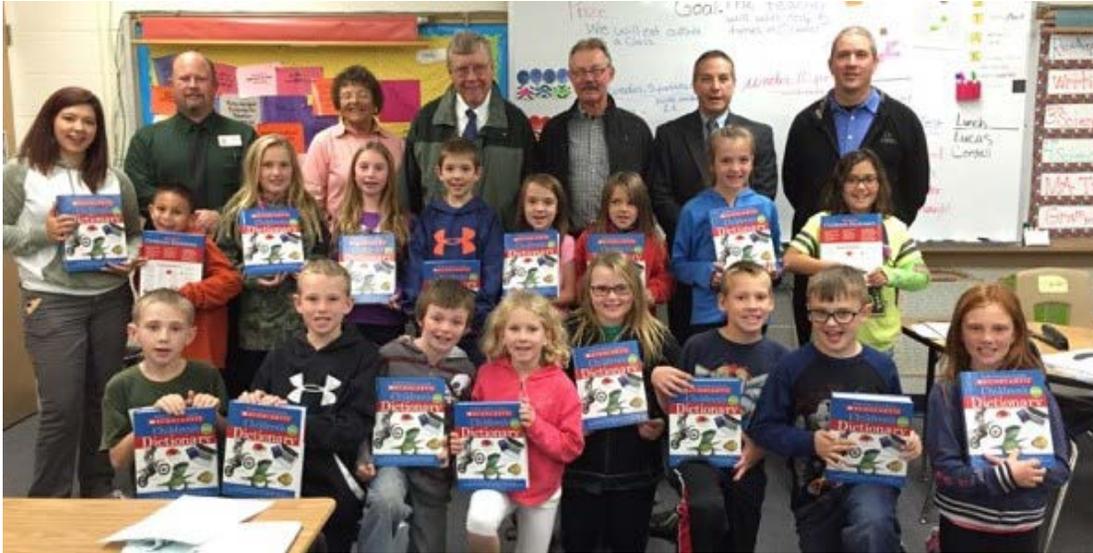
Because of the efforts of Rotary International, the World Health Organization, Unicef, the Centers for Disease Control, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, incidents of polio have decreased by 99.9% since 1985. India was declared polio-free in 2014, and Nigeria has not reported a case in over a year.

We are “this close” to eradicating polio. The Rotary Club of Imperial thanks you for your help in making the world polio-free.



Rotary Dictionaries

Chappell Club



Chappell Rotary Club delivers dictionaries to the Creek Valley third graders.

Lexington Club



Lexington Rotary Club recently carried out its annual Dictionary Project in the local elementary schools. All third grade students at Bryan Elementary and Sandoz Elementary in Lexington were given a free dictionary. Approximately 200 dictionaries were distributed for children to use in completing their daily assignments at school as they work toward the goal of graduating from high school in the year 2025. Lexington Rotary Club has been involved in The Dictionary Project for more than ten years. During that time over 2,000 dictionaries have been presented to third grade students in the Lexington elementary schools.

Making the presentation this year were Lexington Rotarians Father Neal Nollette, Nancy Raya-Parra, Bernie Svoboda and Bob Ripp. Rotary District Governor, Don Peterson, assisted with the presentation of dictionaries at Bryan Elementary School on October 21.

Alma Club "Harlan County Health Fair"

Photos from the Alma's club use of the Rotary Iron Lung. Photo includes Bill Hogeland in dark polo, Alma Club, Bob Taylor in the checked shirt, and Bill Ballou from the Kearney Noon Rotary Club. The event "Harlan County Health Fair" was hosted by the Harlan County Systems Fair, Oct. 17th, in Alma, NE. It was comprised of many different booths that took blood draws, gave flu shots, provided information on various health examinations. The Alma Fire Department provided lunch.

The Alma Rotary Club was focused on the Rotary Polio Plus program, and collected \$450 in donations towards the program based on the Gates Foundation help. We also helped to provide a platform for the Health Systems to encourage immunizations, with various posters on the subject. Bill Ballou has requested \$250 be given to the Rotary Foundation by all those who use the Iron Lung. The Hospital stepped up to provide the funds to bring the Lung in. The pictures of the check presentation to Bob Taylor, President of the Alma Club, and Bill Ballou, by Manuela Wolf, CEO, Harlan County Health Systems.

Bill Ballou, is a major evangelist for Polio Plus. If there is any club using the Lung, see if Bill's available. He has the background on the building of the Lung as well as the history behind it as well as a major advocate for Polio Plus. We also had a handwritten blog of participants recollections of the Iron Lung's history with their family and friends.

Further questions, please call my cell 972-740-6663.

Bob Taylor



Meet the Membership Challenge

Any member of a participating club from July 1st 2015 - April 15th 2016 is eligible

- Sign two new members get a \$50 contribution to the AF
- Sign four new members get additional \$50 contribution to the AF
- Top two members that sign the most new members get a PH (recognition points) from the district @ conference

Welcome our newest Rotarians!

Club	Member	eMail	Sponsor
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