

# ROTARY DISTRICT 5670 NEWS & INFORMATION

## The REFs Call

Monthly news from Robert E. Friesen, District 5670 Governor

### COMING EVENTS

- District 5670 Conference  
May 3 - 4 at Lyons  
Celebration Centre.  
Since this will be the final  
conference of the year,  
we will be working to  
compile a memory book.

*We need input from the  
last 101 years of D 5670!*

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Recently on television we observed referees making a call that changed the winner of the Seattle and Green Bay football game. I am trusting each member to help the District 5670 Team to make the correct call in growing our members and foundation.

*"Don't worry what you lack, use what you've got."* —J. Traylor

*"Never let negative talk to determine your vision."* —J. Traylor

I am so grateful to all of our clubs across the district. I have visited each club and have found wonderful Rotarians in each club. I say a great thank you for being a Rotarian and a member of more than 1.2 million Rotary members. The projects of each club are as varied as each club works in their community. Thank you Rotary. I still will be visiting many of your clubs this year and hope to participate in some of your activities or projects.

The first of October, I returned from attending the District 5690 [Wichita] Conference. It was a real treat where a number of great presenters, nationally and internationally inspired the Rotary vision. There were a number of great events and activities.

One of the presenters is a man born with Cerebral Palsy. His name is Jerry Traylor. Jerry has to use his crutches to walk. He said he is not handicapped with crutches, but if he did not have crutches he would be handicapped. Jerry has run numerous 26 mile marathons and completed a walk from San Francisco to New York. He is a dynamic speaker and motivator.

"You can do what you want to do." Take this as a lesson for our clubs.



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*Peace  
Through  
Service*

THE ROTARY CLUB OF \_\_\_\_\_

**MONTHLY ATTENDANCE  
DISTRICT 5670**

**REPORT TO DISTRICT GOVERNOR BOB FRIESEN BY THE 10<sup>TH</sup> OF THE MONTH**

DG BOB FRIESEN: 108 S. ST. JOHN, LYONS, KS 67554 [bfriesen5670@hotmail.com](mailto:bfriesen5670@hotmail.com)

SEND COPY TO THE ASSISTANT GOVERNOR

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**MONTH** \_\_\_\_\_

**CURRENT CLUB MEMBERSHIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**% MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE** \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW MEMBERS THIS MONTH** \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERS DROPPED THIS MONTH** \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW PAUL HARRIS FELLOW THIS MONTH** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF NEW MEMBERS THIS MONTH**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

**DISTRICT GOALS**

- **FOUNDATION GIVING TOTAL \$89,000**
- **5% MEMBERSHIP GOAL = 1200**
- **Each member give something and become a sustaining member= 30 CENTS / DAY**
- **Each club gain 5% net increase to their membership by May = ASK—ASK—ASK**

REPORTED BY \_\_\_\_\_



**Each club is to send to the Governor their monthly attendance report.**

**This is a Rotary International requirement.**

**Only a few of the clubs have responded.**

**USE THE MONTHLY REPORT FORM INCLUDED IN THIS  
NEWLETTER TO REPORT YOUR ATTENDANCE INFORMATION.**

**STATS**

**Membership Goal 1200 Current 1142**

**FINANCES- FOUNDATION GOAL \$89,530**

Received YTD \$8008	96 givers [missing 1050 givers]		
Balance	Scholarship Encumbered		\$11,630.00
	PETS Encumbered		\$ 2,380.00
	Conference Encumbered		\$ 3,395.00
	Bank District		\$28,753.71

Two clubs have not paid their dues

**MEMBERSHIP- You ask not, you receive not!**

***IGNITE*** your club to gain at least a 5% net membership gain.

Several weeks ago I was in Wal-Mart in a far city. There I found the M&M candies. Wishing I could supply each of you with a bag of M&M, I was reminded of the Importance of MEMBERSHIP AND MONEY for the Foundation.

**Seven Signs of a Thriving Rotary Club**

1. Clear purpose and direction
2. Dynamic leadership
3. Involved membership
4. Vibrant meetings
5. Meaningful community services
6. Worthwhile International service
7. Financial soundness.

***“Focus on commitment rather than complacency”***



### DISTRICT NEWS

**District 5670** now has a District Governor Nominee.

Dr. Roger Marshall, OB-GYN physician from the Great Bend Club is our new team member. Roger is a graduate of KUMC with residency in Bay Front Medical Center in St. Petersburg, Florida. He was one of the key movers in building the Great Bend Regional Medical Center, in Great Bend. He serves as its president. Roger will serve as District Governor in 2014-2015.



District 5670 and 5690 have partnered in hosting an exchange student, Maria Paula Alencar Nery from Picarra, Brazil. Maria is hosted by a McPherson family while she attends McPherson High School. Thanks to Mike Mills and Rod Kreie for coordinating this New Generation project. D 5670 has sent a student to Brazil in exchange. More info will follow.

Left: Exchange student Maria Paula Alencar Nery with District Governor Bob Friesen

*“Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.”*  
— Will Rogers

### DISTRICT CONVENTION

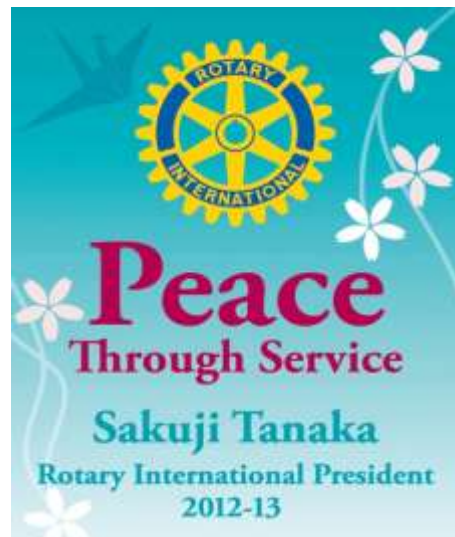
The District will need each club to assist the convention team in preparation for our District Convention in 3-4 May 2013, in Lyons. The convention will be involved with both district and an international projects. The committee will be contacting many of you to assist us in **OUR** District 5670 convention. The Saturday session we will have participation in packaging food for the hungry [ one of the six areas of Rotary] We will be needing sponsors. More information will follow as plans are developed.

### RI NEWS

RI has funded 75 million dollars over 3 years to eradicate polio. The hope is to eradicate Polio for the next generation. Rotary has given 1.2 billion dollars to date. The United Nations has ramped up the Global Polio Eradication Polio Initiative . The Islamic Devolvment Bank has loaned Pakistan 227 million dollars, and given a 3 million dollar grant to Afghanistan to eliminate polio. The Rotary Foundation is searching for Technical Advisors within the six areas of focus. For information: [Christian.pepera@rotary.org](mailto:Christian.pepera@rotary.org) 847-866-3357 Advisor needed below

- Literacy
- Disease Treatment & Prevention
- Economic & Community Development
- Peace & Conflict Resolution
- Water & Sanitation

Greg Podd, PDG from Colorado has been nominated to become the next RI Director following Andy Smallwood.





### CLUB NEWS

McPherson: (Dale Sprague president) - has 17 Paul Harris Fellows and 1 Paul Harris Society Members

Hays: Public Radio Family day and a family fun time meeting

Goodland: Fall is pheasant season and the Goodland club sponsors a pheasant hunting for their project. It is a tremendous fund raiser.

Many of our clubs are providing dictionaries for 3rd graders.

Salina will sponsor a musical review on December 17th

Washington hosted Senator Jerry Moran. They also do highway trash pickup and provide service in the Rotary Park.

Phillipsburg has an 8th grader and a senior attend their club meeting each month, scholarships, hospice, Fort Bissell maintenance.

Downs received a new member, Kyle Eisner. (One of the smallest clubs can do it! Can you?)

Ness City **has community high school services and works with the children's theater.**

Colby: Hosting US Attorney Barry Grissom, provide book and reading to preschoolers, awarded Jeff Holacher with his 8th Paul Harris. Oberlin presented Warren Bainter with a Paul Harris.

*What is your club doing????? Let us know.*

## THANKSGIVING—*A Time to Reflect and Be Grateful*

We Rotarians in D5670 have so much for which to be thankful and grateful . As all of us have witnessed the plight of the Eastern Seaboard's devastation, how can we not be thankful? The loss of life, possessions, clean water, sanitation, food, heat, shelter and electricity have compounded the misery. Ironically, this occurs in many countries. It becomes more meaningful when it happens near home.

*"Needs are never going to disappear. Service will always be in short supply. Commitment of motivated leaders can ensure better supply. Bridge this gap by attracting many more hands that will ensure our future."*  
—Ashok Mahakam

**Please take time today and everyday to thank God for your blessings.**

*Have a Happy Thanksgiving!*

## GOALS

**WE  
ARE A  
STRONG  
INTACT  
DISTRICT**

- **A 5% gain in 2012-2013 = 2012 members ( we had a 4% gain last year) If every member will give 30 cent/day to The Foundation, we will exceed the \$89,000 goal and help numerous persons at home and worldwide.**
- Every club give, support or assist your local community blood donations.  
One pint saves three people ♥♥♥
- **HAVE FUN AS A ROTARY CLUB!**