

ROTARY DISTRICT 5670 NEWS & INFORMATION

The REFs Call

Monthly news from Robert E. Friesen, District 5670 Governor

COMING EVENTS

JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

Jan. 13-18, 2013 International Assembly San Diego, CA

January 19th and 26th, the mid-year reviews will be held. Each president or a representative are to **attend one** of the meetings and present an updates of their club. The reviews are from 9:30 to NLT than 3 p.m. at Colby and Salina. No cost to attendees. Please encourage your president to attend.

February 9th, the College of Governors will be meeting in Lyons at the Celebration Centre.

February 16th, the District Scholarship Meeting will be held to determine our scholars for 2013-2014. These scholars are funded by the scholarship dues paid by each club.

March 16th [Tentative] District Assistant Governors and Committee Training. TBA by the DGE

March 31st. All applications for Presidential Citations must be received by the Dist. Governor. The forms and information may be found on: www.RIawards@rotary.org Each club needs to load this form and complete in March.

April 4th to 6th President Elect Training in Salina. [**Required for all new incoming presidents**]

More information forthcoming from the DGE

May 3-4th District Conference and Feeding the hungry with Numana.

To Be announced: The District Nomination Committee will be meeting to consider any nominees for District Governor for the 2015-2016 Rotary year. We are still receiving club resolutions nominees. Committee: PDG's Howe, Marcus, Teasley, King, Stiemel, Hooper, DG Friesen, DGE Cabrinha and DGN Marshall.

Albert Schweitzer made two statements:

1. One thing I know: the only ones among you who will be happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve. 2. You must give some time to your fellow men. Even if it's a little thing, do something for others—something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it.

The times we are living is the "me" generation. What do I get, what are you going to do for me and what's yours is mine and mine is mine. It is a tragedy that many give their support to those that either give or promise something for themselves, which includes some Rotarians and Clubs. Many times jobs, political and friendships are based on what am I getting.

This philosophy is the direct opposite of what Rotary stands. Service Above Self is the an important part of being a Rotarian. This means often putting our desire on the back burner to assist others. Not every Rotarian buys into this. After all, there is a Biblical principle, what you give you keep and what you keep you lose. What you sow you also reap.

If we as Rotarians, believe in the motto, it should stretch us to **give more**, to **do more** and to **ask more** and **serve more** that we will have more to do more for the people of the world.

I challenge you to be more than meet, greet and eat club. That every club would truly might be a growing vital SERVICE CLUB In 2013.



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Peace Through Service

We so recently finished the Christmas and New Year celebrations of 2012. It is hard to believe that it is now 2013 with new challenges for the year.

Against the Mayan calendar and other “end time prophets”, we are still here. Some of us have made New Year resolutions as a new beginning for the year. Likely, some have even broken some of their resolutions. Here are some Rotary resolutions for 2013 and this Rotary year.

5% net gain in every Rotary Club in D5670 Every club gain one. Obtaining the District Foundation goal of \$89,000 and each club reaching their goal.

Abiding with the 4-Way test in our Rotary Clubs and lives.

Sending your current president to one of the mid-year review sessions on January 19th at Colby or January 26 in Salina. No cost to attendees

Sending the President Elect to President Elect Training in Salina on April 4-6. The registration of \$85 has been paid by your club.

Supporting the District Convention and Assembly on May 3-4 in Lyons. The \$75 for each delegate has been paid by your club. This meeting is for all Presidents, delegates, Rotarians and guests.

Obtain sponsors [community business or individuals] to gift the Numana District Food program at the Convention. \$150 / club is requested] Information will follow. Send all funds to: NUMANA, Inc., Box 572, 405 Boyer Rd., El Dorado, SK 67042

Acquire auction items to auction for funding the Foundation.
HAVE FUN IN ALL YOUR ROTARY CLUBS.

CLUB NEWS

Salina Club as taken in several new members and will honor 40 new Paul Harris Fellows at their January 21st noon meeting. Tom Wilbur and Lindsey Garber have been instrumental in acquiring PH Fellows.

Atwood has used its grants with a 3 phase approach for the local park. Benches, bike racks and safety equipment.

Goodland volunteered and rang the Salvation Army Bell.

McPherson Club is involved in many service projects: dictionary project, Rotaract Clubs, Boys & Girls State, RYLA, Ethiopia Reads, STEP of McPherson County, Scottish Festival, Polio Plus, summer backpack program, Globe Refiners basketball project, and youth exchange.

Lyons Club assisted and collected toys and Christmas gifts for Good Fellows Christmas for the needy and the Food Bank for Christmas,

Washington uses the Festival of Trees to support the food pantry. This year they contributed \$2,2261.28 to the pantry. They will celebrate the Rotary Winter Gala on February 23rd.



Goodland News...

Our club generally rings the Salvation Army bell during the holidays. This year, we realized we didn't receive a call from the local Salvation Army representative. One of our Rotary members realized that we hadn't been called, so he reached out to the representative to ASK if we could offer some bell ringers. The entire day of 12/22 was open, so we claimed it. We rallied a crew to ring bells. Blake Sanderson (age 11-pictured) insisted he and Rotary President Mom ring the bell. One of our Rotary members signed his family up to cover FOUR hours of the day! The Salvation Army representative has communicated to us that 12/22 was the largest day of donations in history for Goodland. While we realize the increased donations were not due to our smiling faces, but rather the big hearts and positive attitudes found in our area. This project cost our club \$0, only a little time.

Now, that's Service Above Self.

**Philippines Project**

PDG Marcus is collecting for PDG Hooper, empty, washed "Capri Sun" drink containers. These used containers make some neat projects for sale that subsidizes the Philippine people. Please bring any containers to mid-year, Governors Meeting, PETS, or the Scholarship meetings and containers to give to PDG Hooper when he returns to the states.

Newtown, Connecticut

Any club or individual wishing to assist the Rotary Club of Newtown as they aid this tragic event may contact : www.newtownctrotary.org

THANKS After many years of service and health issues, PDG Grimes submitted his resignation as the District Foundation Chairman. The District 5670 thanks PDG Bill Grimes for his tireless years of service as the Chairman of District Rotary Foundation. Bill has set a high standard as the Foundation Chairman. Bill was honored several years ago by Rotary International at the Zone 27-21 as the Rotary Foundation Chairman and his service in District 5670, Nationally and Internationally, and in a number of countries. Bill has been instrumental in Grants, feeding programs, equipment, and dental care in Central America, especially in David, Panama.

APPOINTED As the District Governor, I have appointed PDG Mack Teasley to fill the vacancy for the remaining 2012-2013 Rotary year created by the resignation of PDG Bill Grimes. PDG Mack will be attending the Foundation Training in San Diego during the International Assembly in January.

DISTRICT 5670 IS SPONSORING FEEDING THE HUNGRY

District 5670 is supporting and sponsoring a program to package and send food to hungry people of the world. The program is called **Numana** who supply the beans, rice, vitamins for less than 30 cents a package for six people. During the District Convention on May 4th, volunteers will package at least 20,000 meals in two hours. The cost to the district is \$4600 of which the district has sent the first \$600. We are asking each club to acquire volunteers and financial sponsors. Any contributions from your club or sponsors from your area, please forward to Numana. This is an project of International Service. We need the \$4000 by March. [Try a fund raiser] All funds are sent to Numana, a 501c3 organization. If every club would get \$150 sponsor, the total cost would be met. **Send all funds to:**
NUMANA, Inc., Box 572, 405 Boyer Rd., El Dorado, KS 67042

SAVING THE HUNGRY *More information will be available soon.*

POLIO**END POLIO, WORLD'S BIGGEST COMMERCIAL**

For updates: endpolionow.org

In a senseless way, Pakistan had 5 women United Nations worker killed for vaccinating for polio. This has happened in a number of areas in Pakistan due to the Taliban retaliating for USA military actions. Other workers for the World Health Organization have also been killed or wounded. These lives were sacrificed for trying to better the world and eradicate Polio.



BLOOD DONATIONS are supported by RI and our Zone 27/21.

Over the past decade, Rotary Clubs have successfully rallied its members to donate large quantities of blood – in large part, because Rotary works very hard to build strong and strategic partnerships with community blood centers. Local Rotary Clubs actively support the work of local blood centers, while the centers also cooperatively support the work of Rotary. After Hurricane Sandy the Red Cross needs our help.

Schedule your life saving appointment today by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visiting redcrossblood.org. Join with me and give to others.

Appointments are encouraged to avoid wait times, but walk-ins are welcome.

Make a difference and save up to 3 lives by giving about 1 hour of your time and 1 pint of blood, hospital patients across the Country thank you!

How to Donate Blood—Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information.

All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver’s license, or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are generally in good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

CLUBS: SUPPORT BLOOD DONATIONS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

- PROVIDE ADS OR PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BLOOD DONATIONS
- MEMBERS DONATE

*ONE PINT SAVES THREE LIVES: Without blood, no one lives.
Blood is essential for life and survival*



**DON'T BE CONTENT WITH AVERAGE.
AVERAGE IS AS CLOSE TO THE BOTTOM
AS TO THE TOP.**

E-CLUB

Our district is in the process of beginning an E-Club. An E-Club is a Rotary Club that meets once a week on line with Rotarians going on line sometime throughout the week. The dues for a year [District – International] is \$278.00. Members go on line for a minimum of 30 minutes. Service projects are required locally through out the year to meet the Service Above Self requirement. The E- club has persons from all over the world and including Kansas. This club meets for ones not able to meet on the designated local club meeting. The members count for the district but do not count for local attendance. An E-club is a neat way to make up a meeting for any Rotarian. **If you know former, new or interested persons that would be interested in the E-Club, please contact me.** We need 25 persons to charter an E-club. PDG Keith Hooper in heading the club information.



For The Rotary Foundation Contributions:

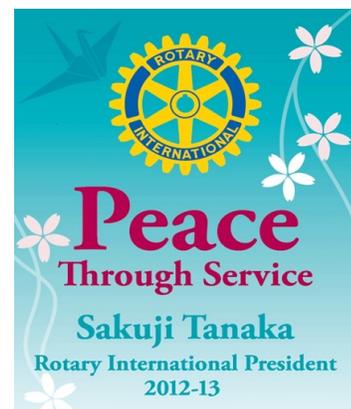
Credit Cards: Online via www.rotary.org

Mail to: The Rotary Foundation, 14280 Collections Center Dr., Chicago, IL 60693

Or give through you local Rotary Club

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If you have a technical specialty and would like join and share your talents within the world, contact christian.pepera@rotary.org Senior Coordinator



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL 108TH ANNIVERSARY FEBRUARY 23, 2013

MEMBERSHIP IS THE SURVIVAL OF DISTRICT 5670

WASHRAG *Water & Sanitation Rotarian Action Group*

One third of the women of the world do not have safe toilets that threaten their health and exposing them to shame, fear and violence.

The CDC estimates 2.5 billion people of the world are lacking access to improved sanitation.

Honduras: District 4250, San Pedro Sula is providing safe water for 380 families or 2000 people.

South Sudan: As much of 95% of the population uses unsafe water shared with animals and un-protected areas. With no permanent rivers during the dry season, children spend hours fetching water that often is bears water borne diseases. Finding water often takes place of schooling for the children.

REMINDER

The district will award three persons \$500 each who are sustaining members of the Rotary Foundation by the 15th of April. One club who is an Every Rotarian Every Year (\$100 / member by April 15th) will receive \$250 for usage for the club.

Shelter Box Coordinator, PDG Stanton reports their club received an additional \$1300 for shelter boxes from the Salina Club. Shelter Box has sent 500 winterized Tents to the Iraq-Kurdistan for refugees from the Syrian conflict. Nigeria has received 224 boxes for the flood victims, Philippines for the Typhoon victims and East Coast for the Hurricane Sandy disaster.

5 CLUB COUNCIL Rotary Hurricane Relief for Staten Island

The 5 districts have requested that clubs desiring to assist their recovery send any contributions to Rotary Hurricane Relief for Staten Island, 148 New Drop Lane, Staten Island, NY 10306. www.statenislandrotaryrelief.com or contact

Bernard DelRey, Treasurer @718-667-1500

Japan's first club was organized April 1, 1921 in Tokyo. Japan now has 22,000 clubs and 89,000 members. Sakuji Tanaka, Rotary International President is from Japan.