



## District Governor's Newsletter

District 5970

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### Bus Ride to Multi-District PETS Feb 26-27th

The 2010 PETS training will be a multi-district event in Bloomington, MN where Rotarian Presidents from Iowa, Wisc and MN will gather. Addition club members are invited. Registration is done online at [www.ncpets.org](http://www.ncpets.org).

The District has set up a bus route to help members and spouses or friends to enjoy the trip and build friendships with fellow Rotarians to and from the meeting. The bus will begin in Dubuque at 5 AM with stops in Manchester at 5:45AM, Independence 6:30AM, Elk Run Heights 7AM, Waverly 7:45, Charles City 8:25 AM and Clear Lake at 9:20AM with arrival time of 11:30AM at the Airport Hilton.

All times are estimates but in order to get to the meeting on time the schedule will be followed as closely as possible. Each stop will last 8 minutes so getting there early in very important.

Past Dist Governor Dick Moeller recounts that, for him, the bus ride to the Chicago Convention was a big high light. Who knows, perhaps an inter-club activity may arise from the networking that will occur during the trip.

Registration for the bus trip is also on-line and for communication reasons telephone numbers are important. All Pres-elects received an email earlier but if you have questions contact John Last [rotarysecry5970@mchsi.com](mailto:rotarysecry5970@mchsi.com) or Roger Kueter [roger.kueter@uni.edu](mailto:roger.kueter@uni.edu) or 319-266-6291.

**Happy 105<sup>th</sup> Birthday Rotary on February 23rd**

### Rotary DSG Team News

The Rotary District 5970 GSE team is now assembled and we will begin our preparation for their trip to District 2230 including the countries of Poland, Belarus and Ukraine on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The team members are as follows:

Myself (Ralph Smith), a resident of Charles City and member of the Charles City Rotary Club since 1977. I am an attorney with a general practice in law, president of the local school district, and City Attorney for the city of Charles City.

Kimberly Koenigs is a resident of Northwood, Iowa, and founder and executive director of the Worth County Development Authority. Kimberly and her organization were instrumental in securing the license from the state of Iowa for the Diamond Jo Casino located on Highway 35 just south of the Minnesota border. Kimberly remains active with her organization in providing business opportunity in the Worth County area.

Renee Sedlacek is a resident of Waverly, Iowa, who presently serves as service-learning coordinator for Wartburg College. Renee's job engages her in numerous civic activities in the Waverly community.

Bryan Zygmunt is a professor of art history at Clarke College in Dubuque. Bryan has a passion to learn about other cultures with particular interest in the art and architecture of other cultures. We look forward to receiving some instruction from Professor Zygmunt as we view the historic sites of Poland.

Finally, we are pleased to have John Hall as a member of the team. John is a commercial lender with the Cedar Rapids Bank & Trust Co. John's extensive knowledge of and interest in business and commercial matters will provide a good vocational balance to our group. John will have an interest in learning about the commercial and business climate in countries that only several decades ago were under communist rule and subject to a government-planned economy.

We all want to thank the Rotary Clubs in our district for this learning opportunity

tentatively scheduled for May 9th to June 5th 2010.

Ralph Smith  
Leader of the GSE Team

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### **Leadership Workshop on ICN**

On Feb 6th at 9 AM at 10 locations throughout District 5970 there will be a FREE three hour leadership workshop available over the ICN. The workshop titled "20/20 Leadership: "Establishing a clear vision" will be conducted by Dr Victoria Robinson.

This interactive workshop focuses on how effective leaders influence and involve others in establishing a clear vision and setting appropriate goals. The skills presented in the workshop can be applied in non-profit organizations, businesses and even our personal lives. All Rotarians are invited to attend but please plan to have several board members attend.

Locations if the workshops are:

- Algona - Iowa Lakes Community College, 2111 Highway 169 North, Attendance Center, Room 13
- Anamosa - Anamosa High School, Sadie Street, Room 113
- Cedar Rapids - Kirkwood Community College, 6301 Kirkwood Blvd. SW, Linn Hall, Room 107
- Dubuque - Dubuque Senior High School, 1800 Clarke Drive, Room A-123
- Fort Dodge - Fort Dodge High School, 819 N 25th Street, Room 12
- Mason City - North Iowa Area Community College, Activity Center, Room 106

- Spirit Lake - Spirit Lake High School, 2701 Hill Avenue, Distance Learning Center (This was the closest site I could get for the Milford/Okoboji area.)
- Storm Lake - Iowa Central Community College, 916 North Russell, Room 16
- West Union - North Fayette High School, North Pine Street

Assistant Governors, Let me know who of you will attend at what locations. I have some materials for you to distribute and Dr. Robinson will want your assistance at the sites. Thanks.

Roger Kueter

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### **New Vaccine Used**

For the first time the new bivalent oral vaccine to stop the "transition" of both type 1 and type 3 wild polio. The vaccine made its debut during the December 15-17th National Immunization Days NIDs in Afghanistan.

Approximately 2.8 million children received the vaccine. This campaign was funded by the Canadian government. Additional details are available on the Rotary International web site [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) or at [www.polioeradication.org](http://www.polioeradication.org)

### **Annual Fund Donations Lag**

To date \$56,000 (25%) of our District 5970 goal of \$221,000 has arrived at the Rotary Foundation. Member contributions from Rockwell City currently lead with per capita giving of \$90, followed by Monticello \$83 and Marion \$74. Please remind your members that their contributions are what makes Rotary's work via the Rotary Foundation possible. No donation is too small. Our goal is \$100 per member per year. Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)

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### **DSG applications due by April 1**

District Simplified Grant (DSG) applications for qualifying projects to be undertaken during Rotary Year 2010-2011 are due by April 1. This is an opportunity to use a portion of our district's designated funds for local club endeavors.

The application forms and the grant criteria are available on the district Web site, the Rotary International Web site or by calling PDG Dick Moeller for further information or help at 319-290-7778 or 319-352-1747.

Approximately \$24,000 is available for our district to use during the upcoming Rotary year. This money was given to The Rotary Foundation three years ago and is now available for DSG projects.

**By PSG - Dick Moeller**

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### Last Call Montreal

Back in September we asked Rotarian's about interest in taking a bus to the Rotary International Convention. Anticipated cost will be approximately \$250/person assuming a full bus. To date not enough have indicated and interest to warrant this trip. However, if you are interested please contact Richard Moeller ASAP at 319-290-7778.

If sufficient numbers are not received by Feb 15th we will cancel the bus option. Thank you for your quick response.

The International Convention is June 20-23rd in Montreal, Canada. Passports will be necessary so if you plan to attend even by driving you' better get started on getting your passport. Hope to see you in Montreal.

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### D-5970 Haiti Disaster Response

On January 12th Haiti was hit with a 7.0 earthquake resulting in devastation hard to fathom. We've all seen pictures of the human loss of life and injuries as well as the property damage. On the 21st the board of

directors approved and endorsed a district project of supporting ShelterBox. Additional



information regarding ShelterBox can be found at [www.ShelterBoxUSA.org](http://www.ShelterBoxUSA.org)

ShelterBox provides a 110 lb polyurethane box supplying the immediate needs for a family of 10. The contents are primarily for providing the basic needs of shelter and water. Here's a partial list of items in each box :or 2 tents for 10 people each, sleeping bags, blankets, water purification tablets (1800gals), water purification kit, water container/carriers, collapsible trenching shovel, multi-fueled cook stove, eating utensils, rope, repellent mosquito netting, children's activity kit and other items. Each box costs \$1000.

Details about our district's match for any club or individual that donate to ShelterBox was in an e-mail sent to club presidents and secretaries. The details and the amount DDF funds that will be determined at the Jan 27th board meeting. There will probably be a deadline for the donations to qualify for the match of either \$ for \$ or \$1 for every \$2 donated. Donations should be made payable to ShelterBox and your club's donation should be send to District Exec Secretary John Last so we can get the cumulative response of District 5970.

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### Rotary on the River/ District Conference

On April 30th and May 1st District Rotarians are invited to attend the Annual District Conference - **Rotary on the River**. On Friday April 30th registration will beginning at 8 AM with the first plenary session will start at 9 AM. Following addresses by RI

Representative Stuart Palmer PDG from Jackson, Wyoming and District Governor Gerald Retzlaff a panel will discuss various Rotary programs. During lunch Marion East Cedar Rapids President Jill Olsen will tell of her experience in India latest NID. Afternoon will be filled with various breakout sessions including opportunities to ask panel members about their experiences as well other areas of Rotary that may include, membership, Foundation, vocational service, youth programs, and international service projects.

Friday evening will be informal and within walking distance at the Mississippi River Museum. Attendees will have a buffet, cash bar and an opportunity to browse around and view the numerous exhibits. Monticello native Jim McDonough will play piano selections during the evening.

Saturday morning's breakfast will feature a light hearted presentation followed by awards and presentations by both outgoing and incoming GSE teams - destinations Poland, Belarus and Ukraine. Our concluding luncheon will feature Chez Raginiak, a mid 1980's Polish immigrant, who will tell his personal story.

After the conference there will be a training session for 2010-11 club officers and other interested Rotarians discussing membership, foundation and public relations. Non Rotarians will be able to tour various local points of interest and Saturday evening there will be entertainment at the Diamond Jo Casino. **Come have fun!!!!**

### Secretary Membership Reports

Ninety-six percent of the clubs reported this month. Three additional members in the District this month, so +11 YTD. Let's keep up the trend!!!

An interesting observation regarding attendance. We have 8 clubs with 100 or more members. Their average December attendance was 51%. The remaining 46 clubs average attendance was 69.87%. Any ideas on how our district can achieve our 70% attendance goal??? Can we say **MAKE-UPS** via working at projects, visit other clubs attend a board meeting. Report, Report, Report!!!!

**Priority #3** for 2009-10 is to **Increase Rotary's Capacity** which is giving a little more of our personal time, talent and enthusiasm for Rotary. New members means Presidential Citation. **INVITE, INVITE, INVITE.**

<i>Rotary District 5970 Monthly Atten</i>	<b>Dec '09</b>				
	Last Report	Meetings	Members	Attendance %	Notes
ACKLEY	Dec	4	20	72.00	
ALGONA	Dec	3	61	72.00	
ANAMOSA	Dec	4	29	68.00	
BANCROFT	Dec	4	24	66.00	
BELLE PLAINE	Dec	4	22	65.00	
BELLEVUE	Dec	4	26	64.00	
CEDAR FALLS	Dec	5	118	49.00	
CEDAR RAPIDS	Dec	2	316	55.00	
CEDAR RAPIDS DAYBREAK	Dec	3	118	64.00	
CEDAR RAPIDS HIAWATHA METRO	Dec	2	74	65.00	
CEDAR RAPIDS SUNRISE	Dec	4	38	92.11	
CEDAR RAPIDS WEST	Dec	2	101	71.00	
CHARLES CITY	Dec	4	45	51.00	
CLARION	Dec	4	23	65.00	
CLEAR LAKE	Dec	3	22	67.00	
DECORAH	Dec	4	81	62.00	
DUBUQUE	Dec	5	202	42.81	
EAGLE GROVE	Nov	4	35	63.00	<b>No Report</b>
ELDORA	Dec	5	41	66.80	
ELY GATEWAY	Dec	2	20	65.00	
EMMETSBURG	Dec	4	37	66.00	
ESTHERVILLE	Dec	3	59	43.00	
FOREST CITY	Dec	4	52	60.00	
FORT DODGE	Dec	4	100	45.00	
FORT DODGE DAYBREAK	Dec	5	29	76.00	
GARNER	Dec	4	44	68.50	
GUTTENBERG	Dec	3	19	54.00	
HAMPTON	Dec	4	41	64.00	
HUMBOLDT	Dec	5	27	61.00	
INDEPENDENCE	Dec	5	40	57.00	
IOWA FALLS	Dec	4	39	63.00	
IOWA GREAT LAKES	Dec	4	83	43.00	
MANCHESTER	Dec	4	29	43.00	
MAQUOKETA	Dec	3	35	75.00	
MARION EAST CEDAR RAPIDS	Dec	4	38	77.00	
MASON CITY	Dec	4	104	92.01	
MASON CITY RIVER CITY SUNRISE	Dec	3	25	91.00	
MONTICELLO	Dec	4	32	78.00	
MT. VERNON-LISBON	Dec	3	28	55.00	
NEW HAMPTON	Dec	3	39	63.00	
ODEBOLT	Dec	4	19	67.00	
OELWEIN	Dec	3	31	65.00	
OSAGE	Dec	3	34	100.00	
PARKERSBURG	Dec	3	16	73.00	
POCAHONTAS	Dec	4	12	74.00	
ROCKWELL CITY	Dec	3	35	70.00	
SPENCER	Jun	5	47	55.00	<b>No Report</b>
STORM LAKE	Dec	5	45	41.00	
SUMNER	Dec	5	22	64.00	
WATERLOO	Dec	3	191	47.00	
WATERLOO CROSSROADS	Dec	2	27	52.00	
WAVERLY	Dec	3	67	48.00	
WEBSTER CITY	Dec	3	58	68.00	
WEST UNION	Dec	4	30	64.00	
District 5970 Total			2950		
Average Monthly Attendance %				63.86	



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