



District Governor's Newsletter

District 5970

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District Governor Gerald Retzlaff has asked the Youth Exchange Committee to provide a road map on how to locate and interest an American High School student, between the ages of 16 – 18 1/2 upon arrival in foreign country, in becoming an Exchange Student. The timing is apropos since the application for this years' outbound students are due December 15.

The first step is to find an interested student and this can be accomplished in a number of ways. First contact the local high school Superintendent or building Principal to get permission to contact their language teachers and counselors and explain our program to them. Second, we have a sample news release in the Youth Exchange handbook, available on District web site, pages 21-23. Third, have your current inbound students present to the school's language classes. Nothing like peer advice and experience in deference to some old person telling them how extraordinary this experience can be.

Once the students have expressed interest they need to fill out the Outbound application, also available on District web site, and be interviewed with their parents. Having passed the Club interview they would send the 4 completed applications to the District Chairperson by December 15, 2009, address on application, for District interviews in January 2010.

The sponsor club will have no expense for sponsoring an outbound student other than donating 5 club flags to your outbound student to pass out in their foreign host club or any grant your club wishes to incur. The sponsor club will incur an expense for an inbound student that they are required to accept since this is usually a one to one exchange. The sponsor club does not need to

accept a student specifically from the country that their student is going to but does need to accept one of our inbound students. This expense will be approximately \$1200 - \$1500 and includes a stipend, paid to the student, and school registration expenses for the student.

Once said, this seems to be a straight forward experience but clubs will need a desire to work with students and a desire to go forward with the program despite bumps in the road and if you have these volunteers both will have a gratifying experience.

Help is available at the District level through the Youth Exchange Committee and has been approved by the District Governor and his Advisory Council and all necessary forms and information is available on our District web site www.district5970.org under "Youth Exchange" on left hand column.

We will address Host club and Host family responsibilities and any other Youth Exchange matters in future issues at the behest of Governor Retzlaff and I am available at lai@ncn.net and 402-681-2605 (C)

Sincerely,

Mike Hamilton YEO

GSE Team Members Applications Due

The GSE selection committee is proud to announce the selection of Ralph Smith, attorney from Charles City, to lead the District 5970 team to Poland, Ukraine and Belarus in May 2010. Ralph is a third-generation Rotarian who will represent the ideals of Service above

Self. Ralph is very active in the community, presently serving as the president of the local school board and is the city attorney.

Four non Rotarian team members will be selected in November to travel with Ralph for a month of professional experiences in the three countries. If you know of a deserving young professional, please contact them and encourage them to apply. The GSE committee also encourages Rotary members to contact employers and business owners to make them aware of this opportunity. The **application** is on the district website and is **due by November 2**. Consider this a way to serve your club and your community.

Jill Olsen Ed.D.

Take the bus to the 2010 International Convention in Montreal

PDG Dick Moeller is organizing a district-wide bus trip and hotel travel package for the Rotary 2010 International Convention in Montreal. The bus will make pick-up stops throughout the district, based on the location of participants. Costs will be finalized once we have an idea of how many people are interested in this opportunity to enjoy fellowship and "Rotarizing" on the way to and from the convention. Keep in mind that you will need a passport for this international trip. To indicate your interest, contact Dick at 319-290-7770 or vrmoeller@msn.com by Tuesday, Dec. 1.

November-Foundation Month

Earlier this year District 5970 Club presidents sent their goals to me and they totaled \$225,000 for the annual gifts program and \$75,000 for the End Polio Now Campaign. November's newsletter is featuring several Foundation programs please read closely to gain a better understanding of how your donations help make our world a better place to live.

November is a busy month especially for the EPN campaign. On Saturday **November 7th at 10 AM** **Dr Robert Scott, International Chair of the EPN from Canada**, will be at the Rotary Ann Retirement Homes in Eagle Grove.

All club are invited to attend and hear Dr Scott's update on the status of the eradication of polio in the world and accept club pledges toward the EPN campaign. There will be a continental breakfast at 10AM with Dr Scott's comments at 11 AM.

Then on **November 8th** there will be a Foundation celebration in **Cedar Falls** followed by Itzak Perlman's Concert at 7:30 PM. This event is sponsored by the Cedar Valley Rotary Clubs.

Then on **November 19th** the **Cedar Rapids clubs** are having a joint club meeting with featured speaker Doug Oberman, "The Uncommon Rotarian" who spoke at the Rotary International Convention in Barcelona, Spain.

I hope your club will be doing some special Foundation activity during the month to help tell your community how Rotary and Rotarians are making the world a better place to live.

Don't forget to **make your personal contributions** to either or both the Annual Gifts Programs or the End Polio Now Program. November would be a perfect time.

Speaker's are available for around the district to speak about the various Foundation programs. For annual programs call Vicki Mallory PDG of Algona, Pat Reed PDG of Fort Dodge, Sam Soifer PDG of Charles City. Bart Woods of Cedar Rapids. For End Polio Now programs call Roger Kueter DGE of Cedar Falls or Dave Buck PDG of Waterloo. Phone numbers are in the dist directory or on the web site www.district5970.org

Governor's Club Visits



I've now had the privilege of visiting forty five of the fifty four clubs plus the Interact Rotary Club at Washington High School so far this year. I continue to be amazed with the variety and effectiveness of the community service and international service projects conducted as well as the support for the Rotary Foundation programs that I see. Please continue to build on your current programs to make this a banner year for your club, district and the world of Rotary. **The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands**

Here is a list of recent club's visited and some random projects they conduct.

Waverly - sponsoring a high school inbound exchange student and purchased and assembled play ground equipment.

Charles City - sponsor Santa's House during the holidays and did a parking lot clean-up project. Two Rotarian groups participated in spelling bee to help raise funds for the library.

Osage - Annual Sock Sale is coming up Nov 6-8 at the Cedar River Events Center on the Mitchell County Fairgrounds. Sponsored by Fox River Mills and Rotary.

Algona - Sponsored flight breakfast and have a Dough-mobile unit that both raise money for scholarships, united way, food pantry and park equipment.

Forest City - Inducted 8 new members this last month as a result of a letter of invitation, followed by a phone call re-inviting prospects to a meeting high-lighting the clubs activities, membership expectations and ASKED if they would like the same opportunity to make their community a better place to live and work.

Decorah - Provided dictionaries to area 4th graders and support a water project in Panama as the result of a local connection involved in the country.

Cedar Rapids West - sponsor the Washington HS Interact club and involved in the appliance project for Cedar Rapids flood victims. Over \$64,000 worth of \$400 vouchers were given away by the Metro-Cedar Rapids clubs.

New Hampton - Present scholarship via distributions of a % of earnings from a perpetual scholarship fund set up several years ago by a dedicated Rotarian. Also did shoeboxes and continue to add to the Wooden Wonderland Park.

Dubuque - Support Salvation Army, Santa Cash and Eagle Scout projects. Hoping to get both Interact and Rotoract clubs organized in the community.

Washington High School Interact - Membership approaches 100 students. They meet bi-weekly and have approx 30 service projects listed including reading to younger students, assisting area organization like

Library, Rockwell Collins and Usher's Ferry. Each student is expected to be involved in at least one service project/quarter.

Report Club News I'd like to invite all clubs to submit articles about your club's projects completed or upcoming activities. If you have pictures we'll try to use them if space allows. Sent your articles and pictures to either DG Gerald Retzlaff ggretzlaff@hotmail.com or editor Dave Updegraff upde@upde.net Deadline for items is the 15th of each month.

Joint District Public Relations Grant with District 6000 was approved at 90% of requested funding. The approx \$24,000 grant will be a multi-media campaign and will include an "Iowa Rotary Video" to be aired several times on Mediacom during February and March. Watch for more information and your club may want to also add local publicity using Rotary's "Humanity in Motion" material.

Bits and Pieces

Has your club filed their IRS Form 990, which is due November 15th? We have one club that I know of that was late and fined \$1,600.

Has your club's district dues and RI dues been paid?

Is your club planning a project that raise dollars for the EPN campaign and builds public awareness of Rotary's commitment to eradicate the world of polio?

Could your club sponsor an Interact club in your community?

Could your club start a STRIVE program at your high school?

Plan a major Rotary event during November-Rotary Foundation Month.

Only individuals ASKED to join Rotary can become members. Have you ASKED anyone lately?

If your club has a project you'd like in this newsletter please send the picture and article to Dave Updegraff at upde@upde.net

Save The Date

celebrate
Rotary Opportunities

2010 District Conference
April 30 - May 1, 2010
Dubuque, Iowa

For more information go to the
 district website
www.district5970.org

YOU ARE THE MISSING PIECE.

<i>Rotary District 5970 Monthly Attendance</i>		Sep '09		
	Last Report	Meetings	Members	Attendance
ACKLEY	Sep	5	21	60.00
ALGONA	Sep	3	61	77.00
ANAMOSA	Sep	5	29	74.00
BANCROFT	Sep	4	25	66.00
BELLE PLAINE	Sep	3	22	78.00
BELLEVUE	Sep	4	26	73.00
CEDAR FALLS	Sep	5	118	56.00
CEDAR RAPIDS	Sep	3	300	59.00
CEDAR RAPIDS DAYBREAK	Sep	4	123	66.00
CEDAR RAPIDS HIAWATHA METRO	Sep	3	68	56.00
CEDAR RAPIDS SUNRISE	Sep	4	37	75.00
CEDAR RAPIDS WEST	Sep	5	102	70.00
CHARLES CITY	Sep	3	45	62.00
CLARION	Sep	4	23	65.00
CLEAR LAKE	Aug	4	20	55.00
DECORAH	Sep	5	81	73.00
DUBUQUE	Sep	5	196	41.22
EAGLE GROVE	Sep	5	32	66.00
ELDORA	Sep	5	47	67.67
ELY GATEWAY	Sep	2	20	75.00
EMMETSBURG	Sep	5	39	62.00
ESTHERVILLE	Sep	4	59	48.00
FOREST CITY	Sep	5	55	56.00
FORT DODGE	Sep	3	102	59.00
FORT DODGE DAYBREAK	Sep	5	27	57.00
GARNER	May	4	44	74.70
GUTTENBERG	Sep	4	19	51.00
HAMPTON	Sep	5	39	65.00
HUMBOLDT	Sep	5	26	63.00
INDEPENDENCE	Sep	5	40	55.00
IOWA FALLS	Sep	3	39	61.00
IOWA GREAT LAKES	Sep	5	82	58.00
MANCHESTER	Sep	5	29	51.00
MAQUOKETA	Sep	4	35	58.30
MARION EAST CEDAR RAPIDS	Sep	5	35	95.00
MASON CITY	Sep	3	102	72.37
MASON CITY RIVER CITY SUNRISE	Sep	4	24	82.00
MONTECELLO	Sep	3	32	77.00
MT. VERNON-LISBON	Sep	4	28	60.00
NEW HAMPTON	Sep	4	41	65.00
ODEBOLT	Sep	5	20	72.00
OELWEIN	Aug	5	34	70.00
OSAGE	Sep	4	30	79.00
PARKERSBURG	Sep	5	15	85.00
POCAHONTAS	Sep	4	15	63.00
ROCKWELL CITY	Sep	4	36	68.00
SPENCER	Jun	5	47	55.00
STORM LAKE	Sep	5	45	51.00
SUMNER	Sep	4	23	77.00
WATERLOO	Sep	3	189	43.00
WATERLOO CROSSROADS	Sep	5	28	60.00
WAVERLY	Sep	4	72	55.00
WEBSTER CITY	Sep	4	56	68.00
WEST UNION	Sep	3	30	68.00
District 5970 Total			2933	
Average Monthly Attendance %				64.80

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