

District 5690 News



Message from District Governor

Martin Bauer



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Dear District 5690 Rotarians

Happy New Year!

Wow! You should be so proud of how District 5690 was represented at the Rotary President's Membership Summit held in Albuquerque January 8-10, 2015. At no expense to the District, we had four young Rotarians participate in the Summit. Jade Piros de Carvalho (RC Hutchison) presented with other participants who attended the Young Professionals Summit at Rotary Headquarters in September. She was one of 30 people selected from the entire US to explore ways to engage all Rotarians, not just young professionals, in joining and staying involved with Rotary. Three of the 5 presenters were from Kansas and in addition to Jade, Trish O'Donnell Reedy (her father is Pat O'Donnell-RC East Wichita) presented the best presentation of the entire conference. Our District had three members selected for the Zones 21b/27 Membership Cadre—Kaydee Johnson (Winfield), Jamie Anderson (West Wichita) and Mike Andrusak (Ulysses).

They received training in Denver in November. They will be presenting at PETS and then will develop a membership team that



will come to your area to help your Club develop an improved membership recruitment and retention plan. The recurring theme from the Summit was how young professional Rotarians want to connect with more experienced business professionals, not just at Rotary meetings but working on projects.

Many of their recruitment and retention ideas are applicable to those older Rotarians who are also very busy with the careers, active or retired, family and avocations.

After the grueling but wonderful and uplifting rush to visit all the clubs in District 5690 in 90 days and hold the District Conference, the response we received to the opening for involvement in the Membership Cadre was one of the most reaffirming experiencing yet in my year as District Governor. From new, some young, some retired and some long term Rotarians, I had more than 12 people from as many Clubs contact me about involvement in the membership effort and the Membership Cadre. Some decided involvement at the District and Club level better suited their available time but most indi-

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

March 5-7, 2015
PETS (President-elect Training Seminar)
Manhattan, KS

June 6-9, 2015
Rotary Intl. Conference—
Sao Paulo, Brazil

May 27-31, 2015
RYLA
Winfield, KS



Message from District Governor Martin Bauer (cont'd)

cated a willingness to be a part of a membership effort in our District. The individual and geographic diversity makes the future of our District very bright.

I hope you and your Club are implementing or developing a membership recruitment plan for the balance of this Rotary year and beyond. If you do not set goals to increase your membership, you are likely to see a decline in your Club membership. Membership recruitment and retention is a constant process. If you would like help developing a membership plan for your Club, contact me or a member of the Cadre to schedule a planning session. My goal is that each Club increases its membership by at least 10% this year. How is your Club doing in comparison to this goal?

I would also ask that you and your Club be sure that you have set your goal for giving to the Rotary Foundation and getting that goal posted on the Rotary website. I requested that you set a goal of \$120 or more per member for each Rotarian in your Club. You will contribute less if your goal is less! Several Clubs are on target to exceed this goal but many Clubs have not posted their goals and their giving performance reflects this lack of a goal. The Rotary Foundation is your Foundation and the source of

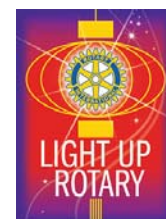
grant money we can generate for your Club three years from now.

Finally President Elect Training is scheduled for March 5-7, 2015 in Manhattan. Each President Elect is required to attend a PETS conference. Registration information will be posted on our District website very soon. While in Albuquerque, we had discussions about doing a joint PETS with the northern District in Oklahoma and having the conference in Oklahoma City or Wichita to bring the meeting closer to or within our District. In addition, after this year, we will be working toward a rotation so the conference is in our District every other year.

Continue to Light Up Rotary in District 5690!

Martin Bauer

*District Governor 2014-15
Rotary Club of Wichita*



Register for the "Membership Matters!" Webinar Simple Steps to Innovate Your Club—Wed. February 4, 2014



Join Rotary's Director of Membership Development, Brian King, on **Wednesday 4 February, 2015** for the third installment of the Membership Matters! webinar series. This webinar, "Simple Steps to Innovate Your Club" will review various actions clubs can take immediately to adjust the format of their meetings, improve their presence within the

community and foster camaraderie among club members. Brian will be joined by other Rotarians during the webinar to share examples of what they have done to innovate their clubs. Register to attend this webinar by going to: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3800459002692061698>

About the Speaker:

Brian King, Director of Membership Development has been on staff with Rotary since 2001. Prior to assuming the role as Director of Membership Development, he held a number of positions within The Rotary Foundation's fund development office including the Director of International Fundraising and Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Relations. Brian is a proud member of the Rotary Club of Evanston, a Rotary Foundation benefactor and a multiple Paul Harris Fellow.

New Openings for the Innovative and Flexible Rotary Club Pilot:

One of the many ways that Rotary clubs around the world have tested new innovations within their club is with the Innovative and Flexible Rotary Club pilot. This pilot has recently been approved for expansion by the Board of Directors and allows for clubs to test variations to the normal club structure not allowed by the Standard Rotary Club Constitution. To learn more about this pilot, please visit the [Guidelines and FAQ page](#). Applications for the 2015-17 Innovative and Flexible Rotary Club pilot are due by 31 March 2015. [Click here to apply today!](#)

Make your PETS Room Reservations *NOW*

Room rates good until 2/20/15

Mark your calendars NOW to attend PETS in Manhattan, Kansas! Presidents-elect will be receiving more information via email. It is required by Rotary International that ALL presidents-elect attend PETS before beginning their position on July 1, 2015.

WHEN: **Friday & Saturday, March 6-7, 2015**

WHERE: **Four Points by Sheraton Manhattan**

530 Richards Drive
Manhattan, KS 66502

Reservations Phone: 785-539-5311

Cut-off date for reserved block of rooms at
Rotary rate – **2/20/15**

Rotary Room rate: \$84 (single or double)
\$20 more for King

Ask for the Heartland PETS Rotary room rate

In addition to training to become a Rotary club president, attendees will hear inspirational speakers and meet their counterparts from the 3 Rotary Districts in Kansas and Oklahoma.

PETS registration will be sent to clubs very soon via email. Presidents/Secretaries—please forward to your president-elect and make sure they plan to attend.

RYLA

RYLA 2015—Save the dates of May 27-31 for RYLA. It is not too soon to begin finding students for RYLA. The applications and all information are online at the District web site or www.sckans.edu/leadership and then click on Rotary Camp.



Rotary Youth Exchange

A couple weeks ago the four Australians who had been in my class here went home because they were only staying for three months. We were all standing in the courtyard after school in the dark and cold taking pictures, hugging, and saying goodbye when I realized that when I go home, I might never see these people again, and how amazing everyone I've met here has been. I am pretty sure that my class is the best group of kids in France, though a lot of us aren't really French. There are the two Americans and until recently four Australians (We're the only ones who aren't fluent in French), a Russian, lots of British boys, some half-Americans plus kids who are French, but have lived in other countries. We are like one big, strange international family. Then there are my teachers who are mostly a little crazy, and my host family that I can't thank enough for being so great.

I have mostly spent December going to school and taking lots of tests during the week and filling my week-ends with concerts and plays. All of the exchange students went to Bourges one weekend to celebrate an early Christmas, where we did a scavenger hunt (Which my group won, though we all split up and most of the questions were answered by people who were not in my group) and had a

secret Santa gift exchange. That weekend was the first time I have ever taken a train, but of course, because I'm in France, the train drivers were on strike, so the first train I tried to take was cancelled.

But now, finally, I'm on vacation (again)! In French school you have two weeks of vacation after every five weeks of school. I am going to spend it sleeping, celebrating Christmas at my host parents' country home, doing homework, and changing host families. Yesterday, we prepared the house for all the guests that will be coming for Christmas, so I decorated the Christmas tree and hung lights everywhere. We are going to spend three days there, and then on the 27th I am moving to my next host family. I've met my next host parents twice. They seem nice, and they have a daughter my age, though I will be sad to leave my current home, It's a new adventure.



Club News from around the District

Rotary Club Hutchinson: Our club received a note from Meals on Wheels thanking club members for their service delivering meals. The note referred to us as angels disguised as ordinary people living ordinary lives.

Rotary Club Newton: President Tim Marlar reports that the club was busy during December with Dictionary Delivery, annual Christmas and Awards banquet, bell ringing for Salvation Army (raised over \$2,000). Upcoming events include a poker tournament in March, Chisholm Trail Bike Ride in May and a golf fundraiser also in May.

Rotary Club of Hutchinson:

During November and December we hand-delivered dictionaries to students in Hutchinson. The children, principals and teachers expressed appreciation.



Rotary Club of W. Sedgwick Co. Sunrise:

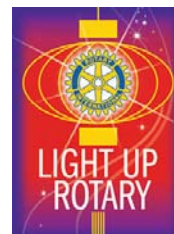
Chris Bennett & Chris Zachary delivered groceries on behalf of our club to Kensler Elementary for our Christmas families.

Polio Facts & Figures*

Area	# of cases	# of cases
	YTD 2014	YTD 2013*
Afghanistan	28	13
India	0	0
Nigeria	6	53
Pakistan	297	91
Non-endemic countries	19	228
Total Worldwide	350	385

*Data as of 14 Jan 2015 / World Health Organization

Go to www.polioeradication.org/Dataandmonitoring/Poliothisweek.aspx for more information



Russian Friendship Exchange

Are you ready for a Russian adventure? U.S.—Russia Intercountry Committee (ICC) is currently finalizing the details for a Russian Friendship Exchange to take place in May 2015. Our Russian hosts have extended an invitation for two teams of 6-8 Rotarians each to tour European Russia starting and ending in Moscow.

Team 1: (Maximum 8 members)

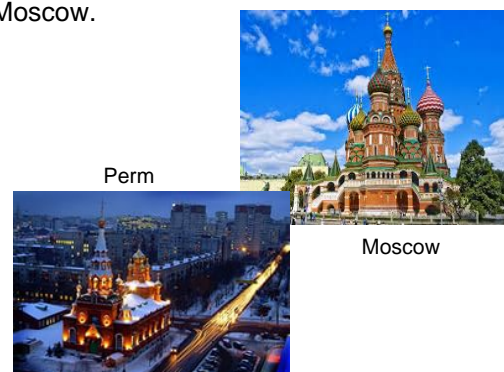
Crimea (Simferopol) May 8 – 10*
Krasnodar May 10 -13*
Rostov-on-Don May 13-16*
Volgograd May 16-19*
Moscow May 19-22
St. Petersburg May 22-24

*Rotary clubs to home host

Team 2: (Maximum 8 members)

Ekaterinburg May 8 –11*
Perm May 11-14*
Kazan May 14-18*
Moscow May 18-20
Vladimir May 20-22*
St. Petersburg May 22-24

*Rotary clubs to home host



Please note that the Moscow/St. Petersburg schedule will be using hotels at the traveler's expense (approx. Cost: 980-1032 euros).

Approximate costs: Russian internal flights from Moscow to Simferopol and from Moscow to Ekaterinburg range from 7,000 to 13,000 rubles. The Moscow/St. Petersburg hotel expenses range from 980 – 1032 euros depending on the number of guests. Travel to and from Moscow is at your expense. **For more complete details please contact me at jabyron@shaw.ca. Home phone: 250-655-3672. OR contact D5690 ICC member Kurt Harper kurt.harper@sherwoodharper.com**

If this adventure stirs your imagination, send me your contact information by January 31st. We are limited to a maximum of 8 participants per team so please act quickly!!

District 5690 MEMBERSHIP REPORT as of December 31, 2014					
	7/1/2014	12/31/2014	NET GAIN	Goal	YTD
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2014-15		to Goal
Andover	23	23	0	23	0
Arkansas City	57	57	0	100	-43
Beaver	18	17	-1	18	-1
Boise City	14	15	1	15	0
Cimarron	26	27	1	26	1
Derby	68	66	-2	70	-4
Dodge City	38	36	-2	38	-2
East Wichita	125	129	4	150	-21
El Dorado	49	55	6	52	3
Garden City	41	45	4	41	4
Greensburg	12	15	3	20	-5
Guymon	27	27	0	27	0
Hugoton	25	23	-2	26	-3
Hutchinson	123	123	0	123	0
Johnson	17	17	0	17	0
Kingman	32	32	0	32	0
Kinsley	14	14	0	14	0
Larned	22	22	0	22	0
Liberal	46	46	0	46	0
Newton	51	53	2	57	-4
Pratt	64	65	1	64	1
Sublette	16	17	1	16	1
Syracuse	21	16	-5	21	-5
Texhoma	16	20	4	16	4
Ulysses	38	37	-1	42	-5
Wellington	19	19	0	19	0
W. Sedgwick Co	45	43	-2	45	-2
West Wichita	63	61	-2	63	-2
Wichita-DT	390	387	-3	425	-38
Wichita-Old Town	17	15	-2	17	-2
Winfield	84	86	2	87	-1
TOTALS	1601	1608	7	1732	-124

Thank you for submitting your membership goal! Others not reported (yet).

Did you know?

AMMENDED: The RI Board recently modified Rotary's calendar of special observances to designate specific months highlighting the Areas of Focus. The new special observance months are:

September: Basic Education and Literacy

October: Economic and Community Development

December: Disease Prevention and Treatment

January: Vocational Service

February: Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution

March: Water and Sanitation

April: Maternal and Child Health

May: Youth Services



As announced in "Reach Out to Africa—ROTA" newsletter—January 2015



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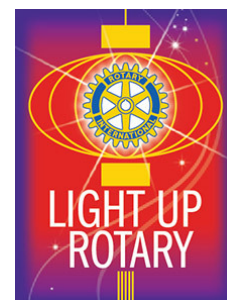
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2014-2015 RI Theme

Gary Huang, Taiwan

RI President



Rotary International
Convention

June 6-9, 2014

Sao Paulo Brazil

Don't miss the latest edition of our Ambassadorial Scholar, Andrew Hawkins, news from Ipsala University on the following pages.



UPPSALA LIGHTS UP

Rotary District 5690 Ambassadorial Scholarship News

NOVEMBER 2014

A thick fog grips the spires of Uppsala cathedral as I walk to my morning class. It's nearly nine o'clock and the sun is still but a distant glow, tightly hugging the eastern horizon. The air is brisk and I increase my pace. As I sidestep patches of ice on the sidewalk, I notice a certain emptiness in the streets and plaza square. The bustling feeling which characterized the city just last month has slowed to a muffled hum. It is cold outside, and I am glad to have reached my destination.

One classmate would later tell me that this month is forecasted to be the darkest November on record due to a thick blanket of cloud parked over Central and Southern Sweden. This, paired with the cold, might be why many residents prefer staying in rather than bearing the icy temperatures, he tells me. After telling me this, he chuckled at the irony of Northern Sweden, notorious for its short days during the winter months, getting more sunlight than the South this year.

As I left the university later that afternoon, I was once again amazed at how short the days are during the winter months in Sweden. It was a quarter past three and pitch-black outside! However, what amazed me the most was the resilient nature of the Swedes in not letting the darkness slow them down, and their every attempt to brighten their everyday. Despite the darkness outside, the city has been awash in a beautiful array of different colored lights as part of the third annual *All Lights on Uppsala* campaign, where 15 places along a walking trail in central Uppsala have been decorated with various light effects for the entire month of November. The idea behind the campaign was to show the city in a new light, and create a sense of comfort and security during the dark autumn evenings. It has been a beautiful addition to an already beautiful Uppsala, and has no doubt brightened the days of those lucky enough to enjoy it.



Top: Uppsala Castle lights up. Above: Carolina Library awash with color and lasers.

In addition to the spectacular lighting display, my days have been made brighter by the welcoming embrace of several local Rotary clubs, including the local Rotaract club. This month I was able to make significant headway with making contacts and friends within Rotary and Rotaract. The month kicked off with a Rotary mingle hosted by Uppsala Rotaract where members of all seven Rotary clubs were present. This was a fantastic opportunity to meet members from all clubs and I was even invited to several clubs' meetings to give a presentation about our district- something I am more than eager to do. I was also able to attend a Rotaract meeting where the founder of Rotaract in Sweden, Martin Tilly, gave an interesting presentation about starting the organization and his experiences with managing complex projects from start to finish. With new contacts and new friends within Rotary, I am positive that the months ahead will each be brighter than the last.

On the studies front everything is going well. This month saw the start of a new course, Research Methods, which is both interesting and useful while I continue to conduct research for my thesis project. More on this and further updates on my engagement with Rotary next month. Until then, hej då!

More from Around Uppsala...



Town hall lights up as part of *All Lights on Uppsala*.



Members from all seven Rotary clubs in Uppsala mingle at an event hosted by Rotaract.



Martin Tilly, founder of Rotaract in Sweden in 2000, shares his experiences with managing complex projects.



A green laser stretches from Carolina Library as part of *All Lights on Uppsala*.