

District 5690 News



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Message from District Governor

Martin Bauer



Dear District 5690 Rotarians

October is Vocational Service Month for Rotary International. Many of the Clubs in our District have developed programs that try to connect young professionals or disabled persons with job opportunities, some with something as simple as allowing the non-members to spend part of day with a Rotarian at their business. We also recognize that Rotarians set an example when they go to a school to present or read a book, present a dictionary or talk about their profession. For those Rotarians engaged in these activities,



DG Martin visits with PDG Sue Pearce

DG Martin speaking at the East Wichita Club

"thank you" and remember your actions send a wonderful message when positive and en-

couraging. For those Clubs and members that have not participated or developed on of these projects in your Club, please take the time because you will the benefits will flow to you as well as those you meet.

October also marked the completion of my visits to

all 31 Clubs in our District. I cannot thank you enough because I always left so uplifted by what each Club has done in their community—usually locally but for some globally, also. I was able to visit all 31 Clubs in 90 days which has allowed me to assess all the programs that are being conducted by the Clubs and what efforts they are or planning to take toward membership recruitment. I asked that each Rotarian and each Club strive to exceed a District average of \$120 per Rotarian in giving to the Rotary Foundation and to increase your Club's size by 10%. Because of these goals and the desire Dave Yoder, DGE, and Dean Kennedy, DGN, have in making this goal a reality that continues beyond my year, I will be visiting many of the Clubs again and will be

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

October 24, 2014

World Polio Day

March 5-7, 2015

**PETS (President-elect Training Seminar)
Manhattan, KS**

June 6-9, 2015

**Rotary Intl. Conference—
Sao Paulo, Brazil**



Message from District Governor Martin Bauer (cont'd)

in contact with all the Clubs on a regular basis to see how they are doing on these goals and reporting to the District. On the humorous side, I have learned there are an amazing number of variations on how we say the Four Way Test. Remember there is a 5th Test—Are we having fun!!

Our District also received a special recognition. Rotary International developed a Young Professional Summit at the World Headquarters on September 26-28, 2014. Reportedly there were over 800 applicants. We had 4 apply from our District. Jade Piros de Carvalho from the Hutchison Club was selected. She is helping with the Membership session at the District Conference. Hopefully we will see Jade and the others who applied as future leaders in our District.

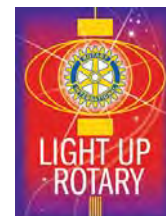
I hope you are planning to attend all or some of the District Conference on October 17 and 18. Starting with a free

tour of Behind the Scenes at the Zoo, there will be entertainment, education and good fellowship. Our keynote speaker is Amanda Wirtz who is competing this weekend in the Miss Reservist USA competition in DC and has an amazing and uplifting presentation. Saturday will be filled with informational sessions about all the projects and activities that are occurring in or have been generated by Clubs in our District. Saturday night at the Foundation Banquet, the Rotary International President's Representative, Joseph Dino Jr. from New Jersey, is giving several exceptional awards to individuals and Clubs in our District. Do not miss this opportunity to **Light Up Rotary!!**

Martin Bauer

District Governor 2014-15

Rotary Club of Wichita



October is Vocational Service Month

Vocational Service focuses on:

- Adhering to and promoting the highest ethical standards in all occupations
- Recognizing the value of all useful occupations, not just those that are pursued by Rotarians
- Contributing one's vocational talents to meeting the needs of the community

During October, Rotary clubs are encouraged to focus on this important avenue of Rotary service. Consider dedicating at least one meeting to discussing Vocational Service and plan a project or other activity to carry out through the year. Following are some suggested activities for clubs to consider:

- Devote the first meeting in October to examining Vocational Service, including The Four-Way Test and the [Rotary Code of Conduct](#). After expanding members' awareness, solicit their input in planning projects for the remainder of the year.
- Introduce a "classification talk" series in which each member gives a five-minute talk on his or her vocation. These presentations give members the chance to learn the inner workings of jobs other than their own, including the various problems that arise and the solutions used to address them.

- Present a vocational award to someone in the community who has exemplified outstanding professional achievement and high ethical standards. Promote the presentation in the community, and consider making it an annual event each October.
- Help young people prepare for their careers by sponsoring a character building project, career day, job shadowing day, or mentorship program.
- Support professional development in the community by sponsoring a professional networking event or workshop, or start a career counseling program to help unemployed or underemployed adults compete in the job market.
- Have club members volunteer their vocational skills on a community or international service project. Many volunteer opportunities can be found on ProjectLINK, an online database that allows Rotary clubs to publicize projects in need of assistance.

For more ideas, consult [An Introduction to Vocational Service \(255-EN\)](#) or visit www.rotary.org. If you have questions or success stories to share, contact RI staff at rotary.service@rotary.org.

Treating Your Club Like a Start-up Business

By Elaine Lytle, Rotary Club of Como-Jannali, New South Wales, Australia

As a small Rotary club, we were on the road to extinction when we decided to hold a series of meetings as a whole club. We reviewed the usual list of strengths and weaknesses, action plans, and brainstorming ideas that we have done in the past with no real follow up.

But what really made a difference was when we looked in depth at the new means of communication and technologies available to us. One of our members is a financial consultant and another an accountant and we had them lead a session on approaching our club like it was a start-up business.

What is our product? How do we get clients, advertise, set budgets, measure customer satisfaction? Combining this with our previous data, we drafted an action plan with completion dates allocating tasks to small teams. We looked at what type of members we wanted to attract using the classifications system and focused on those areas. We avoided thinking of membership as a numbers game.

There are a number of small clubs like ours nearby, so we began planning joint meetings so we can present an image of size and confidence to people we wish to attract, rather than that of a small desperate group. We never call them membership nights, but combine these meetings with Pride of Workmanship awards or a beneficiaries night.

If it's interesting, they will come

Whenever we do events in the community, we set up a display with information including leaflets about club activities. At our main fundraiser, a collectibles fair, we put out leaflets on coffee tables near the stage in the community center, and run a slideshow in the background focusing on images of club members doing things.

We are somewhat flexible with attendance as we feel it is more important for people to help us with our many activities than have dinner every week. Very few of the clubs in our area are strict about attendance. We find that if our meetings are interesting, people come. We try not to have all our speakers from people needing help or money. We have had people speak on everything from diets to underwater photography. We've had an Australian champion boxer, an Olympic medalist, and even a fortune teller.

We do not focus on age so much as the value of a member. We found information nights on our overseas projects were very popular and we sometimes show a short pres-

entation on these at our special nights. Our last two presidents have been in their 40s, the one before that was in his 60s and the one before that was 32. Not all our efforts have worked out as we expected, but we were able to change as we go to suit new circumstances.

We have found that no one thing helped revive our club, but a combination of many little things, all driven by having the right focus. It is my hope some of our experience will be of help to your club.

Taken from "Rotary Voices" September 25, 2014

Will you stand up and be counted on World Polio Day?

[World Polio Day](#) is 24 October. You can help make history in our global fight to end polio. Join others from around the world for a [live-streamed global status update](#) with Rotary's global partners, celebrity ambassadors, like Ziggy Marley, and polio survivors including inspirational athlete Minda Dentler. Tune in at 18:30 Chicago time ([find your local time](#)) to learn about what Rotary has already accomplished, and what you can do to join our campaign. Here are some ways to mark World Polio Day, raise awareness in your community, and take us one step closer to ending this disease forever.

- Host a viewing party for the [live-streamed event](#) with your friends, family, and community members. Share your pictures and videos using the hashtag [#worldpolioday](#) and watch the map light up as you add your voice.
- Organize a fundraiser. Every dollar that Rotary commits to polio eradication will be matched with two dollars from the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#)!

Share our [World Polio Day graphics](#) on Facebook and Twitter to show the world we are "this close" to a polio-free world.

Rotary Youth Exchange—Commentary by PDG Rod Kreie

There's no secret that I love Youth Exchange. If you think about it, if every Rotary Club did at least one exchange each year, the connectivity and cross culture exposure would be HUGE! Just at the level we are at now, Rotary District 5690's 3-5 students each year creates a network that most Rotarians are unaware of. Social media, when used as a tool instead of a "reason not to study," keeps the bond tightly sealed between the exchange student and those they "connected with" as they experienced their year of studying abroad.

These students, while on their exchanges, get to meet other exchange students that are also in the same regions. The goal of a Rotary is to give these young

adults as much exposure to each other as possible to increase their chances of becoming "lifetime" friends. In today's word, there is considerable benefit I doing this.

Savannah Sailors shared her experience as an exchange student in Australia with the Rotary Club of Newtown recently.

Getting to be her friend and seeing the influence Rotary has had on her is a real gift for me. I am thankful she shared it with our club.



August Report for **Valerie Goertz**, Youth Exchange Student in France Sponsored by Rotary Club of Newton

So I arrived successfully in France. Considering I had never flown before, I don't think it could have gone any better, though it was mostly thanks to all the people who gave me directions in the airports. When my plane finally landed in Paris I walked out of the terminal expecting to see a crowd of people and someone holding a sign with my name on it only to find a deserted hallway, and after I stopped in the restroom, even the passengers from my own flight had abandoned me.

I wandered around for a while before finding a single airport attendant who I spoke my first French sentence to. I asked if she spoke English. She did. She told me to take the tram over to pick up my bags. I got off the tram and discovered where all the people were. Customs. It wasn't as daunting as I made that sound. Apparently, French customs consists of a maze of yellow rope followed by someone stamping my visa. My suitcase came out on the carousel only a little broken, and I finally found someone holding a sign with my name on it.

There was a little group of Rotarians who immediately started speaking rapidly in French. Having just gotten off an 8 hour flight and it being 6 in the morning, I stared blankly until they realized I had no idea what they were saying. They were all very nice and attempted to ask whether or not I was tired in English. While chasing after Chantal to drop my bags off at a nearby hotel, I got my first lesson in French. Everyone talks at the same time. We spent the rest of that day waiting around the airport for all of the other exchange students. Once everyone had arrived we set off for a group of buildings in the woods.



The three days of orientation felt like summer camp. Not that I have ever been to summer camp, but I assume that is what it would feel like. We spent most of the time playing soccer, walking around and petting donkeys, and eating. The second day of orientation we all went to a high-ropes course that was pretty much the coolest thing ever. Basically, it was obstacle courses suspended in the air by trees. It is amazing how close all of us exchange became during orientation. There were about 20 in-bounds from all over the world who had never met before, but after three days we were best

friends. We were all excited, and a little nervous, about the same things. Mostly we just couldn't wait to meet our host families.

September Report for **Valerie Goertz**

At the end of orientation all of us exchange students were sitting around waiting for our host parents to arrive and being picked off one by one when they did. When my parents walked in the door, I immediately recognized them from the pictures they had sent and then proceeded to mentally freak out like what am I supposed to say to these people that I am going to be living with, ended up not saying anything, and I don't think they recognized me. Somehow we got it sorted out that I was their student and set off for Orleans.

During the drive I'm sure I was very pleasant because I couldn't understand anything they were saying, got car-sick, and then fell asleep because I had been sharing a room with Brazilians for the last three days who apparently don't sleep. My parents were very understanding and they could not be any nicer to me. I thought it would be weird living with strangers, but by the third day of living with

Please go to pg. 7 to read the rest of the story . . .

**August Report for Mercedes Rodriguez,
Youth Exchange Student in Brazil
Sponsored by Rotary Club of Ulysses**



All ROTEX (Rotary Exchange students) will say "the first month is the hardest" and before you leave you won't think that it'll be a problem. Until you actually live it you won't know what they mean by that. Your first month as an exchange student will be the toughest month of your stay. You will be filled with emotions and be terribly homesick; especially if you don't know the language. That first month will also be the best month of your life. It will show you how strong of a person you actually are and what things you will be able to overcome in the rest of your stay and in the rest of your life.



Mercedes 18th Birthday

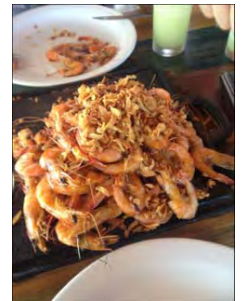
My first month was difficult, it was hard with the language, the difference between my family at home and my new family, the culture, the amount of alone time, and the

not going to school for a while. Along with all of the normal difficulties I also ended up being sick for about 2 weeks. It started with a fever, went to my tonsils swelling, and then to a really bad foot infection. On top of my being sick I got a phone call from home saying that my great grandpa had passed suddenly. So emotions were overwhelming. Many times I just wanted to make things easy for me and go home. I knew I couldn't and wouldn't but it was easy to say. But aside from being homesick, and actually being sick, my first month passed quickly and things really got easier.

My host family is AMAZING. I wouldn't want any other family. Coming here I was scared because 3 of my host siblings would not be there when I arrived and I would only have an 11 year old brother, a mom, and a dad. I was told

no one spoke English and so I was nervous. When I arrived my host mom spoke English and that really made things easy to adjust. In all of the crazy mess of my sickness they were there for me and

really wanted to help in any way that they could and I could never thank them enough. Something that comes with family is the food, which is all



The hardest food to eat

really good. Being from a Hispanic background has made things easy with food and the only food I've not been able to eat would be the shrimp with a head, eyes, and legs. Very different!



*1st day of school
(awesome uniforms!)*

After a few days I was able to start school, I was super nervous about starting school and I wasn't sure what the people would be like and if anyone knew any English because I still couldn't understand Portuguese. My first day was overwhelming but it was a great first day.

I started school on a Thursday and the following week was testing week so I could not go to school, then after testing week I was sick so I still had to miss school. Now that I have been back I am really enjoying it. Most days are boring because I have no idea what the teacher is saying but the environment is nice and getting to learn things from people my age and getting help with the Portuguese is great.

In my first month I was able to really start to understand the language, I still am not good at speaking but the others who have been here longer than me say the first month is learning to understand and the second month is learning to speak. I can't wait to be able to speak with everyone! :-)



Polio Facts & Figures*

<u>Area</u>	<u># of cases YTD 2014</u>	<u># of cases YTD 2013*</u>
Afghanistan	10	6
India	0	0
Nigeria	6	53
Pakistan	187	39
Non-endemic countries	19	188
Total Worldwide	222	282

*Data as of 8 Oct 2014 / World Health Organization

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



**World Polio Day
October 24, 2014**

Zone Institute—Report by DGN Dean Kennedy (Winfield)

In September Cheryl and I had the privilege of attending the **District Governors-nominee training and Zone Institute** for Zone 21b & 27. Now how many of you even know that Rotary had this training and what a zone institute is? I know that I truthfully didn't.



DG 2016-17 Dean Kennedy, his wife Cheryl with RI President Gary Huang & wife

I can describe it in one word, WOW! Now how many times do you have the chance to be just standing around and visiting and find out you are talking to the **International Rotary President Gary Huang** and his wife. I even have the

picture to prove it. They are wonderful people and truly demonstrate that Rotary crosses every barrier and promotes international peace and understanding. They even taught us all to do the Happy Clap!

I met so many fantastic Rotarians with endless enthusiasm. Did you know that we have a **RIOTT** in Rotary now? Yes, **Rotarians In Our Twenties & Thirties!** Let me tell you this group has so much to offer in a very short time. They can complete anything in a matter of minutes just by texting everyone. Their Rotary Club does not look like our

grandfather's club and that works great for them and for all Rotarians.

One of the many items that was stressed at this conference is the importance of each and every Rotary Club and how Rotary International can support them. We now belong to a Rotary International that is evolving in so many areas. I heard again and again that we must support each club and their goals in every way possible. We must be able to tell our Rotary story. Most Rotarians are modest and tend not to boast but in most communities Rotary is the go-to club to get things done.

Rotary joins leaders, exchanges ideas, and takes action. We were challenged to state why we joined and why we belong to Rotary. There is no right or wrong answer but the one that is important to you. I joined because my boss took me as a guest and told me to join. I belong because it is an extraordinary worldwide organization that cares. The public needs to hear our Rotary story which will hopefully mean new members.

In summary, thank you to District 5690 for sending me to this wonderful training. If any have the opportunity to attend, it is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Each of us should be so very proud to be a Rotarian. Service Above Self is truly alive and well in Zones 21b and 27 - and in District 5690!

See you at District Conference

October 17-18, 2014

Wichita Marriott

Go to <http://rotary5690.org/SitePage/district-conference> for full details

Club News from around the District

Rotary Club El Dorado: PDG **Geri Appel** presented **Edith Waugh** with her Paul Harris Fellowship recently. Edith is also a recent Paul Harris Society Member of District 5690. Thanks, Edith!



Rotary Club Kinsley: Eight members helped install the fence cap at the ball field last month.



Rotary Club Newton: The club had a busy September with their collaboration with Central Kansas Community Foundation sponsoring Judge **Tom Webb (RC Hugoton)** as speaker at area schools. The club participated at the State Fair "Light Up Rotary Days" and the annual picnic was a huge success with new members inducted, 3 new Paul Harris Fellows, and other recognitions

Please send me your news! Because I am travelling this month, the newsletter is going out early—but we'd love to include your club's activities on this page! Your Editor

Jade Piros de Carvalho (RC Hutchinson) was one of 30 Rotarians at the **Young Professionals Summit** in Chicago on September 26-27.

Watch for a full report from her about the experience in next month's newsletter.

See the video she made as part of her application here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LXGs2_yiPqI



Jade with some of the attendees at the Young Professionals Summit in Chicago

Youth Exchange—Valerie Goertz (cont'd from pg. 4)

them I already thought of this as my home.

None of my host siblings live with their parents any more and I don't see my two host brothers that often, but they are very nice also. My host sister, Justine, lives nearby and is one of my best friends. I had a few days before school started that I spent exploring Orleans and at my parent's country home. I love going to their country home because we hunt for mushrooms and ride bikes in the forest. Also, although it is nice having things to do nearby, living in a big city makes me a little insane (ok so it's not actually that big, but it feels like a big city to me). Then I started school...

There are two other exchange students in my school and none of us were acknowledged at all by the faculty. They just expected us to know how everything worked and where we were supposed to go, which was kind of annoying. The classes are fine, though most of my teachers are at least a little insane and a lot of times I have no idea what they are saying.

You do not go to school in France to have fun. A lot of days it is from 8am to 6pm (with an hour for lunch of

course) of teachers lecturing. Then you have to do homework and study because you'll probably have a test next class. I am in an international section, which basically means I have two classes in English, and also that all my friends speak English. That's nice because I can actually talk to them, but I also speak more English than I should for learning French. French kids do not hang out very much outside of school, but the other Rotary exchange student in my school and I are best friends and do everything together.

Our host parents are always planning activities for us to do. I haven't had much contact with my Rotary club because they have meetings on Thursday afternoons when I am in school, but my host parents are very involved with the club. I helped them prepare a meal for homeless people and that was fun, but it is hard to be a waitress when you don't really speak the language. I don't really know how to sum up a month with a completely new life, but basically I've spent September getting settled in, going to school, making new friends, butchering the French language, and having a pretty great time.

District 5690 MEMBERSHIP REPORT as of September 30, 2014					
	7/1/2014	9/30/2014	NET GAIN	Goal	YTD
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2014-15		to Goal
Andover	23	24	1	23	1
Arkansas City	57	57	0	100	-43
Beaver	18	17	-1	18	-1
Boise City	14	14	0	15	-1
Cimarron	26	26	0	26	0
Derby	68	67	-1	70	-3
Dodge City	38	38	0	38	0
East Wichita	125	126	1	150	-24
El Dorado	49	52	3	52	0
Garden City	41	42	1	41	1
Greensburg	12	14	2	20	-6
Guymon	27	27	0	27	0
Hugoton	25	25	0	26	-1
Hutchinson	123	126	3	123	3
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	51	2
Pratt	64	64	0	64	0
Sublette	16	17	1	16	1
Syracuse	21	19	-2	21	-2
Texhoma	16	16	0	16	0
Ulysses	38	38	0	42	-4
Wellington	19	19	0	19	0
W. Sedgwick Co	45	45	0	45	0
West Wichita	63	63	0	63	0
Wichita-DT	390	390	0	425	-35
Wichita-Old Town	17	20	3	17	3
Winfield	84	87	3	84	3
TOTALS	1601	1617	16	1723	-106

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

Rotary Foundation News

Paul Harris Society

Donors interested in joining the Paul Harris Society can now sign up electronically by visiting the new [PHS Page](#) on the Rotary website!

Rotary Direct

Rotary Direct is the Rotary Foundation's **recurring giving program**. It helps minimize the work of club and district leadership by allowing participating Rotarians to set a contribution schedule that count toward Paul Harris Fellowship, Paul Harris Society, and Major Donor. Enrollment online is as easy as one, two, and three:

- (1) Go to <https://www.rotary.org/en/give> and begin by selecting the fund you would like to contribute to. (Annual Fund—SHARE is recommended), You will be asked to sign in using your "My Rotary" login or create an account
- (2) Select the amount you would like to contribute one-time or on a frequency, i.e. \$25 monthly; \$100 quarterly
- (3) Verify or enter your billing information and the payment type. *Note: You can even make a gift In Memoriam or In Tribute on this screen.*

That's it! This is the easiest way to contribute to TRF. Sign up today!



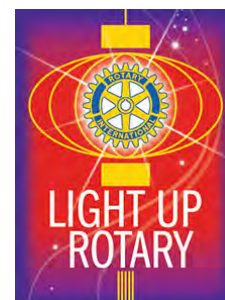
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Gary Huang, Taiwan
RI President



Rotary International
Convention
June 6-9, 2014
Sao Paulo Brazil





Rotary District 5690 Ambassadorial Scholarship News

FALL COMES TO UPPSALA

SEPTEMBER 2014

A burst of color has taken over an already stunningly charming Uppsala. As if on perfect queue, the fall equinox saw the warm days of summer replaced with cool, crisp mornings, and colors so vibrant that one cannot help but to fall in love with the surrounding scenery. The temperature is perfectly soothing for a stroll through one of Uppsala's many parks before ducking into a cafe with classmates for an afternoon *fika*- an almost daily social institution in Sweden characterized by drinking coffee with friends which is usually accompanied with something sweet. A very tasty tradition indeed!

Classes started promptly on September 1st and have been in full swing since. As mentioned in last month's newsletter, Swedish semesters are divided into two quarters which run for two months each. This quarter I am taking a course titled *Governance and State*, which aims to examine the various roles of government in modern societies as well as their role in domestic and international peace building processes. The course is very interesting and rewarding, and will culminate at the end of this month with a written essay assignment. My essay will deal with an emerging norm in the political sciences called Responsibility to Protect, or R2P, which contests the norm of state sovereignty in the face of gross human rights violations, and examines the international community's role in protecting citizens of the country committing violations. Additionally, I am taking a Persian language course which started on September 20th. So, when not researching the inner workings of various governments and the *State*, I have been learning a new alphabet in Arabic script. Quite the challenge after so many years of reading and writing from left to right, but very interesting!

While most of my time here has indeed been spent in the library, I have not missed the opportunity to experience some local culture here in Uppsala. September marks the-



Revelers of the annual culture night fill the streets of Uppsala

annual event of Kulturnatten, or Culture Night, which is Sweden's largest culture festival that takes place on the second Saturday of September each year. This event is a day-long celebration of both local, national, and international culture and runs from dusk till dawn. A normally quiet and easy-paced Uppsala exploded into a city-wide celebration with hundreds of booths serving exotic foods, a variety of street performances, and an interesting selection of lectures and exhibitions at local businesses and galleries. With such an exciting schedule, the only problem was not being able to be in two places at one time!

Finally, I am happy to report that I have been able to make contact with a local Rotary board here in Uppsala- Club Aros. Aros was kind enough to invite me to join them for breakfast at the end of October where I will give a presentation about our Rotary district. I am eager to meet with them and also inquire about becoming involved in some of their local activities. More to come about that in the next newsletter. Until next month, hej då!

Andrew Hawkins

More from Around Uppsala...



Entrance hall of Uppsala University



View from Uppsala's castle



Musical performance during Kulturnatten



Locals enjoy the final days of summer on Uppsala's canal



Uppsala explodes in a blaze of color with the coming of fall