



David Nygaard  
District 5690 Governor 2010-2011

Congratulations to all incoming officers of our clubs in District 5690. As you attend PETS/SETS in Salina you will meet other Rotarians who have also taken the same step of leadership and like you are eager to give of their time, talent, and energy to our Rotary organization so we may benefit our communities, district, country and world. We have assembled on your behalf many of the brightest individuals in Rotary and through their expertise they will give you a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm to take back to your clubs as you go for the gold in 2010-2011. The challenges of leadership are great but the rewards are greater because you will see love and smiles from all as you touch them through your Rotary endeavors.

David A. Nygaard has been a Rotarian for twenty-three years during which time he has served as The Rotary Club of Newton's President, Vice President, Director, Song Leader, Secretary and Historian. He has served as Assistant Governor and Chair for Club Service for the past three years in District 5690. He is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, a sustaining member and benefactor of The Rotary Foundation, a Bequest Society member and a Major Donor. All eight members of his family are Paul Harris Fellows which includes his two grandsons, two year old Royce and one year old Brody.

He and his wife LaVerna (Bernie) have lived in Newton for the past thirty-nine years. They have two daughters, Nichole and Natalie, who are now married so we now have two sons, Robert and Cody. Nichole and Robert gave us two grandsons one in September 07 and one in September of 08. Royce and Brody are our pride and joy. We also have three grand cats and four grand dogs.

David is a retired banker, retired Navy Reservist, and a Disabled American Veteran. As a veteran David served his country in the Cold War, Viet Nam, Korea, and in Desert Shield/Storm. He has been called to active duty seven times in his career and retired as a Force Master Chief. David graduated from Newton High School in 1966 and earned a Bachelor's (73) and Master's (74) Degree in Education from Wichita State University.

David has held leadership positions in many civic, religious, government, and social organizations and since his retirement he has given freely of his time, talent, and energy to ensure Newton is a grand place to live and raise a family. In his spare time he delivers Meals on Wheels, volunteers at the Newton Wellness Center, volunteers and gives blood for the American Red Cross, serves on the Senior Patrol for the Harvey County Sheriffs Department, helps disabled veterans and senior citizens and he and his wife have started a foundation that funds five scholarships - two at Wichita State University, Bethel College, Newton High School, and Heartland Community School -Henderson, Nebraska.

David believes that if there is one organization that can bring peace to the world Rotary International will be the one!  
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