



ROTARY DISTRICT 5610

District 5610 is located in the middle North of the United States and consists of South Dakota, the South West corner of Minnesota, the North West corner of Iowa and one club in Nebraska.

This area is primarily plains with great farm land in the Eastern part where we raise corn, sunflowers, soybeans and sorghum. As you move westward the main crops are wheat and alfalfa which require less water. The Missouri River, the second largest river in the US runs through the middle of the district and many smaller rivers through out the area help water crops and cattle. In the western part of the district there are large cattle ranches and a great cowboy culture still remains. Sheep and pigs are also raised in several areas. The economy of the district is mainly agriculture and tourism. In the far Southwest there are the Black Hills a very old mountain range where Mount Rushmore National Monument is located. In this area there are many lakes, pine forests and lots of wildlife such as mountain sheep, mountain goats, bison, mountain lions, wild turkeys, deer, etc. There are many kinds of outdoor sports here like hunting, cross country and downhill skiing, hiking, snowshoeing, etc. Throughout the district there is lots of fishing and biking and several National and State Parks. Many Indian Reservations are located in our district and there are frequent Native American powwows. About 900,000 people live in our district and we have 43 Rotary Clubs scattered throughout. In our largest cities Sioux Falls, SD and Sioux City, IA we have large clubs with a hundred or more members while many of our clubs are in small towns with 20 or fewer members. Each club is important to their community and brings many good things to their areas as well as to the world. Pierre a city of about 15,000 is the capitol of SD and is located on the Missouri River while Rapid City one of the Western most cities is located in the Black Hills. Recently the wine industry has come to our district with wineries dotting the area. Education is very important and there are several universities in our district among them South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, Black Hills State University, South Dakota State University, University of South Dakota, and Southwest Minnesota State University.

