



District 5680 News



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Upcoming Events

November 18, 2019

Daniel Flynn Special
Event
Wichita, KS
6:30 pm Presentation

January 17-18, 2020

Rotary World Peace Con-
ference
San Diego, CA



Message from

District Governor Kurt Harper

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

With apologies to Tennessee Ernie Ford, I have an idea for our singing Rotary clubs:

*You drive 16 hours, and what do you get?
Another club meeting with people you met.
But they're People of Action, so what can
you say?*

The best way of life is our Rotarian way . .

Okay, Kelly and I don't REALLY spend 16 hours at a time getting to our meetings, but a little artistic license is okay. As for the rest of the lyric—we continue to be amazed by all of our clubs. If you are not already following us on Facebook, then please "friend" me, or Follow Rotary District 5680, and get our nearly daily updates of our visits, district, conference, and events that all show what a great organization we belong to!

We will have visited over 40 clubs by the end of October, and 50 by the end of November. I'm saving north central Kansas for January.

In the meantime, having completed our district conference, I am looking around for other ways our lives, and Rotary's life, intersect each other, so we can Connect the World together. I suggest you join me in this by taking a look at the current Rotarian magazine. Yes, the Rotarian magazine. Undelete the email, and click on the link! You will find stories of Youth Exchange experiences, club projects making lasting change across the globe, and one about

our fight against Polio, including comments from Carl Chinnery, who spoke at our recent Zone Institute in Kansas City. Every one of these articles can help us understand the breadth of what we do every day as part of the world's biggest service club.

There are also segments with links to the resources available from Rotary International to help you grow your club and to develop the public's awareness of our good works—guidelines on how to diversify membership and expand with "passport clubs," "satellite clubs" and Corporate Memberships. You can see examples of the People of Action templates we so often refer to in our club visits as a valuable tool for your public image efforts.

Immerse yourself in the richness of what Rotary offers your club, and you—and your communities. Be People of Action, and live life like Rotarians!

Kurt A. Harper

District Governor, 2019-20
District 5680



News from Rotary International & The Rotary Foundation

Did You Know?

- **November 19 is World Toilet Day** More people have a mobile phone than have access to safely managed sanitation. The United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 6 has a target to eliminate open defecation and ensure everyone has access to sustainable sanitation services by 2030. World Toilet Day, which is held annually on November 19, draws attention to the people without sanitation. This year's theme is "Leaving No One Behind". You can obtain resources from the [World Toilet Day website](#) or the Globalwaters.org [sanitation and hygiene resource](#) page.
- **December 3 is Giving Tuesday** [#GivingTuesday](#) marks the start of the holiday giving season and we hope your club is kicking off the holiday giving season. Look for more information and promotional resources in the first half of November.
- Watch this very funny video titled "What's Rotary?" <https://youtu.be/coqag4TufB0>. The Rotary clubs in Fargo, ND made this film to assist in their "Grow Rotary Campaign."
- **November is Rotary Foundation (TRF) Month** This month we celebrate the great work of The Rotary Foundation. It is a great time to highlight projects your club is doing with TRF. Here are some resources to celebrate and showcase how you and your club is doing in the world this month.
 - Show a video. [Area of Focus videos](#) at this link are a great way to start a club meeting.. <https://vimeopro.com/rotary/causes-english>
 - Write a thank you note to a donor in your club thanking them for their support of our Foundation.
 - Customize the [Every Rotarian Every Year](#) PowerPoint presentation with stories from your club's projects and Foundation Giving.

The PLUS in PolioPlus

When we talk about PolioPlus, we know we are eradicating polio, but do we realize how many added benefits the program brings? The "plus" is something else that is provided as a part of the polio eradication campaign. It might be a hand-operated tricycle or access to water. It might be additional medical treatment. A 2010 study estimates that vitamin A drops given to children at the same time as the polio vaccine have prevented 1.25 million deaths by decreasing susceptibility to infectious diseases. Learn how we are doing so much more than eradicating polio with our PolioPlus program.

Read more: <https://www.rotary.org/en/plus-polioplus>.

Polio Update @ 10/23/19

This year: Total wild polio cases for 2019: **94**

Last year: Total wild polio cases in 2018: **33**

AFGHANISTAN: The total number of officially reported WPV1 cases in Afghanistan in 2019 is 18.

PAKISTAN: The total number of officially reported WPV1 cases in Pakistan in 2019 is 76.

NIGERIA and THE LAKE CHAD BASIN:

No new cases of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) since 21 August 2016.

More details at <http://www.polioeradication.org>

Attention Presidents: Annual Giving Rotary Foundation Goals NEEDED!

Attention: Club Presidents and Rotary Foundation Chairs

Have you set your Rotary Foundation giving goals in My Rotary yet? If not, please do it today!

If you have a goal it is likely you will achieve it—as I'm sure you all know. Now is the time to set your goal and enter it in Rotary Club Central so we can track district progress towards achieving a record for giving in District 5680!

Go to Rotary Club Central and visit the "Goal Center" to enter not only your Foundation Giving Goal, but your Membership Goal.

If you have questions on how to do this, contact your Assistant Governor or the District Annual Giving Goal Chair, PDG [Geri Appel](#). Thanks!

Give to TRF

Do you contribute to The Rotary Foundation? Did you know that giving is very easy by using Rotary's online giving platform?

[Click here](#) to contribute and set up automatic online giving (monthly, quarterly, annually). It's easy and will save your club time in reporting TRF donations.

Club News from around the District

Rotary Club Great Bend: Our regular biweekly club meetings are now held on the 2nd and 4th Monday noon hours at a **new location:** Great Bend Public Library, 1409 Williams Street, Great Bend. Delicious catered meals are provided. Visiting club members are asked to contact club president Chad Steffan several days in advance to assist accurate meal count. Reach him at: 620.643.6447(w) or 620.786.0477(c)

chadst@centralnational.com

Rotary Club Old Town

Wichita: We had a meeting devoted to introducing prospective members to our club. Our panelists (Michael Andrusak, John Brewer, Rod Kreie, Geri Appel) shared about different aspects of Rotary on an international, district, and local scale our meeting place, PourHouse ICT.



Rotary Club Derby: Our club had a great time at the Chamber Chili Cook Off!



Rotary Club Russell: The Rotary Club of Russell recently put the finishing touches on a \$220,000 project to build a 1.1 mile walking trail in one of Russell's community parks.



The concrete trail is 6 feet wide and can accommodate walkers, runners, and bikers simultaneously. It features bronze distance markers embedded in the concrete and a sign recognizing donors on one side with a map of the trail on the other. The project spanned three years and also included the installation of seven Rotary benches, trash receptacles, and doggie doo bag dispensers.



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Rotary Club Washington: To celebrate World Polio Day, president Ryan Kern challenged each member to contribute \$25. He began the challenge by making his own contribution.



Rotary Club W Sedgwick Co.

Sunrise: On behalf of our club, President Matt Byrum and Rita Linnens (Chair of the Playscape Ribbon Cutting) presented a Service Above Self award to Jorge Martinez at last week's meeting in recognition of his countless hours of service to the club and especially to the Sunrise Boundless Playscape. Jorge is a Charter member of our Sunrise Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow.



Rotary Club E Wichita: Many club members and family members painted a playground map at Gordon Parks Elementary.



Rotary Club Kinsley: Our cookout for potential new members was a huge success. Nearly 20 people attended and enjoyed burgers, brats, beer and beverages. AG Lisa Perez Miller and her husband Mike attended. We gave each attendee a handout of our club's current and past activities. We feel rewarded by our efforts because we have 9 firm commitments and 1 more promised!



Rotary Club W Wichita:

Our 7th annual wine dinner



was a great success. With our silent and live auctions, we raised more than \$13,000 to fund our club's charitable activities throughout the year. More than 100 people from several Rotary clubs attended the plated 5 course dinner with wine to match each course.



Rotary Club E Wichita: A recent project was, once again, a smashing success. Volunteers served **531** families! These families were provided basic household health and grooming products. In their 9 years of existence, The Hygiene Pantry has served 47,497 Wichita families. East Wichita Rotary's representation included many members and family members joining the fun.

More Club News

Rotary Club W Sedgwick Co. Sunrise: We have produced a video about our Boundless Playscape you might want to look at. It features the ribbon cutting ceremony last month at which we dedicated new improvements at the playground. (See September D5680 Newsletter.)

[Click Here](#) to view video.

Rotary Club W Sedgwick Co.

Sunrise: President Matt Byrum and past president Rita Linnens presented Jorge Martinez with our club's Service Above Self Award. Jorge and his company has given countless hours of service to the club and especially to the Sunrise Boundless Playscape.



Rotary Club Hutchinson:

We hosted a team of delegates



from Ukraine through the Open World program earlier this month. The delegates were educators learning about STEM in education.

One of our stops was the Andover ECademy which offers a blended approach to learning with both online and in-person lessons.



Rotary Club Salina: Last year, our Salina Noon Rotary Club made a \$5000 donation to the sound garden in Oakdale Park to kickstart an upgrade. Today, the project has received enough



funding from other community partners to move forward and will be updated for our community in the coming months. It's a vibrant piece of the park for all ages, and a wonderful memorial to a long-time Parks & Rec employee, Janice Pankratz. A big thank you to all of the community partners involved in this project, Rotary is honored to improve the lives of all ages in the Salina community!

Rotary Club W Wichita: We kicked off our David Weber Extra Efforts by recognizing 3 graders from Lawrence Elementary.



Rotary Club Old Town Wichita: [ICT Street Team](#) brought their mobile medical trailer Oct. 7. They provide medical services for the homeless and uninsured.



You Are Invited

**DANIEL FLYNN, CO-FOUNDER,
MANAGING DIRECTOR**



THANKYOU!

Hear This Amazing Story of Entrepreneurship and Commitment to Changing the World from Daniel himself.

Brought to you all the way from Australia

By **The Rotary Club of Wichita**

Oliver Elliott Speaker Fund

Monday, November 18, 2019

WSU Metroplex Auditorium

6:30-7:30pm

Pre-Event Party for Rotarians
and Their Guests only: 5:00-6:15pm

This Event is Free of Charge.

Bring as Many Guests and Prospective
Rotary Members as You Like

You Must Register to Attend

For More Information and To Register [Click Here](#)

<https://www.wichitarotaryspecialevents.org/>

Follow DG Kurt's "road trips" to our district clubs
at <https://www.facebook.com/District5680/>

**You'll meet the club presidents and something
about each community visited!**

To stay connected with the District, don't forget to visit the website, www.rotary5680.org, often; and be sure to like, follow, and share posts on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/District5680/>.

District Conference

Rotary Connects the District— Notes from the Conference

Rotary doesn't just connect the world—it connects people, communities, and clubs. One way it does this is through Districts, like our District 5680. Wichita played host to the first-ever District 5680 Conference for our new district, and the Wichita Marriott did a remarkable job of providing a beautiful facility, engaging meeting space, and delicious meals.

The rest of the event was completed by Rotarians—interesting displays, fun auction items, stimulating conversation, and, most of all, a chance for everyone to expand their perspective on our great clubs, district, and international organization.



DG Kurt & Kelly



Edina Mehovic

We know The Rotary Foundation is important to the good work we do both at home and by working with other districts. Bringing that message home to us was Edina Mehovic, our Annual Giving Officer at RI. She shared her own story about her “Rotary moment”, and stories about individuals touched by our Foundation giving. We not only learned about the Foundation Saturday morning; the preceding evening

we had a chance to support the Foundation with an auction, raising over \$5,800 that will go straight to the Foundation.



Taylor Blehm & David Postic

If growing Rotary requires us to develop a strategy to engage new audiences and, especially, the next generation, we had a lively presentation by Area Rotary Coordinator for Rotaract from Oklahoma City, David Postic, and an Interactor-turned-Rotaractor from Russell, Taelyr Blehm, who founded a Rotaract Club at KU just a couple of years ago and has shepherded it into growth mode and into a solid relationship with the Rotarians in their sponsoring club in Manhattan. Taelyr and David got through about 3 slides of their PowerPoint, when questions began flowing from the audience—and the questions, and eloquent responses, continued for the balance

of their allotted program time. *Surprise:* Not all Rotaractors are the same; not all are looking for the same thing in a club; and their population base is far more reflective of the diversity of their communities than a typical Rotary club. *The biggest takeaway* for me was that Rotary typically only converts 5 to 20 percent of its alumni from programs like Youth Exchange, RYLA, Interact, and Rotaract, into Rotarians—mostly because we forget to invite them to something that is already interesting to them. *The call to action:* Identify, and really get to know, the great prospects in these organizations.!



Alex & Janice Wilkins

We had a truly great RI President's Representative, PDG Alex Wilkins from Virginia, who was accompanied by his wife and Rotary sponsor, Janice. Alex is a public image coordinator, and delivered an inspiring message about how public image remains a key part of every message Rotary presents—including the highlighted words from our new vision statement: Together . . . People . . . Create ... Change.

After an afternoon of sharing ideas from clubs and committees on special projects, we closed with a message from Rotary Peace Fellow Summer Lewis, who drew a standing ovation for her insights on the many ways Rotarians can help create an atmosphere of positive peace, and how our district can get involved in the training of peace professionals.



Summer Lewis

We took time to recognize several clubs and a few individuals within our 2 legacy districts. (See special section on awards.)

To stay connected with the District, don't forget to visit the website, www.rotary5680.org, often; and be sure to like, follow, and share posts on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/District5680/>.

Looking ahead: next year's celebration is expected to be October 16-17, 2020, in Salina, hosted by DGE Dana Brewer. Save the date now!

Kurt A. Harper

District Governor, 2019-20
District 5680

District Conference

District Awards

The following clubs and individuals were recognized for their successes Rotary Year 2018-19 in Districts 5670 and 5690.

2018-19 Rotary Foundation Giving 5670

Highest Per Capita Giving

#1 E-Club Heart of America	\$235.50
#2 Atwood	\$154.60
#3 Russell	\$147.17

Rotary Presidential Citation

Gold with Distinction: Phillipsburg
Silver with Distinction: Great Bend & Russell
Regular: Oberlin & Sharon Springs

End Polio Now Recognition

Hays McPherson
Phillipsburg Salina

2018-19 Rotary Foundation Giving 5690

Highest Per Capita Giving

#1 West Wichita	\$336.77
#2 Andover	\$199.95
#3 Liberal	\$141.09

100% Club Participation

Andover & Sublette

Every Rotarian Every Year

Andover

Rotary Presidential Citation

Winfield

End Polio Now Recognition

Derby Arkansas City
Liberal Sublette

District 5690 2018-19 Winner: Kelle Thompson (Winfield)

Kelle was recognized for her many years of Rotary Service in her club and district. She is a past president of the RC Winfield, a current Assistant Governor (a position she has held several times over the years), and as President's Elect Training Seminar (PETS) Trainer and Coordinator. *Thank you Kelle!*

District 5680 2019-20 Winners: Andrea Krauss (Russell) Curtis Dick (Winfield)

Andrea and Curtis Dick were recognized and sincerely thanks for the many hours they spent leading Districts 5670 and 5690 prepare for a very successful district merge to District 5680. Curtis was not present to receive his award at Conference. It was more than fitting to present the first D5680 Service Above Self Award to these two individuals who absolutely made the merge seem seamless. *Thank you Andrea & Curtis!*



L-R: Kelle Thompson & Andrea Krauss
District Service Above Self Winners



RI Presidents Rep
Alex Wilkins was
a great addition to
our conference



RI Presidents Rep Alex & Janice Wilkins
presented DG Kurt & Kelly with very cool
"Rotarian at Work" aprons



Rotary Citation Winners
2018-2019

District Conference Photos

The Auction



Auctioneer Charlie Moon
(Wichita DT)



Wonderful Auction Items (sample)



Music at the Auction



Kelly Harper &
Janice Wilken
made a frame for
photos

The Conference



Kelly Harper cut a
Rotary Wheel in
front of us



RI Rep Alex & PDG Bob
Severance (Beloit)



DGE Dana Brewer
is planning for his
year



DGN Fred Heismeyer
is also planning



RI Director Larry
Dimmitt (Topeka)
updates us on
what's happening
at RI)



Shelli Kadel (W Wichita) &
Dalia Hale (Sedgwick Co.
Sunrise) talked about
RITE



AG Arlen Honts
Friendship Ex-
change to New
Zealand



Doug Stark RC
Wichita DT invites
everyone to a spe-
cial event on 11/18



Mike Andrusak
talks about
Membership
Growth

Thank you to Bob
Obree (Kinsley) &
Fred Heismeyer
(East Wichita) for
all the photos

FACES WE SAW

The Conference



*Aloha Hawaii!
RI Convention
Promotion*



*DG Pals
DG Kurt & DGE Da-
na Brewer*



It's all over! Everyone helps take down the 150+ country flags and carefully put in storage boxes for the Rotary Trailer. Thanks to DG Mike & Helen Barnes (Boise City) for being our "Keeper of the Flags"!

*Winding down after a great conference.
See you next year!*

District 5680 Membership Report As Of September 30, 2019

Club	7/1/2019 MEMBERSHIP	9/30/2019 MEMBERSHIP	NET GAIN 2019-2020
Abilene	56	58	2
Andover	32	32	0
Arkansas City	68	70	2
Atwood	26	26	0
Beaver	19	19	0
Beloit	43	43	0
Boise City	20	20	0
Cimarron	22	20	-2
Clay Center	45	45	0
Colby	57	56	-1
Concordia	31	31	0
Derby	67	70	3
Dodge City	38	40	2
Downs	7	8	1
East Wichita	102	97	-5
E-Club	18	20	2
El Dorado	41	36	-5
Ellinwood	20	20	0
Ellis	9	9	0
Garden City	47	47	0
Goodland	37	37	0
Great Bend	38	40	2
Guymon	25	25	0
Hays	63	63	0
Hays Sunrise	17	17	0
Hill City	10	11	1
Howard	14	14	0
Hoxie	20	20	0
Hugoton	16	16	0
Hutchinson	100	96	-4
Johnson	16	16	0
Kingman	24	23	-1
Kinsley	8	8	0
Larned	17	17	0
Liberal	54	54	0
Lindsborg	9	9	0
Lyons	22	24	2
McPherson	45	44	-1
Ness City	17	17	0
Newton	57	53	-4
Norton	13	13	0
Oberlin	37	37	0
Osborne	13	16	3
Phillipsburg	49	49	0
Pratt	56	55	-1
Russell	37	37	0
Salina	139	139	0
Sharon Springs	10	10	0
Sterling	17	19	2
Sublette	18	17	-1
Syracuse	18	18	0
Texhoma	15	15	0
Ulysses	30	30	0
Washington	36	37	1
Wellington	12	12	0
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	43	40	-3
West Wichita	61	59	-2
Wichita-Downtown	412	412	0
Wichita-Old Town	8	8	0
Winfield	84	80	-4
TOTALS	2485	2474	-11

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District 5680

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This is your newsletter!
Send your articles and
club information to:

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2019-20 RI President
Mark D. Maloney
Decatur, Alabama USA



On to Honolulu
Rotary International Convention
June 6-10, 2020
Register NOW!
www.riconvention.org



We are now three months away from our January 17 & 18, Rotary World Peace Conference 2020, in Ontario, California, USA. It is amazing, what started as an idea 2 years ago, is now nearly ready for you and your members to attend and participate.

Nearly 150 experts from across the country and around the world have been secured and are ready to assemble to share their solutions. Our six general sessions include a Nobel Laureate Nominee, the CEO of Institute for Economics and Peace, the Chief of Staff of the Peace Corps, a former Ambassador and CEO of the Carter Center, the celebrity spokesperson for World Vision, the celebrity spokesperson for UN Refugee Agency, the father of modern mediation, the CEO of CARE USA, the CEO of Project Concern International, a 2017 Nobel Peace Prize recipient and co-president of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, the President of Rotary International and more.

Our 104 breakout sessions have experts on human trafficking, child abuse, spousal abuse, cyber-bullying, trauma therapy, sexual harassment, unconscious bias, violence prevention in our cities, homes, and schools and much more.

Our exhibitor hall has space for 90 non-profits to exhibit and is half reserved.

I encourage you to visit our website www.peaceconference2020.org Look over the activities and speakers. The Friday night dinner will honor Community Heroes. Join us for the Saturday dinner with a featured speaker, followed by a Peace Concert.

What we need now is YOU! I would appreciate it if you would share this conference information with your district leadership team members, club presidents and members, your business associates, your friends. This conference is open to the public. This is like a Rotary International Convention that is happening right here in Southern California. Reach out to your new members and ask them to attend. Reach out to those who have never been to an International Convention and encourage them to attend. This will certainly give them a new look at Rotary and Rotarians gathering from around the world. You will return from the conference with solutions to apply in your community. Save a child from being taken into the sex trade. Save a child from being bullied and hurting herself or himself. Institute programs to stop violence in your community.

Registration for the conference is \$259 for the two days with lunch included. Price increases on November 1st. There is a special rate for college students and Rotaract members of \$150. There are special one day rates, as well. You will not find another conference of this magnitude, with this many solution providers, under one roof at this price.

Please make the decision to register today. Encourage your members, friends, family and business associates to register. Together, we can truly make a difference if we are willing to come together, learn together, share with each other and roll up our sleeves and get to work!

Thank you,

Rudy Westervelt, PDG D5330

Chair of Rotary World Peace Conference 2020