

District 5680 News

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Over 750 million people around the world lack access to safe water. This month Rotary focuses on Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene. This theme underscores the profound impact of access to clean water, proper sanitation and hygiene practices. The global water crisis is a complex challenge that affects communities, economies, and ecosystems worldwide. Access to clean water and sanitation is a fundamental human right and a cornerstone of sustainable development. Yet, millions of people around the world still lack access to safe drinking water and proper sanitation facilities, leading to dire consequences for health, education, and overall well-being.



Twenty Rotarians from District 5710 and 5680 will head to Guatemala this month. One of the things they will be accomplishing while they are there is installing clean water systems in several homes in the villages.

Rotary clubs can collaborate with other communities by donating to help install water filtration systems or by giving to the Rotary Foundation so that Global Grants can be funded to support Clean Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Projects.

The President Elect training session was a resounding success, exceeding all expectations and leaving participants inspired and empowered. The engaging content and knowledgeable speakers from Rotary International facilitated a deep understanding of programs and services Rotary provides. President Elect Training not only fostered a positive learning environment but equipped incoming Presidents with valuable skills and knowledge for their professional growth.

Just a reminder if you have not signed up area youth for the Rotary Youth Leadership Institute May 29-31 at Southwest University in Winfield now is a great time to get them signed up. The District has scholarships available for them.

Today is a great day to become a Rotarian!! Membership in Rotary provides opportunities for personal and professional growth and also enables members to make a meaningful difference in their world and community. Reach out to someone today and invite them to Rotary.

Gloria Homeier

District Governor

2023-2024

District 5680



Club News from around the District

The Rotary Club of Guymon, members in yellow shirts, held a Bingo event to raise funds for their dictionary project. Each year they give all 3rd graders a dictionary.



Students at Benton and Lawrence Elementaries are gifted with handmade bookshelves, decorative decals, and books from the *Rotary Club of West Wichita*. Spanning three decades, this is one of our oldest service projects and the students will say that their older siblings, even their parents still have their bookshelves.



• WICHITA DOWNTOWN ROTARY CLUB PRESENTS •

ROTARY

CLASSIC CAR RALLY



FREE
ADMISSION

THURSDAY
MAY 16, 2024
5-8 PM

LIVE MUSIC • FOOD TRUCK • CASH BAR

THE COLEMAN PARKING LOT
250 N. ST. FRANCIS

HAVE A CLASSIC CAR YOU WANT TO SHOW?
CONTACT BRETT PRATHER AT
BPRATHER@ALLOYARCHITECTURE.COM

THIS EVENT IS FOR ROTARY MEMBERS AND
PROSPECTIVE ROTARIANS.
ALL GUESTS ARE WELCOME!

Classic Car Rally presented by
Wichita Downtown Rotary Club
on the 16th of May.

MARCH DESIGNATION IS



**WATER
AND SANITATION
MONTH**

"Clean water..... is a basic need for human beings. When people, especially children, have access to clean water, they live healthier and more productive lives."

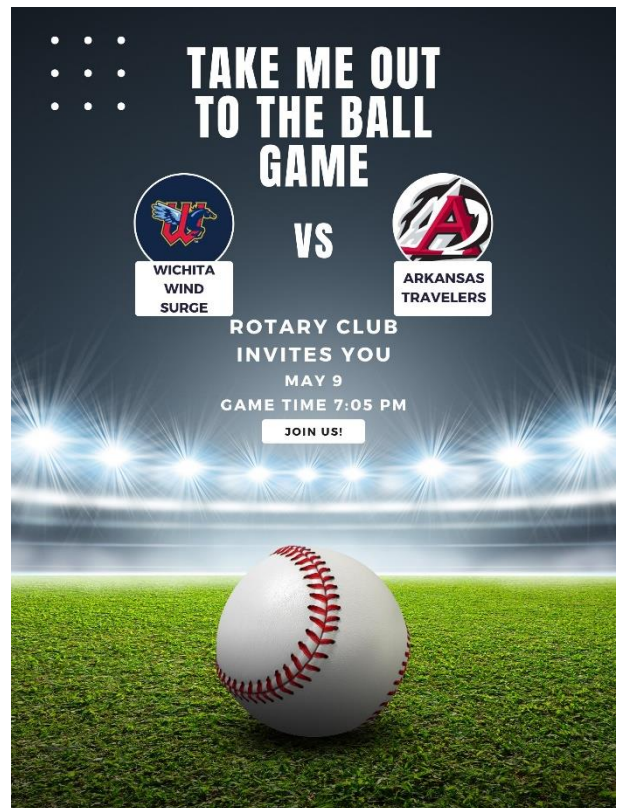
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TAKE ACTION: Join a Project

ROTARY WATER PROJECT CHALLENGE

President Colby of *West Wichita Rotary Club* presented a challenge to help towards purchasing a water system for the Rotary Water Project in the Mkalama District of the Singida Region of Tanzania where there are 96 Primary Schools with over 63,000 students. They currently have systems in 16 schools and their goal is to install a water system into the remaining 80 schools to provide access to safe water for the remaining 50,000 students. Each water system is \$5,000 and will service an average of 650 students. The Club will match up to \$2,500 with member donations totaling \$2,500 to purchase a water system. If you would like to donate, make a check payable to West Wichita Charitable Foundation and bring it to our club meeting or mail to: Rotary Club of West Wichita, PO Box 12064, Wichita, KS 67277.

Join us at the 'Ole Ballgame' and watch the Wichita Surge 9 May. Presented by the *Rotary Club of East Wichita*.





Rotary Club of Colby saw pictures of a project they partnered with the Danli, Honduras club to help provide 88 efficient, vented stoves to homes in an impoverished village near Danli. These more efficient stoves greatly reduce respiratory and other health issues as they only use 1/3 of the wood the older, unvented stoves do. *Rotary Club of Colby* has recently voted to provide some of the financial assistance needed to install 55 additional stoves in homes in another impoverished village close to Danli.

The *Rotary Club of Hill City* recognized Deb Tremblay for her second Paul Harris and Julie Davis for her fourth Paul Harris. What an inspiration they are to fellow Rotarians.



The *Rotary Club of Great Bend* plus other organizations helped cleanup the Rotary Lake. In two hours, this awesome group of volunteers collected over 50 bags of trash, and some really interesting other things.



The *Rotary Club of West Wichita* reported that their Easter grocery shopping and deliveries were very successful, delivering to new families who needed the assistance.

President-Elect Leadership Seminar for Districts 5680/5710



PETS/PELS attendees from District 5680

The annual Heartland President Elect Leadership Seminar was held in Salina March 21-23. This seminar is held in conjunction with District 5710, in the northeast corner of Kansas. This year we truly had an “A Team” of presenters. Tom Gump, aide to RI President Elect Stephanie Urchick, Pat Merryweather-Arges, current vice president of RI, Andres Perez, our Club and District support contact at RI, and Greg Podd, Trustee at The Rotary Foundation were all keynote speakers. Vickie Randel also spoke about Our Rotary Foundation.

PETS embraced the theme of the Magic of Rotary with pocket notebooks and Magic Wand pens for each President Elect. We are excited to hear how each president puts their magic wand to good use. The breaks between sessions were filled with engaging conversation, and all made good contacts to call upon for help and support during the year.

Facilitated training discussion sessions were Membership Engagement, Club and District administration and support, and Leading Your Club. These three were split up into smaller groups of small, medium, and large size clubs. During those times, there were sessions available to Area Governors, Past District Governors, and committee chairs to meet with our keynote speakers. These question-and-answer sessions proved to be very popular.

This year's PETS/PELS was a fun filled and rich learning experience. I thank everyone who helped plan the event, and those who attended. It was great to meet everyone, and I look forward to my year as your District Governor.

Jeff Horlacher

DG 2024-2025



District 5680/5710 Leadership



Thursday bowling at PETS/PELS





ROTARY
YOUTH
LEADERSHIP
AWARDS

REGISTER A
STUDENT
TODAY

Registration is available at www.sckans.edu/activities/leadership/rotary-camp
For questions, contact Dean Kennedy at dean.kennedy@communitynational.net



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive youth leadership experience organized by our Rotary Clubs and district to develop leadership skills for youth while having fun and making connections.

RYLA for District 5680 will be held May 28 to 31, 2024 at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas and is open for high school Freshmen, Sophomores, or Juniors. Students are selected and sponsored by a Rotary Club but may also be sponsored by a family Rotarian since it is open to Rotarian family members. Do you have a family member, neighbor, or friend that will benefit from this experience? Each Rotary Club in the District has one partial student scholarship of \$100.00 (full registration is \$400.00) from District 5680.

NOW is the time to submit those applications.

All information is available at www.sckans.edu/leadership and then service outreach/Rotary Camp.

For more information please contact Dean Kennedy at dean.kennedy@communitynational.net.



Vangie Penner, the President Elect Nominee from Liberal is presented a Rotary book/planner by DG Elect Jeff Horlacher. This planner has Rotary events already on it and is great for all incoming Presidents. It's available at this link:

<https://www.civicswag.com/si/778969138/hg7887/18-month-rotary-themed-planner>

District 5680 Membership Report As Of March 31, 2024

Club	7/1/2023	3/31/2024	NET GAIN
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2023- 2024
Abilene	52	55	3
Andover	25	20	(5)
Arkansas City	66	71	5
Atwood	23	24	1
Beaver	18	17	(1)
Beloit	35	37	2
Boise City	19	18	(1)
Cimarron	20	17	(3)
Clay Center	62	64	2
Colby	44	44	0
Concordia	30	25	(5)
Derby	54	60	6
Dodge City	38	32	(6)
Downs	9	9	0
East Wichita	68	69	1
E-Club	15	16	1
El Dorado	32	30	(2)
Ellinwood	18	17	(1)
Ellis	10	10	0
Garden City	26	28	2
Goodland	13	13	0
Great Bend	27	26	(1)
Guymon	32	34	2
Haskell County (Sublette)	19	15	(4)
Hays	62	59	(3)
Hays Sunrise	9	11	2
Hill City	7	7	0
Howard	9	9	0
Hugoton	15	14	(1)
Hutchinson	92	90	(2)



District 5680



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Send your articles and
club information to:

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District Newsletter
Editor

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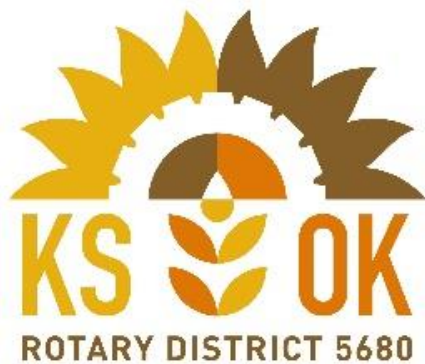
Cell phone

785-747-8526

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and newsletters**

MARCH DISTRICT 5680 NEWS

Johnson	10	10	0
Kingman	19	21	2
Kinsley	5	5	0
Liberal	40	41	1
Lyons	21	21	0
McPherson	24	27	3
Ness City	23	23	0
Newton	59	60	1
Norton	11	10	(1)
Oberlin	30	30	0
Osborne	10	11	1
Phillipsburg	32	33	1
Pratt	67	68	1
Russell	36	39	3
Salina	103	97	(6)
Sharon Springs	5	5	0
Sterling	20	19	(1)
Syracuse	19	19	0
Texhoma	12	12	0
Ulysses	24	21	(3)
Washington	33	33	0
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	38	37	(1)
West Wichita	58	64	6
Wichita-Downtown	363	344	(19)
Wichita-Old Town	9	10	1
Winfield	67	59	(8)
TOTALS	2087	2060	(27)



**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**



**KANSAS
LEADERSHIP
CENTER**

District 5680 Leadership Transformation Grants

District 5680 has been awarded 25 grants to participate in the programs of the Kansas Leadership Center. The Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) is a non-profit organization committed to fostering leadership for stronger, healthier and more prosperous Kansas communities.

The KLC offers three programs that build on each other:

- **When Everyone Leads** is the introductory one-day program that focuses on personal leadership competencies. It focuses on leadership as an activity – recognizing that every individual has the capacity to lead. It helps participants stretch and grow their leadership while addressing their toughest challenges. When Everyone Leads is valued at \$149.
- **Your Leadership Edge** is the seminal, two-day deep dive into individual leadership for those who have completed When Everyone Leads. It focuses on helping leaders understand how to move out of their comfort zone and engage in meaningful leadership. It centers on the KLC's leadership framework based on Five Guiding Principles and Four Proufound Competencies. Your Leadership Edge is valued at \$399.
- **Lead For Change** is reserved for teams who have already completed the other two KLC courses. It is an immersive, three-day training that must be experienced in a team. Lead For Change is valued at \$799 per individual.

Who Should Attend?

Each club should consider sending up and coming leaders from their club and community. The virtual sessions are ideal for clubs in western Kansas. Leaders who have done the first program should consider the second program.

How To Register

To Sign Up for When Everyone Leads or Your Leadership Edge, we ask that you do two things:

1. Visit the KLC website at www.kansasleadershipcenter.org. Create a personal account and register using the code **Rotary2024** to waive the tuition fee.
2. Notify District 5680's Learning Facilitator, Arlen Honts, of your interest in order that we might track Rotarians who are taking advantage of this grant. Arlen Honts' contact is:

akhonts@att.net 316-648-7484

Those interested in Lead For Change must make arrangements through District Learning Facilitator, Arlen Honts.



KANSAS LEADERSHIP CENTER

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Virtual Program Dates

March 5 | August 20 | October 2-3 (Evenings) | December 10

In Person Program Dates - Wichita

April 16 | June 18 | July 23 | September 12 | November 12

In Person Program Date – Kansas City

May 23

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Virtual Program Dates

February 27-28 | May 21-22 | September 24-25 | November 19-20

In Person Program Dates - Wichita

March 19-20 | April 23-24 | June 25-26 | October 22-23

In Person Program Date – Kansas City

July 17-18

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In Person Program Dates - Wichita

March 26-28 | August 6-8 | October 15-17

Registration for all programs closes two weeks before the program.



District 5680 – A Challenge Project To Help Ukraine



Ukrainian military medics treat their wounded at a field hospital near Bucharest, Ukraine, Wednesday, March 1, 2023. (AP Photo/Eugene Maloletka)

District 5680 is partnering with the five Rotary Districts in Denmark and the Rotary District in Ukraine to provide portable Ultrasound units to Front-Line Doctors in Ukraine.

Will your Club join us in this project?



We are asking each Rotary Club in District 5680 to consider purchasing one or more Ultrasound Kits to send to Ukraine.



Each kit costs approximately \$2,500. This includes a Butterfly Ultrasound Probe and an iPad.



Our goal is 50 Ultrasound kits for Ukraine.



For more information or to participate, contact:
Arlen K. Honts, D5680 Learning Facilitator
316-648-7484
akhonts@att.net



WHAT is Club Visioning?



**THE MOST
SUCCESSFUL
CLUBS
PARTICIPATE
IN VISIONING**

SUCCESSFUL CLUB EXPERIENCE

- Sustain and increase membership
- Implement successful service projects
- Support the Rotary Foundation
- Develop leaders in the club and beyond
- Create a long-range plan providing:

Continuity
Consensus

Consistency
Communication

"Rotary is not an organization for retrospection. It is one whose worth and purpose lie in future activity rather than past performance."
by Paul Harris

Go to rotary5680.org/page/club-visioning
for more information

70 Years in an iron lung

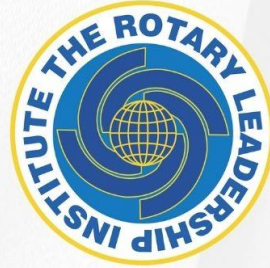
Rotarian Paul Alexander has died at age 78. Paul was a member of the e-club of Houston in District 5890. He contracted polio at age six in the 1950s. It almost killed him but he was resilient and survived only by the use of the iron lung that had become his home and his world for more than 70 years.

Reflecting on what Rotary had meant to him, Paul said, "It means so much to me to belong to this

organization, I'm having a great time and staying awake at night thinking of ideas. So many people have come into my life. I never knew there were so many caring people out there."



ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



MISSION STATEMENT

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a grassroots, multi-district leadership development program whose mission is to strengthen Rotary Clubs through quality leadership education.

PARTICIPANTS WILL

- Learn more about Rotary basics,
- Increase leadership skills,
- Better understand Rotary ethics,
- Take a deeper dive into local/international service projects
- Discuss communication in today's tech world
- Share ideas on increasing membership and club success, and
- HAVE FUN!!!

HOW TO SIGN UP

RLI will coincide with the District Conference scheduled for this fall in Colby. Check your district newsletter for updates.

FACILITATORS

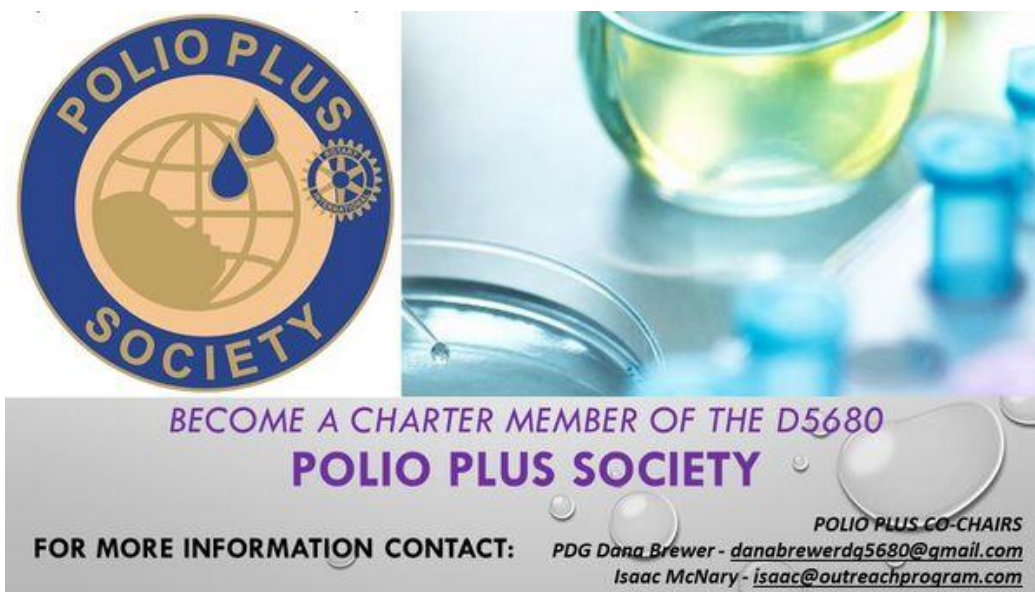
RLI will be facilitated by members of the District 5680 chain of leadership.

QUESTIONS

For more information, please contact Arlen Honts
akhonts@att.net

WWW.ROTARYLEADERSHIPINSTITUTE.ORG





We are so close!

As the Rotary years roll by, it is easy for long-time members to forget the "Why" of PolioPlus, and for newer members you may not even know what all this Polio talk is about. The fact is, there are millions, maybe even billions alive today that do not have to live with the fear or debilitating realities of Polio thanks to Rotary's efforts and, more importantly, Rotarians like you and I who donate to PolioPlus. Membership in the PolioPlus society is commitment to see our efforts through to the end. We are so close! I recently heard a Polio champion, John Ockenfels, speak and I echo his sentiments wholeheartedly. "I have no hope that we will eradicate Polio, I KNOW that we will!"

Join us today and help us fulfill the promise that we made to the children of the world. \$8.50 per month is all it takes to change the world, one child at a time.

Do it for the Children...do it for the Heroes...do it as part of your Rotary Journey...but Do It!

Isaac McNary: (316) 461-0512
isaac@outreachprogram.org



THE POLIOPLUS SOCIETY

District Governor Gloria Homeier is pleased to announce "One of the Key Initiatives of my term of Service, is the formation of Our District's PolioPlus Society. The PolioPlus Society (PPS) is being formed to encourage Rotarians to commit to donate a minimum of \$100 per year to the PolioPlus Fund until polio is eradicated from the face of the Earth. We need to sustain and increase Our Rotary giving, while the total eradication of the wild polio virus is completed, to keeping it from raging back."

The Rotarians and Friends of Rotary, who join during this inaugural year ending June 30, 2024, will be known as Charter Members of the District 5680 PolioPlus Society. Charter Members will receive a special PolioPlus Society Pin, plus 2 or more US Mint Jonas Salk coins, (1 for each \$50 donated) and a Charter Member Certificate. Governor Gloria also stated "The goal of the Initiative is to encourage at least 100 individuals to become Founders and to eventually have at least 250 Society Members among Our District's Rotarians."

How much impact will those generous gifts make? With the continuing 2 for 1 matches provided by the Gates Foundation through June 30, 2026, each \$100 of those gifts becomes \$300, enough to fully immunize 100 of Our World's precious children. 100 such donations would raise at least \$10,000 dollars and protect the lives and futures of 10,000+ vulnerable kids! Remember what R.I. President Jennifer Jones told the British Parliament, "Until the World is polio-free, every Child is at Risk!" (even Our own Children).

See how to become a Charter Member on the next page. If you need any extra inspiration follow this link to Tom T. Hall's song "100 Children". The Children of Our World will be relying on Charter Members to follow the "4 Way Test" while they continue to faithfully fulfill their PolioPlus Obligations. To help them do so, the PolioPlus Committee will send out a "gentle" email reminder, every new Rotary Year.

Go to the District's website at rotary5680.org to join the PolioPlus Society.

Contact Isaac McNary or Dana Brewer, Co-Chairs of the District's PolioPlus Committee:

isaac@outreachprogram.com or danabrewerdg5680@gmail.com

if you have questions or input.

How to donate to PolioPlus –

- Rotarians can go to myrotary.org/donate and click on Polio Fund where they can make a one time or recurring donation
- We encourage Rotarians to join PolioPlus Direct (the recurring Option), signing up for automatic giving with a credit card. An autopayment of \$10 (or more) per month will qualify or requalify them for the Society.
- For a quick walkthrough on how to sign up for a My.Rotary.Org account and set up an online donation you can view a tutorial here: <https://youtu.be/c7cdT35F-8o>
- Of course, Rotarians can also donate by giving their Club Foundation Chair or Treasurer a check, payable to the Rotary Foundation, with "Polio Fund" in the memo section.

District 5680 PolioPlus Society

The PolioPlus Society is a group of individuals who are passionate about Rotary's #1 Priority .. the elimination of the poliovirus from the face of the earth.

The PolioPlus Society, or PPS, operates much like the Paul Harris Society. Except that the PolioPlus Society ONLY requires you to donate a minimum of \$100 and to continue to do so annually, until the World Health Organization declares the World free of the poliovirus.

PolioPlus Society members who sign up from July 1, 2023 until June 30, 2024 will become PolioPlus Society Charter Members. You will receive a special pin depicting the two precious drops given to each child and our World, along with a PolioPlus Society Certificate proclaiming your Charter Member status in this unique Society. Plus you will have the knowledge that you are doing good in the world and are in this fight to the end. Joining the Society is a two step process:

STEP 1-Fill out the below "commitment statement" and email to danabrewerdg5680@gmail.com. You can also fill out the form online at: <https://forms.gle/6SZEigrPddrfrSg7> , by scanning the QR code with your smart phone, or by mailing the form to Isaac McNary. 5266 NW 20th St, El Dorado, KS 67042.

I hereby commit to making an annual donation to the PolioPlus Fund of the Rotary Foundation as follows (select one):

_____ \$100 USD per year (minimum amount to become a society member)

_____ A contribution of \$ _____ per year to PolioPlus (for gifts of more than \$100)



I pledge to help Rotary make history by continuing to contribute the above amount each year until the World Health Organization certifies that polio has been fully eradicated because ... Until the World is polio-free, every child is at risk!

Step 2-To make your tax-deductible donation go to myrotary.org/donate, sign in and click on "Polio Fund". You can choose a one-time donation of \$100 or more, or a recurring donation in the amount and frequency of your choice (We suggest \$10 a month as the "easy way" to become a PolioPlus Society member). Of course, you can also write a check payable to "the Rotary Foundation", with PolioPlus in the memo section and give to your club's Foundation Chair or Treasurer.

Step 3 - Notify District PolioPlus Chair - Notify Dana Brewer at his email address or mailing address listed above of your donation and method used for payment (recurring credit card, one time credit card, or by check)

Name (please print) _____ Date _____

Address _____

Club Name _____ Email Address _____