

District 5680 News

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Create Hope in the World by Giving to the Rotary Foundation

November is the Rotary Foundation month. The Rotary Foundation is a Foundation for the Future. The future of our communities and the future of people across the world.

Donating to Rotary means clean water and sanitation, health and hope in many areas of the world. It means economic development and new opportunities. 90.8 percent of donations go straight to supporting our service projects. The Rotary Foundation is a 4 star charity as ranked by Charity Navigator. This is Charity Navigator's highest ranking.

Every club member should give a donation to the Rotary Foundation even if you can only give \$10. If every member in your clubs gives at



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least \$25 your club would be recognized as an Every Rotarian Every Year club. You can donate by signing in to your account on rotary.org, giving the money to your treasurer to enter it in for you or you can set up recurring giving online on rotary.org.

When you give to the Rotary Foundation you are directly supporting Rotary's work. Our District just got approved for two global grants. One in Guatemala, where we will develop community training programs that will emphasize the importance of disease prevention and opportunity for treatment and rehabilitation. We will also develop an education center to train health care professionals.

We were also approved for a global grant in Uganda that will work with at risk women and children. It will help to empower them through training and education. Rotarians who contributed to the foundation allowed this work to happen and want to thank all of you for your continued support of the Rotary Foundation!!

Great things are happening around the District. Membership numbers are increasing, community service projects are being done and District Grants have been approved and work is getting started on these projects. Keeping members engaged by helping their communities helps them feel how much we need them in Rotary. Now is the time to ask someone in your community to join. Take that first step and tell them Rotary is about Service Above Self and ask them to join. We would love to welcome them into our Rotary family.

Think about adding a companion club. These members can meet at a different time than your meeting for instance in the evening if you are a noon club. They can meet as often or as little as they like and they can help you with all your community service projects. They count as a regular member for your club and pay RI dues and District Dues. You can set the amount they would have to pay for club dues. They do not have the expense of a meal if they don't want to. This could really encourage members of your community to who have time constraints due to their job or need flexibility with family members to still be a part of your club. What a great way to get more people involved.

Gloria Homeier

***District Governor
2023-2024
District 5680***

Club News from around the District

Rotary Club of Washington celebrates 75th Anniversary



DG Gloria featured speaker



Five area Rotary clubs represented



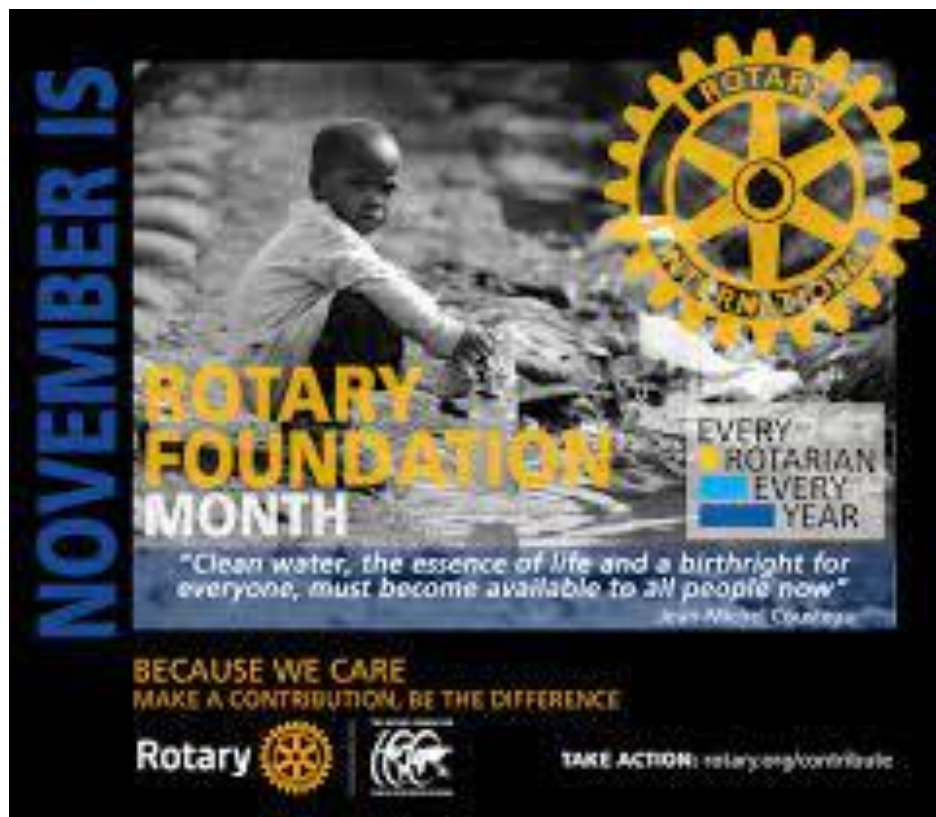
Rotary Club of Washington 75th

Rotary Club #1591 of
Liberal, Kansas
volunteers assisting with
Diabetic Screening and
Mental Health
Awareness at 2023
Community Health Fair
at the Activity Center.
Thank you so much for
giving of your Saturday
to represent Rotary!



The [Russell Rotary Club](#) held a Pints for Polio event to
raise money for the End Polio Now Campaign.

Saturday, October 28th a few [Rotary Club of Guymon](#) members had a great time working a booth at the Halloween Palooza! Super cold day, but filled with lots of fun!



Rotary Zone 25B/29 Institute

The annual Rotary Zone 25B/29 Institute is in the history books, and it was a great learning experience for the 300 Rotarians who attended. A cornerstone of all Zone Institutes is the learning tracks for the District Governor-elects and nominees. They take a deep dive into Rotary and prepare for their year as Governor. There are also sessions for other district leaders such as Foundation, Membership, Learning, and Public Image Chairs.

World leaders from within and outside of Rotary, including RIPE Stephanie Urchick and RIF Chair-elect Mark Maloney, presented during the four-day training. These inspiring leaders addressed the progress Rotary has made in eradicating the wild Polio virus, told us how Rotarians have helped in disaster



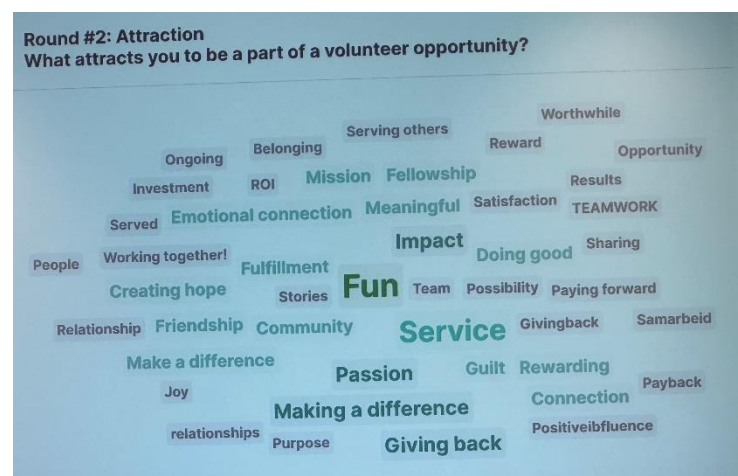
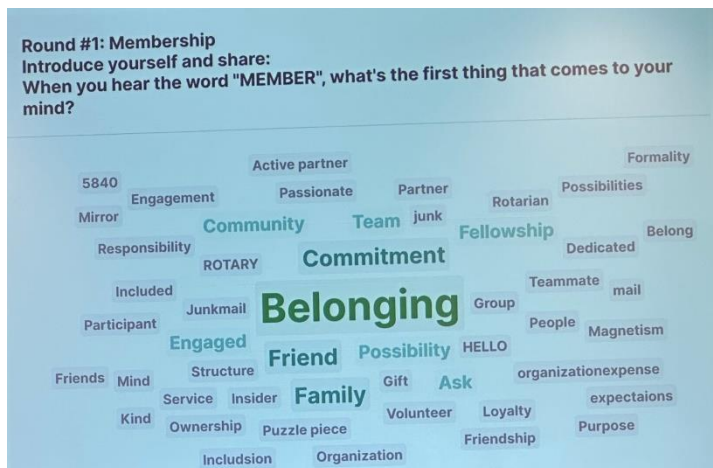
relief, presented what Rotary has done to help the people of Ukraine, and gave an inspiring story of how one child inspired his mother to help the homeless resulting in the 5000 Blanket Project.

An added advantage of attending this year's Institute was that it was held at One Rotary Center in Evanston, Illinois, the world headquarters for Rotary International. Attendees got to see where much of the day-to-day work of our great organization is accomplished and interact with Rotary staff members. There were displays that show what Rotary is doing around the world. A prominent display recognizing Rotarians who are Arch Klump Society members, and the offices of our international leaders were available for all to see. And, many Rotarians toured the home of our founder, Paul Harris. It was a special opportunity for all attendees.



The goal of the Zone Institute is to educate and motivate Rotarians to continue to do good in the world and grow Rotary. It also gives attendees a lot of great ideas to bring back to their districts and clubs. District 5680 Rotarians attending this year's Institute were DG Gloria Homeier, DGE Jeff Horlacher, DGN Deb Minkler, PDG Andrea Krause, End Polio Now Co-Chair Isaac McNary, Membership Chair Angie Davenport, Public Image Committee Member Joyce Heismeyer, and PDG Fred Heismeyer. Thanks all for taking the time to learn and grow in Rotary and bring your skills back to our

district.





Paul Harris Fellows/Major Donor Recognition



A COMMITMENT TO THE FOUNDATION

- More than 23,000 philanthropic leaders across the globe
- PHS members give nearly 18% of Annual Fund donations
- Donations fund local and international projects
- Recognition earned for donors
- Annual commitment can be met by giving as little as \$85 dollars a month through Rotary Direct

District 5680 Membership Report As Of October 31, 2023

Club	7/1/2023	10/31/2023	NET GAIN
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2023- 2024
Abilene	52	55	3
Andover	25	25	0
Arkansas City	66	74	8
Atwood	23	22	(1)
Beaver	18	18	0
Beloit	35	36	1
Boise City	19	18	(1)
Cimarron	20	18	(2)
Clay Center	62	65	3
Colby	44	44	0
Concordia	30	28	(2)
Derby	54	54	0
Dodge City	38	38	0
Downs	9	9	0
East Wichita	68	69	1
E-Club	15	15	0
El Dorado	32	32	0
Ellinwood	18	17	(1)
Ellis	10	10	0
Garden City	26	26	0
Goodland	13	13	0
Great Bend	27	26	(1)
Guymon	32	35	3
Haskell County (Sublette)	19	15	(4)
Hays	62	60	(2)
Hays Sunrise	9	9	0
Hill City	7	7	0
Howard	9	10	1
Hoxie	17	15	(2)
Hugoton	15	15	0



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Send your articles and
club information to:

OCTOBER DISTRICT 5680 NEWS

Hutchinson	92	97	5
Johnson	10	10	0
Kingman	19	21	2
Kinsley	5	5	0
Liberal	40	43	3
Lyons	21	22	1
McPherson	24	24	0
Ness City	23	23	0
Newton	59	58	(1)
Norton	11	10	(1)
Oberlin	30	30	0
Osborne	10	11	1
Phillipsburg	32	33	1
Pratt	67	69	2
Russell	36	40	4
Salina	103	98	(5)
Sharon Springs	5	5	0
Sterling	20	20	0
Syracuse	19	19	0
Texhoma	12	12	0
Ulysses	24	20	(4)
Washington	33	33	0
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	38	38	0
West Wichita	58	61	3
Wichita-Downtown	363	364	1
Wichita-Old Town	9	9	0
Winfield	67	65	(2)
TOTALS	2104	2118	14

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and newsletters

Club Runner Email Clean-up

As of today, 55 of the 57 clubs have turned on the Club Runner/RI integration, thank you for taking the first step! A number of clubs currently use Club Runner for managing their membership and website so the list of club members with accurate emails is complete. Now that we have the integration turned on for the other clubs, we do need to have some additional help in cleaning up your current membership information so we have accurate email addresses. Your club president and secretary should have access to update your memberships contact information. Here is a link for how to do this within Club Runner [What is the member profile, and how do I edit it? - Knowledgebase / Club Help / Club - Administration Guide / Membership Management - ClubRunner Support & Knowledgebase](#)

You may also use the Synchronization tool and a link to that information is here [How to fix members missing in ClubRunner and Rotary International in Compare and Synchronize - Knowledgebase / Rotary International Integration / Club Integration - ClubRunner Support & Knowledgebase](#)

If you have any problems or questions on how to do this, please contact me at rotary5680@gmail.com or 316-772-6447.

Kent Erb

[**President Elect Learning Seminar \(PELS\)**](#)

Mar 21, 2024 – Mar 23, 2024

[**Rotary International Convention-Singapore**](#)

May 24, 2024 – May 29, 2024



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**BECOME A CHARTER MEMBER OF THE D5680
POLIO PLUS SOCIETY**

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POLIO PLUS CO-CHAIRS

Numbers of Founding Members of PolioPlus Society Surges

DG Gloria Homeier's initiative to form the District 5680 PolioPlus Society is "on fire". Isaac McNary and Dana Brewer, the Co- Chairs of our District's PolioPlus Committee which champions Rotary International's End Polio Now Program, are extremely pleased to announce that as of October 31, fifty-two (52) Rotarians and Friends have pledged to generously donate at least \$100.00 per year to PolioPlus, until polio is completely eliminated. We are over halfway to Our Goal of 100 Founders by June 30, 2024.

Those fine folks and other Rotarians and Friends (spouses, children, other relatives, community members, including polio survivors or their families), who become PolioPlus Society Members by June 30, 2024, will forever be known as the "Founders" of our PolioPlus Society. They will also be remembered as Rotarians who were instrumental in keeping the pledge made on behalf of us and all other Rotarians to eradicate polio from our World forever!

DG Gloria, joined by PolioPlus Co-Chairs Dana and Isaac, will present all Founders attending the District Conference Nov. 3 & 4 in Russell, Kansas, with their Founder Certificate and the Salk Vaccine challenge Coins. For those Founders not attending, those honorary tributes will be sent back with a representative of their Rotary Club, if available.

Please be sure that the members of your Club are aware of PolioPlus, the End Polio Now Campaign and Our PolioPlus Society. Inform them that donations to the RI Annual Fund, as well as those given to PolioPlus, qualify for Paul Harris Points towards becoming a Paul Harris Fellow.

If there are any questions about any of this,
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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 _____