



District 5680 News



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Message from

District Governor Ivanhoe Love, Jr.

Greetings Rotarians:

The District Conference is almost here. It will begin on 21 October through the 23rd, 2022. If you haven't registered for the conference, please do so now. The deadline is October 12, 2022 to receive the discounted rate at each hotel and for us to know how much food to prepare. However, if you miss the cut off, you may register upon arrival in Liberal, Kansas.

Many of you have asked the question, "Why come to the district conference?" It is held annually to inspire and motivate Rotarians throughout the district to continue to seek opportunities within your communities to provide service projects within areas of focus. This is a time to celebrate our achievements during the past year and imagine the future of the district. It is the time to recognize fellow Rotarians for their achievements, give Rotarians time to interact with others from throughout the district and share ideas. Also, it's a time to have fun, participate in a service project and in the auction to raise money for The Rotary Foundation.

At this year's conference, we are celebrating Rotary International's first woman president, Jennifer Jones. With her theme **Imagine Rotary**, she is sending her representative, past District Governor William "Ed" Thurman to deliver a message on her behalf. Past District Governor Tom



Gump, a member of Rotary international's membership and growth committee and a world-known passionate Rotarian, will deliver the keynote address during dinner Saturday evening. Michelle McCormick, LMSW is the Victim Rights Coordinator for the Kansas

attorney general's office, and will provide the lunch program. In addition to the great speakers; David Durham, a Broadway entertainer with local connections to Liberal, KS is providing the entertainment on Saturday night.

Throughout the conference you will be able to interact with district leadership and listen to reports from district committee chairpersons. Those designated as electors will participate in a district business meeting; discussing the budget, electing the members to serve on various Rotary committees and conducting the general business of the district.

[Register now](#) and I will see you in Liberal for our District Conference. Bring a guest and let's have a little fun as we Imagine Rotary together.

Ivanhoe Love, Jr.

2022-2023 District Governor
 Rotary D5680

See [last month's newsletter](#) for bios of our speakers and a tentative agenda.



Rotary



IMAGINE
 ROTARY

Guest Column: What the heck is a Rotarian?

Your editor was inspired when she read the monthly President's message to members of the **Rotary Club of Washington**. President **Jill Duis** agreed that we could include this always-timely message in the district newsletter. Thank you, Jill!

I have a question for all of you: If you were asked by a friend, **"What the heck is a Rotarian?"** would you be able to answer? In a nutshell, Rotarians are problem-solvers committed to improving their community and the world. We are movers, shakers, planners and doers. In fact, Rotary International, on their website, challenges Rotarians to solve problems with real commitment and vision. And that is our club to a "T."

We are always working with passion and energy, and we do it with a sense of well thought out planning. I appreciate every member and their passionate enthusiasm for our various projects including our weekly programs. While we may not agree with every program that is presented, we politely sit and listen and educate ourselves. This diversity and inclusion are what Rotary is all about, and as

Rotarians we provide a safe environment in which contrasting ideas and opinions are heard and that is a direct reflection of Rotary's vision statement which reads **"Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change—across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."** An environment that is not safe to disagree is not an environment focused on growth—it's an environment focused on control. Having a difference of opinion is not a bad thing, it's a normal thing, and in fact a great thing. Teams that work together benefit from productive conflict. It's a sign that people are critically thinking and feel confident to express their views in a safe environment where they can speak candidly and without fear of threat. Being able to respectfully disagree allows us to grow.

Together let us commit ourselves today to being Rotarians that fully live out the mission and values of Rotary!

*Jill Duis, President
Rotary Club of Washington*

Congratulations to Rotary Citation Winners!



*RC Russell
Julie Counts*

From 2021-22 DG Fred Heismeyer

Congratulations to the clubs in our district who are recognized with the 2021-22 Rotary Citation. Each year club leadership is highly encouraged to set goals, work toward achieving those goals, and report those goals on MyRotary. Achieving this recognition is easy and all clubs should be able to receive the Rotary Citation. However, only three clubs (and their presidents in 2021-22) in our district are recognized with the 2021-22 Citation: **Russell, East Wichita & Wichita Downtown.**



*RC Wichita
Kara Hunt*

The leadership in these three clubs valued the importance of setting goals, which included a focus on membership, foundation, and ser-

vice. The leaders lead the club membership toward achieving the goals by monitoring progress, reminding fellow Rotarians throughout the year of the goals, and finally submitting and updating the progress toward reaching the goals on MyRotary.

All Rotarians are asked to review the Rotary Citation criteria for this year, ensure that your club takes time to set club goals, work to achieve those goals, and submit those goals. Here is the link for the Citation criteria: [rotary-citation-goals-instructions-en \(5\).pdf](https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-citation-goals-instructions-en-5)

IMAGINE ROTARY and imagine how much stronger our impact would be in our communities and around the world if all clubs worked to achieve the Rotary Citation.



*RC East Wichita
Greg Ek*

Upcoming District Governor Visits - October -

DATE	CLUB
October 4	Colby
October 6	W Sedgwick Co Sunrise
October 11	Hoxie
October 17	Washington
October 18	Downs
October 25	Heart of America E-Club

October 28	Goodland
October 31	Kinsley
November 1	Larned++
November 3	Concordia

++ Club has NOT confirmed the visit date. If this is your club, please have your 2022-23 President confirm this by responding to jheismeyer@gmail.com

Meet RI President Jennifer's Representative to District Conference



William E Thurmond, Jr. "Ed" has been a Rotarian since 1967 and served as Rotary Foundation Chair and International Service Chair for his club, The Rotary Club of Lexington, KY. He was District 6820 Governor in 2020-21. Ed is the retired former owner/president of Thurmond's Inc, a family-owned hardware and appliance store. He served in the U.S. Army and his community service includes a term as Mayor of Lexington, positions with the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi and Lexington Odd Fellows Cemetery as well as Rotary. He and Fran, also a Rotarian, have traveled to India to help administer Polio vaccines in 2019. They have two children and four grandchildren who all reside in the state of Virginia.

Register today to attend District Conference

[For More Info - Register Here](#)

... and don't miss these outstanding speakers & entertainment



Michelle McCormick

Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence



Tom Gump

*Growing Rotary Membership
New & Innovative Clubs*



David Burnham

*Special Entertainment Saturday evening
Broadway actor, composer and song writer*

Open World Delegation from Ukraine to visit Wichita



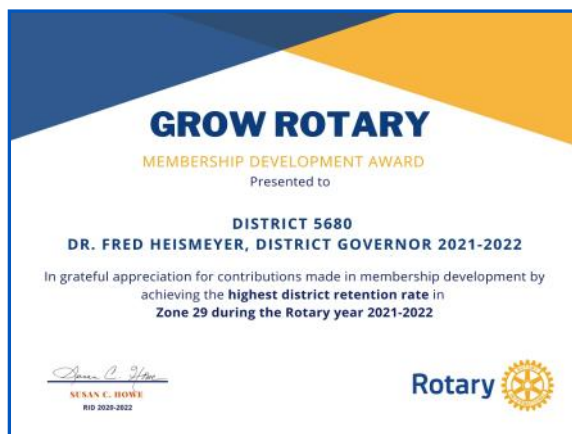
The purpose of the Open World Program, operated by the Open World Leadership Center, an arm of the U.S. Congress, is to give emerging Eurasian or Baltic leaders a firsthand look at the U.S. political system, business environment, and community life. The program aims to forge bonds of friendship and promote understanding by opening up new avenues of dialogue between U.S. political and civic leaders and a new generation of Eurasian/Baltic leaders.

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The **West Wichita** club has been participating in this program every few years since 2004 and have hosted delegates from Russia and Ukraine. Mark Hansen, International Service Chair submitted an application for a team this year and our club was accepted.

The delegation from Ukraine arrives Friday, November 4 and leaves Saturday, November 12. The team members and their translator will be hosted by Wichita-area Rotarians during their stay.

The theme is Management of Healthcare Institutions, so activities will be planned throughout the week to reflect that theme.



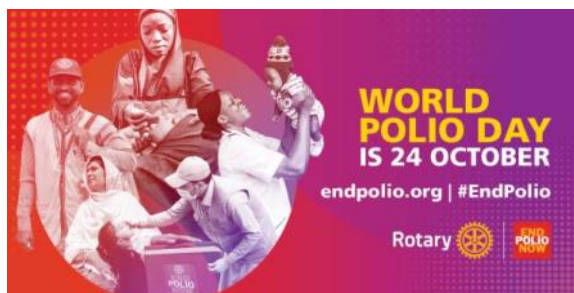
Congratulations, D5680 Rotarians and IPDG Fred Heismeyer for retaining the highest rate of members in our Zone 29 last year!

Get Ready for World Polio Day October 24

As World Polio Day approaches, we're getting ready to amplify our message about eradicating polio to protect the world's children from this devastating disease.

We've made tremendous progress so far, and now's the time to intensify our fight to make polio the second human disease ever to be eradicated. In 2020, the World Health Organization's African region was certified free of wild poliovirus, showing that eradication is possible even in very difficult circumstances.

The wild poliovirus remains endemic in just two countries — Afghanistan and Pakistan— but as long as polio exists anywhere, it remains a threat everywhere. So let's use World Polio Day to advocate for the support we need to end polio in countries where children are still at risk.



Get involved

Take action this World Polio Day by hosting virtual and community events, creating fundraisers, and sharing posts about the importance of polio eradication on social media.

Use the World Polio Day

Toolkit to find resources and tips for planning activities and promoting a polio-free world.

To celebrate World Polio Day on **October 24** promote awareness of Rotary's polio eradication efforts, raise funds, and plan club events. Let's engage our communities in the fight against polio, because as long as polio exists anywhere, it remains a threat everywhere - as described in the "Updated Statement from Rotary on polio detection in the U.S." in this newsletter.

[Read more and download the World Polio Day Toolkit](#)



Rotary Commits \$150M to End Polio

I am proud to announce that Rotary International will commit an additional \$150 million to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. We want this to be the start of a massive funding effort to reach the initiative's \$4.8 billion goal.

— JENNIFER JONES
PRESIDENT, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

GLOBAL
CITIZEN
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October is Economic & Community Development Month



Upcoming Events

Oct. 8, 2022

W Wichita Wine Dinner
"Red, White & Boos"
Kansas Newman University

Oct. 17, 2022

W Sedgwick Co. Golf Tournament
Reflection Ridge Golf Course

October 21-23, 2022

District Conference
Liberal, KS

March 30—April 1, 2023

PETS (President-elect Training)
Salina, KS

May 27-31, 2023

Rotary International Convention
Melbourne, Australia
[Register here](#)

Club News from around the District

Rotary Club Andover:

During our visit from DG Ivanhoe Love, Jr., immediate PDG Fred Heismeyer presented checks designated for tornado recovery in Andover payable to our club and United Way of the Plains. Funds were donated by our district to assist in clean up of our community.



Rotary Club W Wichita: DG Ivanhoe Love, Jr. visited our club and presented the theme banner to President Joey Timmer. Thanks, Ivanhoe!



Rotary Club Winfield: Brand new freshmen at Southwestern College gave our map at Island Park a refresh as part of "Freshman Workday" earlier this month.



Rotary Club Washington: We have begun the clean-up work to prepare for pickleball courts our club is providing. In about 3 hours the initial work was done! We are very excited about this project for our city!



Rotary Club El Dorado:

We presented "Go Bags" at today's meeting! Bags supported Sunlight Child Advocacy Center with bags packed full of clothing and comfort care items for children served through the center. They continue to serve children impacted by child abuse and neglect in El Dorado and Butler County!



Rotary Club E Wichita: DG Ivanhoe Love, Jr. visited our club with an inspirational message as we learned how his life experience impacts his Rotary involvement. He presented the theme banner to president Dane Estok.

PDG Dean Kennedy, RYLA Chair, joined us and congratulated our club for sending a student to RYLA every year.



Rotary Club Washington: Our sponsored student, Garrett, spoke about his experience at **RYLA** camp earlier this summer. He had a wonderful time and shared photos with the club. He's excited to put his camp knowledge into action with Student Council at Washington County. During the week of camp, they participated in group activities, creating presentations, and rope courses as well. Garrett's big take away from camp was the 5 pillars of leadership. Southwestern College Leadership Class sponsored by the RC Winfield put the lessons and activities together for the students. Garrett highly recommends RYLA camp and would be excited to attend next year along with some friends!



Rotary Club Ellis: DG Ivanhoe and DGE Gloria Homeier visited our club with inspiring messages and a theme banner presented to President Perry Henman.



Rotary Club Ulysses : We enjoyed having DG Ivanhoe visit our club and present the theme banner to president Michael Andrusak.



Rotary Club Guymon:

Our Day of Service on Sept. 17 was spent helping Guymon Lions at the Lions Train and Paddle Boats to paint the ticket booth, the train shed, and fix benches. Also helping the Rotarians and Lions members are OPSU Soccer players.



Rotary Club W Sedgwick Co. Sunrise:

The final pieces of our 20th Anniversary commemoration at our Boundless Playground have been installed!



New Club Resource added to www.rotary5680.org
Take a look at our new "[PUBLIC IMAGE](#)" page on our website! It is under the Club Resources tab and has valuable links to help you promote your club!

More Club News

Rotary Club Pratt: DG Ivanhoe visited our club where he presented the theme banner to club president Suzan Patton. We enjoyed hearing the goals he has set for us.



Rotary Club Derby: "Hey Derby! Your system is installed and guess what?!? Over 700 kids have access to clean water because of YOU!!!" We received this exciting message from Isaac McNary who is in Tanganyika installing water filters. We funded and sponsored this one!



Rotary Club Washington: The Horse Soldier Monument we have been working on for many months is nearing completion. The area will include the World Trade Center piece and a Statue of Liberty monument which the Lions Club will help us paint.



Rotary Club W Wichita: Several club members, family, friends and an Interactor repainted the playground map at Pray Woodman Elementary.



Rotary Club Pratt: Area Governor Bob Obee and Pratt president Suzan Patton. AG Bob reports Pratt is a great club to make up a missed meeting.



Rotary Club Kinsley: We provided Scholastic Youth dictionaries to the Offerle Elementary and Lewis Elementary schools this month as part of our Youth Service.



Rotary Club W Wichita: Mark your calendars now for our Annual Wine Dinner! Join us at Newman University on Saturday, October 8 at 6:30pm at Newman University. [Reserve your seat today here.](#)



YOUR DOLLARS AID COMMUNITIES!

Submitted by IPDG Fred Heismeyer

In the spring, two communities within our district faced the wrath of mother nature. **Sharon Springs** and **Andover** were both hit with tornados that caused much physical damage. Our district leadership responded by giving financial support to both communities. The **RC of Sharon Springs** was given a check for \$5,000.00 to help with the recovery efforts in that community and perhaps use the funds to replant trees that were lost.

The **RC of Andover** received \$3,000.00 in financial assistance to replant some of the many trees that were lost throughout the community. Finally, the United Way of the Plaines received a check for \$7,000.00 for long term assistance to assist families affected by the disaster.



THANK YOU to all Rotarians in our district for your concern, thoughts/prayers, and financial support for these two communities. This is truly an example of Rotarians Serving to Change Lives.

D5680 at Zone Institute

District 5680 was well represented at the recent Rotary Zone Institute in Bloomington, MN. Back row L-R: Deb Minkler, PDG Dave Yoder, DGN Jeff Horlacher, Tim Howard (DEI Chair), PDG Kurt Harper. Front Row: DGE Gloria Homeier and PDG Andrea Kraus.



Visiting Chicago

PDG Fred and Joyce Heismeyer visited Chicago and took a trip to Rotary International Headquarters in Evanston, IL. They shared some photos with us! Even Paul Harris was there!

If you have never visited RI Headquarters, you should on your next trip to Chicago. Just contact RI to schedule a time for a tour.



A Brand New Brand Center

Take a good look at the [Brand Center](#). It's been rebuilt based on your feedback and is easier to use than ever. It features a more streamlined layout, a faster website platform, user-friendly navigation, and improved search. People can also now use the Brand Center without signing in to My Rotary. Creating brochures, ads, and other materials to tell stories about your club's service and impact has never been simpler!

The most popular public image course in Rotary's Learning Center is [The Rotary Brand](#), which shows you how to reinforce Rotary's brand and how doing so can help your club. You'll learn that Rotary's image goes far beyond the wheel and find practical examples and suggestions that will strengthen people's recognition of your club — and of Rotary.



RI Partners with Ukraine

Rotary and the U.S.-based non-profit Ukraine Friends are partnering to help Ukraine. This collaboration will provide resources, organize logistics, and distribute funds for high-impact projects that help Ukrainians affected by the war with Russia.

Our first project? Procuring and delivering nearly 50 ambulances to hospitals and other organizations. [Read more.](#)

ROTARY CLUB OF WSC-SUNRISE
21st ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
Reflection Ridge Golf Course
Monday, October 17, 2022
Golf Committee: Matt Byrum, Luis Lopez
 Miles Turner, Micah Boulanger

Gather your team and register for our golf tournament at:
<https://sunrisegolfwichita.com/registration/> AND spread the word to recruit more teams!

Proceeds to benefit our club's CHARITABLE PROJECTS

Rotary's Updated Statement on Polio

The recent detection of the vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 case in New York, USA, and isolates in several environmental samples collected in London are stark reminders that as long as polio exists anywhere, it is a threat everywhere. It also highlights the importance of vaccination as the only form of protection against polio and other vaccine-preventable diseases and the work that needs to be done in our communities to encourage the uptake of vaccines. Also, as the world gets closer to zero wild poliovirus cases, it is increasingly important to track all forms of the virus wherever they may appear, including in polio-free regions.

Learn more and donate to [End Polio Now](#)

The U.S. is still considered low risk for paralytic outbreaks of polio due to the high level of vaccine coverage across the population. If a child has received the entire course of vaccines, the risk of becoming paralyzed by polio is negligible. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 92.6% of children aged 24 months are fully vaccinated against polio, slightly below the 95% World Health Organization target.

The best things countries can do to protect themselves from polio until the disease is eradicated from the world are to: maintain high vaccination coverage and robust disease surveillance and be ready to respond in the event of an outbreak to minimize the risk and consequences of polio re-introduction or re-emergence anywhere.



The world currently has a unique opportunity to stop virus transmission for good. Still, all parties, including donors and country governments, must re-commit to polio eradication by fully supporting the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) 2022-2026 strategy. This focuses on adopting an emergency posture while generating greater accountability and ownership from country govern-

ments to eradicate wild polio and end variant poliovirus (cVDPV) outbreaks.

Rotary, a global service organization with over 1.4 million members, has been at the center of the worldwide effort to eradicate polio for over three decades. Every year, through our funding partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Rotary commits \$150 million to the global effort to eradicate polio. We have contributed more than \$2.6 billion and countless volunteer hours to end polio forever. Together with our partners, we engage communities everywhere to encourage high vaccination rates, immunizing over 400 million children annually. More than 20 million people are walking today who otherwise would have been paralyzed because of our efforts and those of our partners in the GPEI.

The time for urgent action is now. A new vaccine has been deployed — novel oral polio vaccine 2 (nOPV2) — which is more genetically stable to stop outbreaks of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus effectively. With sustained political and financial commitments, the GPEI is confident that we can achieve a world in which no child is paralyzed by polio again.

District 5680 Membership Report As Of September 30, 2022

Club	7/1/2022	9/30/2022	NET GAIN
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2022-2023
Abilene	53	53	0
Andover	26	28	2
Arkansas City	54	55	1
Atwood	21	21	0
Beaver	13	13	0
Beloit	39	39	0
Boise City	20	20	0
Cimarron	23	23	0
Clay Center	58	60	2
Colby	47	47	0
Concordia	30	30	0
Derby	56	55	(1)
Dodge City	36	36	0
Downs	10	10	0
East Wichita	69	74	5
E-Club	15	15	0
El Dorado	29	29	0
Ellinwood	18	18	0
Ellis	11	11	0
Garden City	34	31	(3)
Goodland	19	19	0
Great Bend	36	36	0
Guymon	25	26	1
Hays	68	67	(1)
Hays Sunrise	15	15	0
Hill City	9	9	0
Howard	13	13	0
Hoxie	19	20	1
Hugoton	14	14	0
Hutchinson	88	85	(3)
Johnson	10	10	0
Kingman	21	21	0
Kinsley	5	5	0
Larned	9	9	0
Liberal	36	36	0
Lindsborg	7	7	0
Lyons	21	21	0
McPherson	30	28	(2)
Ness City	23	23	0
Newton	63	63	0
Norton	11	11	0
Oberlin	28	29	1
Osborne	10	10	0
Phillipsburg	48	32	(16)
Pratt	60	61	1
Russell	40	40	0
Salina	109	110	1
Sharon Springs	6	5	(1)
Sterling	18	20	2
Sublette	17	20	3
Syracuse	16	16	0
Texhoma	12	12	0
Ulysses	22	22	0
Washington	32	32	0
Wellington	7	7	0
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	42	44	2
West Wichita	62	63	1
Wichita-Downtown	373	370	(3)
Wichita-Old Town	10	10	0
Winfield	70	67	(3)
TOTALS	2186	2176	(10)



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2022-23 RI President
Jennifer Jones

Windsor-Roseland
Ontario CANADA



2023 RI Convention
May 27-31, 2023
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