

# District 5680 News

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As I write this, we have finished preparations for the President Elect training in Salina. Heartland PETS is hosted by our District 5680, and our sister District 5710 in eastern Kansas. I remind every club that the incoming president is expected to attend PETS prior to taking office. If our dates of March 6-8 do not work for you, there are other PETS available, including one online in North Dakota. Last year we had four out of state attendees at Heartland PETS. One came from Phoenix, and two from Denver. All reported the experience was of great value for their time.



**March is Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene** month in Rotary. We focus on our projects to provide clean water and basic sanitation and hygiene to people across the world. Our district has been involved in many projects and grants along these lines. I am proud of us and our long history in these areas.

We have several openings in our district offices and committees. Please consider serving at the district level. Open positions in various committees include *Global Grants*, *Paul Harris Society*, *Community Service*, *Public Image*, *Membership*, an *Action Plan Champion*, and *PETS*. We are also looking for additional *Assistant/Area Governors*. I have found my participation in our district to be rewarding and educational. It is fun to meet fellow Rotarians and participate in service projects and enjoy social time. I invite all members in our district to sample Rotary outside the local club. It is an energizing and fun experience.

It has raised my awareness and reminded me that Rotary is indeed global. I have friends that rode the Rotary International float in the Rose Bowl parade, and different friends that attended the opening of the new Peace Center in Istanbul, Turkey. This reflects the *Magic of Rotary*, and as Stephanie Urchick noted, the transformative power of connecting people, sharing resources, and uniting for a common purpose.

I encourage each club to have all members take the Membership Satisfaction Survey through the Rotary Learning Center and see how we can improve our membership experience. I am identifying surveys to see how we can improve the district experience as well. Reach the Membership Satisfaction Survey here.

[https://rotary.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_719FQ2I1pxDqvLE](https://rotary.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_719FQ2I1pxDqvLE)

IF you have not yet registered to attend the Rotary International convention in Calgary, there is still time! We have a dozen registered from our District; I would like to have 15 of us attend. Here is the link: [convention.rotary.org](http://convention.rotary.org). Go out, do some service, and have fun!

## Your Governor

**Jeff Horlacher--District Governor--District 5680**



## Club News from District 5680

One of the most popular service projects the members of the [Rotary club of Salina](#) support is the Christmas present and Santa visit for the children at the Martin Luther King Childcare Center. Club members purchase and wrap gifts for their "adopted" children and taken to the Childcare Center for Santa's visit.



[Rotary of Lyons Club's](#) new Little Free Library is in service near the World's Largest Saltshaker on the 100 block of East Commercial. Pictured with Rotarian Larry Dumler who built it.





Mike Padgham presents Leslie with her I Like Me Book from the [Rotary Club of Kinsley](#). These books feature the student's name, teacher's name and several of her friends in kindergarten.

President Ed Frey of the [Rotary Club of West Wichita](#) presented a \$5,000 check to DGN Isaac McNary to fund another Waterpoint System at a school in Tanzania which will provide clean water for approximately 650 students.



For over 20 years, the [Rotary Club of Hugoton](#) has been proud to support local students by providing them with dictionaries to enhance their learning. We had the privilege of delivering over 85 dictionaries to third-grade students in Hugoton, Moscow, and Rolla!







**MARCH**  
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**Water Sanitation & Hygiene**



*The Magic of Rotary*

**Rotary**  
PEOPLE OF ACTION



## The R.I.T.E. (Rotary Intercountry Teacher Exchange)

The RITE (Rotary Intercountry Teacher Exchange) program was started in our District by Ralph and Armida Hight in 1996. It began as a joint project of the [Rotary Clubs of West Wichita and West Sedgwick County-Sunrise](#) and has grown to involve additional clubs in our District, namely [Downtown, East & Andover Rotary Club](#). The inbound portion of the project includes receiving teachers from Panama and Argentina for 4 weeks mid-January to mid-February. While here, they visited a wide variety of schools to learn our educational methodology and experience our culture through various community activities. Our thanks to Dalia Hale (WSC- Sunrise Rotarian) and Shelli Kadel (former WW Rotarian) organizers of this project, and to those hosting the teachers! This year's teachers were: **Ayelén (Aye) Usandizaga, Belén, Morán Galvarici, Esteban Almengor and Dayra González**. Here is a photo of the teachers and their hosts at a final celebration dinner. Also in the photo, Shelli and Craig Kadel; Dahlia Hale, (Sunrise Club) Doug and Pam Chambers (Andover Club) Tom and Peggy Church, (East Club) and Ann Fox (Downtown club).



At Rotary interact meeting







Pictured: Aye & Belen (RITE teachers from Buenos Aires), Dalia Hale (RITE coordinator from Sunrise Rotary), Armida Hight (Honorary Member & Co-Founder of our RITE project), Ed Frey (Club President), Dayra & Esteban (RITE teachers from Panama)  
[Rotary Club of West Wichita](#)

"I was pleased to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the International Exchange Program for English Language Teachers - also known as the Rotary Intercountry Teacher Exchange (R.I.T.E.) Program. English language teachers from Buenos Aires were in Wichita, observing and learning and exchanging ideas on teaching a second language to high school students."

**DG Jeff Horlacher**

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## District 5680 News

### District 5680 Continues Partnership with India D3250 Global Grant to Provide Mobile Eye Clinic

PDG Curtis Dick is pleased to announce that our district received news on January 29, 2025 that a joint Global Grant Application between our district and the Rotary Club of Kodarma, Jharkhand, India in District 3250 for the purpose of equipping and setting up a mobile eye clinic has been approved by The Rotary Foundation in the amount of \$45,352. District 5680's portion of the grant is \$7,000 and will be



funded through District Designated Funds that come back to our district three years post giving to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation

Our district has enjoyed a long partnership with District 3250, a very poor area that covers the two states of Jharkhand and Bihar in the northeast portion of India. Previous matching grants have provided clean drinking water and sanitary toilets to schools throughout the district, 3 dialysis centers, upgrades to an existing eye hospital, a mobile blood collection clinic, and more. **The total amount of 11 grants from 2005 - 2025 is \$397,902.**



Kodarma is in a mining belt and has a population of over 800,000, 15% of which are below poverty level. The area contains more than 100 small villages and the residents suffer from blindness and other eye related problems, most of which are preventable and curable. The Rotary Club of Kodarma already has a successful operating eye hospital, so proven expertise is in place. In a nutshell, the project will consist of 1. Eye screening for villagers near their home to facilitate early detection of eye disease, 2. Providing routine eye exams for students and distribution of eyeglasses for free or a reduced cost, 3. Early detection of Glaucoma and Retina disorders, and 4. Detection of cataract problems and free admittance and treatment to the Rotary Club Kodarma Eye Hospital.

**ARE YOU PLANNING TO SUBMIT FOR A DISTRICT GRANT?**

**YOU MUST ATTEND THE ANNUAL MANDATORY TRAINING**

District Grants training will be held on Saturday, March 8 at 9:15 am at the Hilton Garden Inn in Salina in conjunction with PETS. This is an annual mandatory requirement for district grants. A member of your club must attend District Grants training for your club to be eligible to apply for a district grant for the 2025-2026 Rotary year. There is no charge to attend this PETS session. If you have any questions, please contact District Grants Sub-Committee Chair Andrea Krauss at [andrea.krauss@johnofarmer.com](mailto:andrea.krauss@johnofarmer.com).

## **DISTRICT 5680 GOVERNOR CLUB VISITS 2024-2025**

West Wichita	March 18	Noon	Tuesday
Wichita – Old Town Wichita	March 17	5:30 p.m.	Monday
Wichita Downtown	March 17	Noon	Monday



**DGE Deb invites you to join us at District Conference in Hays, October 17-19**



## Rotary International comes to North America

### Make Calgary the first of many conventions

We hear it over and over from members: Everyone needs to experience the [Rotary International Convention](#) at least once. (And grab a discount while you're at it! The last day to register before prices increase for the convention in Calgary is 31 March.)



Convention newbies, from Rotaractors to new club leaders, will reap the reward that results from thousands of members coming together: the feeling that you belong to something bigger than yourself. "You have to feel it. You have to be here in the moment. There's no other way," says Nadine Broghammer, of the Rotary E-Club of 2000, her district in Switzerland.



## District 5680 Membership Report As Of February 28, 2025

Club	7/1/2024	2/28/2025	NET GAIN
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2024-2025
Abilene	55	53	(2)
Andover	20	18	(2)
Arkansas City	68	63	(5)
Atwood	24	22	(2)
Beaver	17	16	(1)
Beloit	37	33	(4)
Boise City	18	21	3
Cimarron	18	16	(2)
Clay Center	63	63	0
Colby	44	45	1
Concordia	25	24	(1)
Derby	58	57	(1)
Dodge City	32	34	2
Downs	9	7	(2)
East Wichita	64	69	5
E-Club	16	16	0
El Dorado	29	34	5
Ellinwood	17	13	(4)
Ellis	8	9	1
Garden City	28	25	(3)
Goodland	13	13	0
Great Bend	28	28	0
Guymon	36	32	(4)
Haskell County (Sublette)	17	15	(2)
Hays	56	53	(3)
Hays Sunrise	12	12	0
Hill City	7	7	0
Howard	9	11	2
Hugoton	14	13	(1)
Hutchinson	90	85	(5)
Kingman	21	21	0
Kinsley	5	5	0



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Liberal	34	33	(1)
Lyons	24	23	(1)
McPherson	27	27	0
Ness City	23	23	0
Newton	59	55	(4)
Norton	10	11	1
Oberlin	30	30	0
Osborne	9	9	0
Phillipsburg	31	41	10
Pratt	71	75	4
Russell	38	42	4
Salina	98	97	(1)
Sterling	17	14	(3)
Syracuse	19	19	0
Texhoma	12	12	0
Ulysses	18	18	0
Washington	32	32	0
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	37	35	(2)
West Wichita	63	73	10
Wichita-Downtown	342	342	0
Wichita-Old Town	10	10	0
Winfield	58	58	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>(8)</b>

**Presidents-elect:**

**Registration is now open for Rotary PETS/PELS (March 6-8, 2025).**

REGISTER HERE: <https://rotary5710.org/events/2025-heartland-pels/>



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

The RYLA for District 5680 will be held May 27 to 30, 2025 at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas and is open for high school Freshmen, Sophomores, or Juniors. The 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 a \$100 scholarship from District 5680 available to use for their students. **NOW** is the time to submit those applications.

All information is available at [www.sckans.edu/leadership](http://www.sckans.edu/leadership) and then service outreach/Rotary Camp.

For more information please contact Dean Kennedy at [dean.kennedy@communitynational.net](mailto:dean.kennedy@communitynational.net).

## ***Together, We End Polio***

**RIYADH (February 24, 2025)** - The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia today reaffirmed its US\$ 500 million pledge to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) in a signing event during the fourth Riyadh International Humanitarian Forum. H.E. Dr. Abdullah al Rabeeah, Supervisor General of King Salman Relief and Humanitarian Centre, was joined by Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization; Catherine Russell, Executive Director of UNICEF; Dr. Sania Nishtar, CEO of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance; Dr. Chris Elias, President of Global Development at the Gates Foundation and Chair of the Polio Oversight Board; and Aziz Memon, Pakistan Polio Plus Chair, Rotary International, to sign an agreement that will help the GPEI and its partners to reach 370 million children with polio vaccines each year and stop transmission of the virus for good. The funds were initially pledged in April 2024 at the first-ever World Economic Forum Special Meeting hosted in Riyadh.

### **The Final Two Polio Endemic Countries:**

**Pakistan** One new Wild Polio case reported this week. **Three Wild Polio cases reported in 2025.** Seventy-four Wild Polio cases reported in 2024.

**Afghanistan** No new Wild Polio cases reported this week. **One Wild Polio case reported in 2025.** Twenty-five Wild Polio cases reported in 2024

*Over 3 Billion Children Immunized*

*21,000,000 Children Saved from the Paralysis*

**Together, We End Polio!**