

District 5680 News

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Rotary's Disease Prevention and Treatment Month:



As we recognize Rotary's Disease Prevention and Treatment Month in December, we celebrate the many impactful projects Rotarians have supported throughout the year. From advancing our global PolioPlus efforts to providing medical mission teams that deliver critical care and screenings,

Rotary continues to make a powerful difference. Clubs have installed clean water systems to stop the spread of waterborne illnesses, hosted community health fairs offering flu shots and preventative screenings and strengthened maternal and child health programs with education and essential supplies. Many clubs have also equipped local clinics and hospitals with much-needed medical tools and technology. Together, these efforts reflect Rotary's enduring commitment to helping people live healthier, safer lives across the world.

Deb Minkler -

District Governor 2025-2026

Rotary District 5680

Atwood, KS Club

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Club News from District 5680

Newton Rotary Clubs Natsuki Sawaguchi, a Rotary exchange student from Japan, placed 11th in the Class 5A girls tennis tournament the 3rd week in October. Natsuki is such a good young lady, said Rod Kreie, local coordinator for this exchange. These exchanges are life changing for everyone involved!

Natsuki is currently staying with her first of 3 host families - Rotarian Travis and his wife Jaime and their two high school daughters.



Serving our community is always our top priority! The recent lack of SNAP benefits has left many families in need of food assistance. It was an easy decision for our club to part with \$5,000 of our reserve funds to donate to the Winfield Community Food Pantry. Shown here: Rotary President Christian

Fazel presenting the \$5000 check to Food Pantry board members, Kathy Baker, Tatta Roth, Ed Baker, and Susan Andrews. The **Rotary Club of Winfield** also collecting groceries during the month of November, for as long as we need to!"

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Rotary Club of Pratt and BPOE Pratt Elks Lodge members gathered for a social this month. Great fun, food, and fellowship were enjoyed. Members also packed food sacks for the Hope Center, funded by a Spotlight Grant secured by the Elks Lodge. Rotary President Amy Prater and Randy Stone, Elks Lodge leadership, shared information about club projects and activities. Special thanks to the Elks Lodge and the Rotary Service Committee for coordinating a fun evening!



Rotary Club of West Wichita Satellite Club Serving our community is always our top priority! The recent lack of SNAP benefits has left many families in need of food assistance. It was an easy decision for our club to part with \$5,000 of our reserve funds to donate to the Winfield Community Food Pantry. The club is also collecting groceries during the month of November, for as long as we need to!"



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The Satellite Club also participated with a carnival at Sandpiper Bay Nursing Home. It was a wonderful time helping the residents play Halloween games.



Rotary Club of Colby hosted their 11th Annual Tribute to Veterans luncheon on November 4 with over 100 members, veterans and their guests in attendance. Members of American Legion Post #363 Honor Guard posted the colors and patriotic musical entertainment was provided by students from Sacred



Heart School. Lt. Col. Roger Linder was the keynote speaker, who shared highlights from his military career and offered encouragement for all in today's world. Veterans were recognized and thanked for their service and the club also made a donation to representatives for the Kansas Honor Flight program.

Rotary Club of Arkansas City awarded Gabriella Banta the Service Above Self award. (High School)



Rotary Club of West Wichita

members gather to make bookshelves to be delivered to students at Lawrence and Benton elementary schools. Thanks to Vern Klassen, Project Chair, along with John Mosley & Bob Broeckelman for the prep work before the assembly. This is the longest-running club service project and speaks to our commitment to literacy.



Rotary Club of Pratt President Amy Prater welcomed members and guests. Guests included Pratt Community College student Breanna Reeves. Breanna was one of the recipients of the 2025-2026 Rotary Scholarship. She is from Scandia, Kansas, and her career aspiration is to become a physical therapist assistant. She is a member of the PCC basketball team, serves as a Resident Assistant, and is a Student Ambassador.

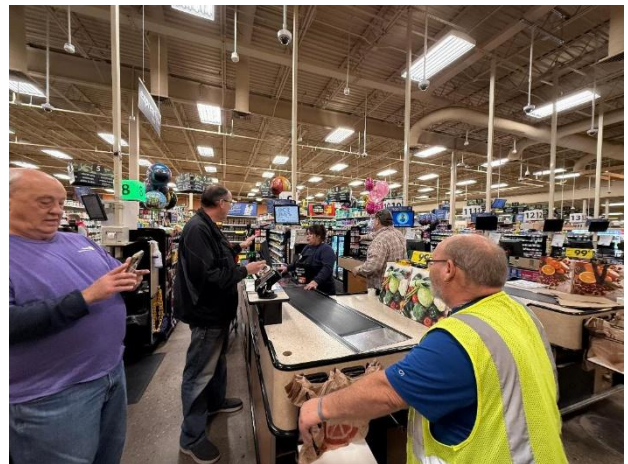


Kids had a great time at the Rotary booth at Halloween Palooza provided by the **Rotary Club of Guyton**.



This Thanksgiving, the **Rotary Club of West Wichita** delivered groceries to four families in need from Lawrence & Benton

Elementary schools. These deliveries helped ensure that these families could enjoy a nourishing and happy Thanksgiving. Thanks to the following who helped make the deliveries: Randy Bowles, Misty Jack, Joey Timmer, Vern Klassen, Terry Gardner, Scott Hinderliter, Dana Brewer, Bob Broeckelman (and grandson) and four of our Interact students.





From the Rotary Club of Colby, Austin Gerstberger was named November Student of the Month.

NOVEMBER 2025 STUDENT OF THE MONTH



AUSTIN GERSTBERGER

Parents:
Jason and Tanya Gerstberger

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Austin, a Senior at Colby High School, is the Colby Rotary Club's Student of the Month for November 2025. During high school, Austin has participated in volleyball, basketball, track, powerlifting, Future Farmers of America, Student Council, Taekwondo, and Jujitsu. She has volunteered at the Pioneer Memorial Library and the new Colby High School Ag Building. Austin has also gained other work experience through the Kansas State Research and Extension Center, the Colby Nutrien Ag Solutions Office, and the Swartz Veterinary Hospital.

For future career training, Austin is exploring college options for studying Animal Science and Veterinary training to pursue a career in Equine Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation. She is currently interested in a program at West Texas A&M.

The Measure of Truth: The Story of Herbert J. Taylor's Four-Way Test

During the dark days of the Great Depression, a young business executive named Herbert J. Taylor faced an enormous challenge. He had just been asked to save a nearly bankrupt company, the Club Aluminum Products Company of Chicago. Debts were mounting, morale was low, and employees had lost faith that the business—or their jobs—would survive.

Taylor believed that the company's recovery couldn't depend only on sales or marketing—it had to begin with integrity. Sitting alone in his office one evening, he opened his Bible, prayed for guidance, and began to write a simple code of ethics. He wanted a test of conduct—something brief, universal, and easy for every employee to remember and live by.

After several drafts, he wrote these 24 timeless words:

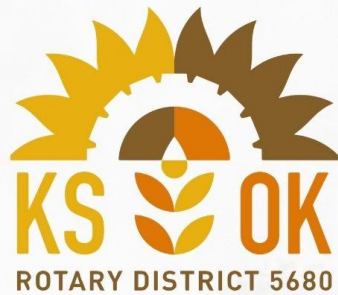
Of the things we think, say or do:

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?**
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"**

He shared the Four-Way Test with his team, urging them to use it in every decision—whether speaking to customers, dealing with suppliers, or working with one another. Slowly, something remarkable happened. The company began to rebuild its reputation. Trust grew. Employees took pride in their honesty. Customers returned.

Within a few years, the struggling company became profitable again—not because of clever marketing, but because its people chose integrity over expedience. Years later, when Herbert Taylor became a leader in Rotary International, he offered the Four-Way Test to Rotary as a gift—believing that what had saved one company could help guide the world.

And so, a simple set of 24 words—born from a moment of crisis and faith—became a global beacon for truth, fairness, goodwill, and mutual benefit.



we need volunteers

FOR THE FOOLLOWING COMMITTEES

- Membership
- Action Plan/Strategic Planning
- Polio Plus

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We encourage all to step up and lead with purpose and inspire others to follow. Your leadership can light the path for those around you.

DISTRICT 5680 GOVERNOR CLUB VISITS 2025-2026

Abilene	Video	Noon	Friday
Andover	Video	Noon	Thursday
Arkansas City	Video	11:45 a.m.	Monday
Atwood	June 13	6:00 p.m.	Friday
Beaver, Oklahoma	Video	Noon	Thursday
Beloit	February 9	Noon	Tuesday
Boise City, Oklahoma	Video	Noon	Wednesday
Cimarron	Video	Noon	Tuesday
Clay Center	Video	Noon	Thursday
Colby	August 19	Noon	Tuesday
Concordia	September 11	Noon	Thursday
Derby	Video	Noon	Friday
Dodge City	September 22	Noon	Monday
Downs	Video	Noon	Tuesday
East Wichita	Video	Noon	Wednesday
El Dorado	Video	Noon	Wednesday
Ellinwood	Video	Noon	Tuesday
Ellis	October 22	Noon	Wednesday
Garden City	September 24	Noon	Wednesday
Goodland	August 20	MT 9:00 a.m.	Wednesday
Great Bend	August 11	Noon	Monday
Guymon, Oklahoma	Video	Noon	Wednesday
Haskell County (Sublette)	Video	Noon	Wednesday
Hays	September 15	Noon	Monday
Hays Sunrise	November 20	Noon	Wednesday
Heart of America E-Club – evening	Video	Noon	Sunday
Hill City	December 9	Noon	Tuesday
Howard	Video	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday
Hugoton	Video	Noon	Thursday
Hutchinson	Video	11:45	Monday
Kingman	November 18	Noon	Tuesday
Kinsley	Video	6:00 p.m.	Monday

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Liberal	Video	Noon	Tuesday
Lyons	Video	Noon	Tuesday
McPherson	Video	Noon	Tuesday
Ness City	Video	Noon	Tuesday
Newton	Video	5:45 p.m.	Tuesday
Norton	September 17	1 & 3 Noon	Wednesday
Oberlin	October 14	Noon	Tuesday
Osborne	Video	Noon	Thursday
Phillipsburg	September 18	Noon	Thursday
Pratt	Video	Noon	Thursday
Russell	September 9	Noon	Tuesday
Salina	October 6	Noon	Monday
Sterling	Video	Noon	Monday
Syracuse	Video	MST Noon	Thursday
Texhoma, Oklahoma	Video	Noon	Tuesday
Ulysses	Video	Noon	Tuesday
Washington	Video	Noon	Monday
West Wichita	Video	Noon	Tuesday
Wichita – Old Town Wichita	Video	5:30 p.m.	Monday
Wichita – West Sedgwick County Sunrise	Video	7:00 a.m.	Thursday
Wichita Downtown	Video	Noon	Monday
Winfield	Video	11:45 a.m.	Wednesday

A video DG program will be provided to each club in lieu of an in-person DG visit.

CONFIRMED VISIT AS OF, 2025. December 1, 2025

If your club would like to request an in-person visit, please contact Joyce Heismeyer by e-mailing her at 5680ExecSec@gmail.com

District 5680 Membership Report As Of November 30, 2025

Club	7/1/2025 MEMBERSHIP	11/30/2025 MEMBERSHIP	NET GAIN 2025- 2026
Abilene	53	53	0
Andover	18	20	2
Arkansas City	68	63	(5)
Atwood	24	24	0
Beaver	16	16	0
Beloit	30	30	0
Boise City	22	23	1
Cimarron	17	17	0
Clay Center	64	62	(2)
Colby	35	35	0
Concordia	26	26	0
Derby	55	55	0
Dodge City	30	31	1
Downs	7	0	(7)
East Wichita	67	66	(1)
E-Club	16	16	0
El Dorado	31	29	(2)
Ellinwood	13	14	1
Ellis	10	10	0
Garden City	22	21	(1)
Goodland	13	14	1
Great Bend	28	28	0
Guymon	23	24	1
Haskell County (Sublette)	16	16	0
Hays	52	53	1
Hays Sunrise	12	12	0
Hill City	7	7	0



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Howard	10	10	0
Hugoton	13	13	0
Hutchinson	86	86	0
Kingman	21	21	0
Kinsley	5	5	0
Liberal	32	32	0
Lyons	21	20	(1)
McPherson	27	26	(1)
Ness City	21	22	1
Newton	55	58	3
Norton	11	11	0
Oberlin	29	29	0
Osborne	9	9	0
Phillipsburg	44	40	(4)
Pratt	72	69	(3)
Russell	39	37	(2)
Salina	96	90	(6)
Sterling	13	12	(1)
Syracuse	18	16	(2)
Texhoma	8	9	1
Ulysses	16	20	4
Washington	31	31	0
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	36	36	0
West Wichita	70	78	8
Wichita-Downtown	347	364	17
Wichita-Old Town	8	10	2
Winfield	60	57	(3)
TOTALS	1973	1976	3



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To All District 5680 Clubs: It's time for all Clubs to report to the District your President-Elect for the 2026-2027 Rotary year. The PE should plan to attend PELS.

Save the Date: President-Elect Learning Session (PELS)
March 26-28, 2026 • Hyatt Regency Wichita

End Polio Now

Fellow Rotarians,

As we close out the calendar year, there are a lot of reasons to celebrate in our fight to eradicate Polio, over 3 billion reasons! Thanks to the efforts of Rotary and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative more than 3 billion children have



been immunized all over the world and 21 million have been saved from paralysis. It is easy to grow weary of the fight but never forget to celebrate the accomplishments that we have all been a part of! So far this year there have only been 39 cases of Wild Polio, down from 99 in 2024, and it has been 8 weeks since the last reported case! The end is in sight but, "eradicating polio is like wrestling a gorilla. Even when you have it down, you cannot let go."

Let's close out this year strong together by making a one time donation or by signing up for the polio plus society at [Polio Plus Society](https://polioplus.org/)

District Governor Elect/ Polio Plus Chair
Isaac McNary

Yours in Rotary Service,
Isaac McNary
The Kilt Guy - (316)-461-0512

