



District 5680 News



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Message from

District Governor Ivanhoe Love, Jr.

Greetings Rotarians,

When International Rotary President Jennifer Jones announced her theme of "Imagine Rotary," it excited Rotarians around the world. It encourages us to use our imagination and dream of things that Rotarians can get involved in to make our world a better place to live. As she said, "we do not imagine yesterday we imagine tomorrow."

Visiting Rotary clubs in our district is one of the most enjoyable things I have done during my Rotary career. I am simply amazed at the kinds of community involvement that I have witnessed this far. Our members should be proud of their achievements; they are making a difference in our communities and in the lives of individual citizens.



**IMAGINE
ROTARY**

Now let us imagine the future for our clubs and district. Let us imagine more sustainable ways to continue providing community service. Let us imagine how to embrace diversity, equity, and inclusion. Let us imagine how to attract potential Rotarians that reflect our community and will dedicate themselves to the principles of Rotary.



Rotarians, we have recently received disturbing news concerning the discovery of a case of polio in the United States, the first U.S. case in a decade. This is shocking news and a call to action in New York. When a young man sought treatment for weakness and paralysis, tests revealed that it was polio. Let us imagine what Rotarians can do to prevent spreading.

First let us develop strategies within our communities to educate and inform the public and ensure that children are being vaccinated for polio. I encourage district leaders to contact PDG Dana Brewer, the district polio committee chairperson, for assistance and guidance. Second, let's encourage our local political leaders by making appearances at local city and county Commission meetings to develop testing of our sewer and wastewater for the presence of polio, if they are not currently doing so. Third, let us continue to support Rotary's effort to eradicate polio through your donations. Rotarians are problem solvers - we can do this.

Let us imagine Rotary together.

Ivanhoe Love, Jr.

2022-2023 District Governor
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**IMAGINE
ROTARY**

Stephanie Urchick Selected as 2024-25 RI President

Stephanie A. Urchick, of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2024-25, a decision that would make her only the second woman to hold that position. She will be declared the president-nominee



on 1 October if no challenging candidates have been suggested.

Read the full story and her bio [here](#)

D5680 Helps Provide Toilets & Clean Water in India Girls' Schools

PDG Curtis Dick (RC Winfield) and PDG Sandeep Narang (RC Dhandbad) are pleased to announce the completion of yet another Global Grant partnership between our two districts. The project consisted of building sanitary toilets in 30 girls' schools. 15 of those schools also required boreholes and necessary equipment to provide clean drinking water. The amount of the project was \$38,001.

Our district has enjoyed a long partnership with District 3250, a very poor area that covers two states in the northeast portion of India. From 2005 to present, D5680 and D3250 have completed 7 grants totaling \$195,164 in the areas of clean drinking water, sanitary toilets, transportation, and dialysis centers. Three more global grants are in the application stage that, if approved, will add another \$157,386 to our partnership in the areas of eye care, another dialysis center, and a mobile blood collection project.



"I am particularly gratified that PDG Sandeep and our fellow Rotarians in District 3250 have completed these necessary toilets and drinking facilities," said PDG Dick. "When PDG Rod Kreie (RC Newton) and I visited in April and May, 2008, we learned and witnessed firsthand that girls and boys share the same

restrooms in too many schools.

Consequently, countless numbers of girls drop out of school when they reach puberty and are deprived of higher learning. Many of the 30 schools in the completed grant were girls' high schools. As always, I want to thank District 5680 Rotarians who generously give to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation. Your contributions make a huge difference in the lives of those who have many needs, and you are making the world a

better place to live – one project at a time."

Upcoming District Governor Visits - September - October

DATE	CLUB		
September 8	Andover	September 28	Sublette
September 9	Derby	October 4	Colby
September 12	Wichita DT	October 6	W Sedgwick Co Sunrise
September 12	Wichita Old Town	October 11	Hoxie
September 13	West Wichita	October 17	Washington
September 14	East Wichita	October 18	Downs
September 19	Hays	Oct. 7 or 28	Goodland++
September 20	Russell	October 25	Heart of America E-Club
September 21	Ellis	October 31	Kinsley
September 22	Hays Sunrise		
September 26	Great Bend		
September 27	Ellinwood		

++ 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

Plan to Attend & Register NOW for District Conference & RLI Oct. 21-23

Here's our tentative schedule for District Conference and Rotary Leadership Institute on October 21-23, 2022

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2022

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

- 8:00 am – Registration
- 9:00 am – 12:00 pm – RLI Session I
- 1:00 pm – 5:30 pm – RLI Session II
- 6 – 8 pm – Reception & Auction at Air Museum (transportation provided)

Fairfield Inn & Conference Center
501 Hotel Drive
Liberal, KS 61917
620-624-1200
[For More Info - Register Here](#)

District Conference

- 5 – 6 pm – Registration
- 5 pm – Executive Committee Meeting
- 6 – 8 pm – Reception & Auction at Air Museum (transportation provided)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2022

District Conference

- Breakfast on your own (hotels provide breakfast for those staying at hotel)
- 7 – 8 am – Registration
- 8 – 9 am – Opening Session – Welcome Local officials, DG Ivanhoe Love, Rotary International President's Representative (speaker)
- 9 – 9:15 am – Break
- 9:15 – 10:30 am – Conference Session 1 - Panel Discussion: Membership, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Public Image
- 10:30 – 10:45 am – Break
- 10:45 – 11:50 am – Conference Session 3 - Presentations: Foundation, District Grants, Polio; Shelter Box
- 11:45 – Noon – Pre-lunch break
- Noon – 1:30 pm – Awards presentation and Recognition of Deceased Rotarians.
Speaker: Michelle McCormick of Kansas Attorney General's office on human trafficking.
- 1:30 – 4:00 pm – Service Project/Tour Liberal sites. Tour hosted by Liberal Rotary Club; Service Project led by AG Isaac McNary
- 4 – 5 pm – All attendees attend District Business Meeting
- 6 – 8 pm – Dinner – Speaker Tom Gump of Rotary International's Membership and Growth Committee. Entertainment by David Burnham (Broadway performer with local family connections). Auction.

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

- Breakfast on your own (hotels provide breakfast for those staying at hotel)
- 8 – 9 am Conference Opening Session
- 9:10 – 11:45 am – Session III
- Noon – 1:30 pm – Adjourn and join District Conference

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022

- Breakfast on your own
- Religious service of choice
- Check out and departure

Register here:

Be sure to use the Promo Code provided to the club when registering Electors to attend (no fee)

NOTE TO CLUBS:

- Please bring an item for auction valued between \$100-\$150
- Bring at least three (3) Rotarians from your club
- Select at least one (1) Rotarian to attend Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) and have them register no later than October 14.

District Conference Speakers & Entertainment



Michelle McCormick, LMSW is the Director of Victim Services and Victim Rights coordinator for the Kansas Attorney General's office. Prior to this, she was the Program Director at the YWCA Northeast Kansas Center for Safety and Empowerment, where victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, and human trafficking are served.

Michelle has been a victim's advocate in this field for over 20 years. In addition to her years as an advocate at the YWCA, she previously worked for the Kansas Attorney General's office from 2009-2016 to develop a certification program for Batterer Intervention Programs (BIP's). In this role, Michelle assisted in drafting laws and regulations which strengthened the response to domestic violence offenders in Kansas.

Michelle has provided professional training to thousands of professionals and community members on the topics of domestic violence, batterer intervention, human trafficking, sexual harassment, the neurobiology of trauma, and trauma-informed services.

Her professional speaking accomplishments include presenting a "Ted Talk" at the TedX Topeka Women's conference, as well as presenting at national conferences. Michelle serves as the past-president of the board for Jana's Campaign (a nonprofit based in Hays, KS), is alumni of "Topeka's Top 20 Under 40", and is a graduate of the Leadership Greater Topeka program. Michelle has a bachelor's degree in sociology from Emporia State University and a master's degree in social work from the University of Kansas.

Michelle will be our lunch speaker on human trafficking during the district conference on October 22.



Tom Gump is a member of Rotary International's Membership Growth Committee (2022-25).

He is passionate about growing Rotary Membership through forming new and innovative Rotary, Rotaract and satellite clubs. He founded, co-founded, helped

form and/or inspired dozens of new and creative clubs around the world including:

- The first ever Rotary Club in the world to serve veterans;
- The first ever Rotary Club in the world focused on ending human trafficking;
- *The Rotary Club of Network for Empowering Women*, which was featured in the *North American Rotary Magazine*;
- *The Rotaract eClub for the Environment* - the first ever cause-based, international, Rotaract eClub focusing on the environment, which was mentioned by Rotary CEO John Hugo in his closing remarks at the 2021 *Rotary International Convention*;
- The Rotary Club of Global Travelers, which was fea-

tured in the *North American Rotary Magazine*;

- *The Kaleidoscope Rotaract Club*, to serve those with Autism and their families, which he is a member of; and
- *The Minnesota Pride Rotary Club*.

Tom was one of only 20 North American Rotary leaders selected by RI Past President Mark Maloney and RI Membership Staff to participate in a *New Club Development Summit*. He was subsequently named as a *Zone 29 Innovative Club Advocate*. Tom is also one of only 500 Rotarians in the world to be named to [The Membership Society for New Member Sponsors](#) for bringing in more than 50 active members into his club, which puts him at the Gold Level of the Society.

Tom now inspires others around the world and helps them form their own new and innovative Rotary clubs. He speaks regularly on the topic of membership at Rotary club, district, multi-district, zone and international events.

Tom will be our dinner speaker during the district conference on October 22.

[Read Tom's latest blog article on membership here.](#)



David Burnham is our special entertainment for the district conference! David Burnham is a composer, an award-winning performer, director and choreographer. He has recorded two solo CDs, which include original music that he co-wrote with Mark Vogel.

He was an original Broadway cast member of the musical "The Light in the Piazza" and has received the Helen Hayes Award for Best Actor and well as the Best Actor Garland Award. After a two-year search, David was chosen to replace Donny Osmond as Joseph in the national tour of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." He played Peter in "Jesus Christ Superstar." He has appeared in numerous other theater roles and on film. [Read more here.](#)

Refugee Back to School Backpack Bash

As summer was winding down and schools got ready to reopen in a week, the **International Rescue Committee** (IRC) was bustling with activity. On Saturday, July 30, First Presbyterian Church's 7th annual backpack bash for refugees was a huge success! A total of 600 new backpacks were filled and distributed. The 600 refugee students in USD 259 were excited to receive school supplies, making back to school fun.

This annual event is part of an effort to make refugees from Afghanistan, the Congo, Syria, and other countries feel welcomed and at home as they make Wichita their new home.



Students get to choose their backpack, go through with a personal shopper and pick out their supplies and fill their backpack. According to

Patrice Cummings, an organizer for the First Presbyterian Church of Wichita, the experience gets students excited about school and fosters preparedness for success.

Students ages five and older had the opportunity to get their Covid shots. Activities were organized for students, and to-go snacks were distributed. Over 115 volunteers and 500 hours went into the event. Approximately \$9,000 of in-kind donations and supplies were collected for giveaway.

KWCH covered the event. Many faith-based groups and several Rotarians came together to make the event a success. Thanks to Wichita Public Library for donation of story books for children to take home.



Register today to attend District Conference

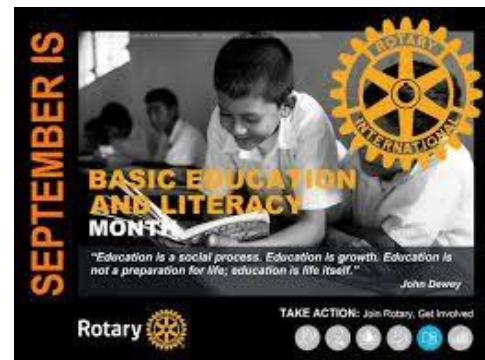
[For More Info - Register Here](#)

World Polio Day—October 24



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 "Statement from Rotary on polio detection in the U.S." on page 9 of this newsletter.

September is Literacy & Basic Education Month



Upcoming Events

Sept. 17, 2022
Haus of Brews
Treescapescapes-Andover

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 Derby: With the help of community support, we donated \$8,000 to Derby Schools' Feed a Hungry Child" program. The money donated was raised from several events within our club including the Hot Wheels for Hot Meals Car Show, Derby Citywide Garage Sale, and weekly program donations over the last two years. With the pandemic and government funded school lunches, we held the funds until we knew the kids could use the funds again. Public school lunch fees will begin again this year as normal, so our donation was very timely.



Rotary Club E Wichita: Club members met at the Urban Prep Academy to stuff backpacks with pencils, crayons, erasers, highlighters, spirals...just about everything a student needs to start school. This is the first of several service projects our club will participate in throughout the year on the First Wednesday of every month.



Rotary Club Sharon Springs: Our small but mighty club had a great meeting with DG Ivanhoe Love, Jr. Thank you for visiting us!



Rotary Club Boise City: DG Ivanhoe Love, Jr. visited our club recently. PDG and current club president Mike Barnes and Assistant/Area Governor Helen Barnes greeted the DG with their usual hospitality.



Rotary Club Texhoma: DG Ivanhoe presents a theme banner to club president Travis Begley when he visited the club. PDG Mike Barnes and AG Helen Barnes attended the meeting.



Rotary Club Abilene: President Doug Lindahl rang the bell at the club's new meeting place, Legacy Kansas-Brookville Hotel. Area Governor Bud Taylor joined DG Ivanhoe Love, Jr. for the governor's visit.



Rotary Club Lyons: The 4th annual Rice County National Night Out was held on August 2nd 2022 at the Lyons Swimming Pool located in Tobias park. The event was hosted by the Lyons Rotary Club and the Lyons Chamber of Commerce from 6:30-8:30 and included a free ice cream social and community swim. It was hot - but it was the perfect night for ice cream and swimming! Ad Astra Radio had a live radio remote during the event courtesy of fellow Rotarian Chris Shank from the Hutchinson, KS club. The Lyons Kiwanis Club also assisted in serving ice cream from the concession stand at the pool.



National Night out is held on the first Tuesday every August and is designed to build relationships with communities and local law enforcement. The event was held in 30 towns and cities in Kansas on August 2nd and 16,000 communities nationwide! The Lyons Rotary Club has been one of the primary sponsors in Rice County for all 4 years that we have held the event.

Rotary Club E Wichita: We received a heartfelt note of thanks from student **Ashok Sharma**, who expressed his appreciation for the four years of scholarship assistance he has received from EWR. "I will soon live out my life-long dream of graduating", he said. "I am inspired by you and would love to be involved in Rotary in the future."

Rotary Club Syracuse: DG Ivanhoe was impressed with the club's occupational diversity during his visit to the club. President Martin Davis received the Rotary theme banner on behalf of the club.



Rotary Club McPherson: President Tom Pyle and the club's board had a lively discussion with the board concerning the clubs history of sponsoring Interact and Rotaract clubs a great way to sustain growth



Rotary Club Russell: Check out the new community splash pad our club helped provide!



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 Washington: We welcomed new teachers in our school district with a breakfast reception.



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



Rotary Club Dodge City: AG Bob Obee visited our club meeting. President Ausmus introduced a speaker from the Salvation Army which is updating the former High Plains Journal facility to allow a greater level of health training, skills training and family budget planning.



Rotary Club W Wichita: Jodi Besthorn presented a \$500 check to the Library teachers at Lawrence, Benton and McCollom elementary schools (total of \$1,500) to support reading. Randy Bowles delivered DECA checks @ \$250/ school to Northwest, Bishop Carroll, Maize High, Maize South, Maize Career Academy, Goddard High, Goddard Eisenhower, Goddard Academy (total of \$2,000). Funds came from our fundraising efforts and a \$500 reading grant.



Rotary Club Oberlin: We were pleased to recognize long-time Rotarian, Ralph Unger (left) for his years of service to the community. For the last 49 years, Ralph has led the Rotarians in their volunteer operation of the Ferris wheel at the home-owned carnival during the county fair. Ralph is the longest active member of the Oberlin Rotary Club. Fellow Rotarian Warren Bainter (right) constructed the miniature Ferris wheel which the club presented to Ralph out of repurposed metal parts. Each year since the carnival's beginning, the Oberlin club has provided eight volunteers each of the five nights of the county fair to allow community members to enjoy this favorite carnival ride.



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.](#)



Rotary Club W Sedgwick Co. Sunrise: Mark your calendars!

Oct. 17, 2022
W Sedgwick Co. Sunrise 21st Annual Golf Tournament

Reflection Ridge Golf Course
Register on-line at: www.sunriserotarywichita.org
Sponsorships are available



More Club News

Rotary Club McPherson: Area Governors Bud Taylor and Mike Mills assisted our club at the McPherson College New Student Club Fair. 17 new students signed up as potential Rotaract Club members.



Rotary Club Colby: Our Public Image Committee provided 250 jumbo smarties for the recent Colby Community College welcome event. The label reads "Colby Rotary wishes you a sweet year at CCC" along with the Rotary logo and motto.



Rotary Club Dodge City: DG Ivanhoe visited the club with AG Bob Obee. Ivanhoe was impressed with the plan for growth in his meeting with the board of directors. He also presented president Ryan Ausmus with the theme banner.



Rotary Club Clay Center: Our Rotary project was featured on the 'Uncovering Kansas' podcast. The podcast can be listened to on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, or an internet browser. It is a Rotary project through and through and mentions it near the beginning of the podcast. [Click here to listen.](#)



Rotary Clubs Andover, El Dorado, W Wichita and Wichita DT: Four area clubs worked together to bring furniture to the IRC (International Rescue Committee) in Wichita. Geri Appel (RC Wichita) and DeAnn Sullivan (RC West Wichita) spent a day in KC gathering up the donations. Steve Wilbur (RC Andover) drove to KC to pick it up with a trailer owned by Isaac McNary (RC El Dorado) who delivered it to the IRC.



Club Leaders

Please send your club news to us!
We want to share your projects and successes with other clubs!

Email [Geri Appel](#), Newsletter Publisher
Thanks!

Rotary Statement on Recent Polio Detections in U.S., Europe

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.

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.

Continue reading at: <https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-statement-recent-polio-detections-us-europe>

District 5680 Membership Report As Of August 31, 2022

Club	7/1/2022 MEMBERSHIP	8/31/2022 MEMBERSHIP	NET GAIN 2022-2023
Abilene	53	53	0
Andover	26	27	1
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	57	(1)
Colby	47	47	0
Concordia	30	30	0
Derby	56	56	0
Dodge City	36	34	(2)
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	19	0
Hugoton	14	14	0
Hutchinson	88	86	(2)
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	60	0
Russell	40	40	0
Salina	109	111	2
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	43	1
West Wichita	62	63	1
Wichita-Downtown	373	368	(5)
Wichita-Old Town	10	10	0
Winfield	70	68	(2)
TOTALS	2186	2169	(17)



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2022-23 RI President
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2023 RI Convention
May 27-31, 2023
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