



District 5680 News



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Message from

District Governor Ivanhoe Love, Jr.

Greetings Rotarians

This is my final newsletter as your district Governor for Rotary year 2022-2023. What a year it has been. I would like to take a few minutes to express my deepest appreciation to those responsible for allowing me the opportunity to serve. A big thank you to all the members of the district governor line, executive committee, assistant governors, and club presidents for accepting the challenge of leadership and assisting me in carrying out our responsibility of governance.

The geographical area of our district extends across 2/3 of the state of Kansas and the Panhandle of Oklahoma with 58 active Rotary clubs. It has been an incredible experience visiting each of the clubs. The hospitality shown to me was amazing while sharing my Rotary story, interacting with Rotarians, meeting new members, and visiting club project sites.

Reflecting on the past year started with a historical event. We partnered with our sister district 5710 and was able to have Rotary International's first female president Jennifer Jones come to Wichita, Kansas to speak at PETS. She shared her vision and inspired us with the theme "Imagine Rotary." Not only did we have a successful PETS, but thanks to the district facilitator, we conducted two sepa-



rate Rotary Leadership Institutes (RLI) training events for future leaders.

The district grant committee reviewed and selected 13 different local Rotary projects to receive matching grants from our district designated (DDF) funds from The Rotary Foundation. Our district is also actively involved with six (6) global grants that are providing vitally needed services from Guatemala to Ukraine. Approximately 20 Rotary Clubs participated in the district food packaging project receiving a \$500 grant each and providing much needed food within their own communities.

We extended membership to more than 200 new Rotarians and, thanks to the giving of our Rotarians, we increased our donations to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund by over 83%. This year, our district welcomed three new interact clubs. The scholarship committee recommended the distribution of over \$11,000 in total scholarships awards for post-graduate study. We looked to the future and Imagined Rotary as district leadership embraced Diversity, Equity and Inclusion by appointing the first DEI committee chairperson who has created a committee to work with clubs in the district.

Finally, a big thank you to the Liberal Rotary Club for hosting a simply awesome



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District Governor Message (continued)

district conference in Liberal, KS. The club made me proud to be a member.

In a few short weeks it will be my honor to pass the pin of the District Governor to District Governor-elect Gloria Homeier from the Russell Rotary Club. Gloria has been preparing for the past two years and has earned the respect of the leadership team and all those that she interacts with. On the 1st of July she will assume the role as District Governor Rotary District 5680 year 2023-2024. Gloria you will do well.

Again, thanks to all who made it possible for me to serve. I am truly in your debt and will continue assisting as needed and will always "Imagine Rotary."

Ivanhoe Love, Jr.

2022-2023 District Governor
Rotary D5680



**Hello
Thank You
Goodbye**



Thank You, DG Ivanhoe Love, Jr.

On behalf of all D5680 Rotarians, THANK YOU to 2022-2023 District Governor, Ivanhoe Love, Jr. Your service to our district and everyone in our district, whether a Rotarian or not, has been exemplary. You have moved and motivated many to step up and step out of their comfort zones

to embrace change as we move into the future of Rotary. We have all benefitted from your challenge to "Imagine Rotary."

Ivanhoe - Thank you for your service!

Hello 2023-24 DG Gloria Homeier



Congratulations to our 2023-2024 District Governor, Gloria Homeier! We look forward to your leadership as of July 1, 2023.

We know there are exciting things in our future this coming year in D5680!

Gloria is a member of the Rotary Club of Russell and has spent the past 2+ years preparing for her role. She recently attended the Rotary International Convention in Melbourne..

Good luck, Gloria!

Good-Bye from Newsletter Editor, PDG Geri

It has been my honor to serve our district for many, many years as the District Newsletter editor. But—it's time to move on and give someone else the opportunity to keep our district apprised of what is happening in our district and the international aspect of the great organization we are all part of.

I am happy to pass the baton to Assistant Governor, **Larry Stoppel**, a long-time member of the Rotary Club of Wash-

ington. Larry has produced the excellent RC Washington's newsletter for some time and his work is outstanding. He will do a great job with your District Newsletter, I'm sure! Learn more about Larry on page 7.

Please send our club newsletters, news stories and photos to Larry effective immediately.

ldstoppel@gmail.com

D5680 at RI Convention in Melbourne!



Joyce Heismeyer (East Wichita), Andrea Krauss (Russell), Katherine Krauss (daughter of Andrea), John Fishpaw (Wichita), Kim Krohn (Wichita), Gloria Homeier (Russell), Ann Fox (Wichita), Jeni Adams (Salina), Jenell Hulse (Salina), Fred Heismeyer (East Wichita)

Our district was well represented at the recent Rotary International Convention in Melbourne. The convention was, as always, considered a great success with fun, learning and fellowship with new and old friends.

For more news from the convention, take a look at these links:

[Peace and Climate Change take center stage in Melbourne link](#)

[Read about the closing remarks at the Convention](#) (A message of hope)

Finally, read the July newsletter for personal insights and reflections from the Rotarians who attended the 2023 convention.



PDG Fred & Joyce Heismeyer with DGE Gloria Homeier, PDG Andrea Krauss and daughter Katherine did a pre-convention wine tour

Want to Learn More about the Melbourne Convention?

Speeches and reports

RI President Jennifer Jones ([PDF](#), [watch](#), [download](#))

RI General Secretary and CEO John Hewko ([PDF](#), [watch](#), [download](#))

Rotary Foundation Chair Ian H.S. Riseley ([PDF](#), [watch](#), [download](#))

RI President-elect R. Gordon R. McNally ([PDF](#), [watch](#), [download](#))

RI President Nominee Stephanie Urchick ([PDF](#))

[RI Treasurer's Report](#) (PDF)

[RI General Secretary Report](#)



RI Conventions are the place to meet new and old friends and leaders in Rotary. PDG Andrea Krauss and DGE Gloria Homeier spent time with many of them including RI Director Pat Merryweather, Tom Gump, and RI President Nominee Stephanie Urchick

Attend the RI Convention in Singapore



Join the Rotary family in Sharing Hope With the World as we come together in Singapore for the 2024 Rotary International Convention, 25-29 May.

Visit convention.rotary.org to register and enjoy limited-time savings for Rotary's biggest event of the year.

In Singapore, we'll take ideas built upon hope and turn them into action as we discover new ways to create lasting change in our communities. We'll enjoy opportunities to renew relationships made at previous conventions and create new ones together as we set our course toward a better future.

Introducing the D5680 PolioPlus Society



What is the PolioPlus Society?

In an effort to increase sustainable giving, the PolioPlus Society (PPS) was formed to encourage Rotarians to commit to a minimum of \$100 per year to the PolioPlus Fund until polio is eradicated from the face of the earth. Society members receive a special PPS pin and a certificate.

PolioPlus Society Charter Member - Any members joining by June 30, 2024 will become charter members of the PolioPlus Society.

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. \$10 (or more) per month will qualify them for the society.
- 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.

We will be relying on the "4 Way Test" as Rotarians fulfilling their PolioPlus Obligations, via a "gentle" email reminder every new Rotary Year.

To join the PolioPlus Society, complete the "District 5680 PolioPlus Society" form at the end of this newsletter and send it to [Dana Brewer](#).

Thank you to all the End Polio Now warriors in D5680!

RYLA Camp—a success!

A great group of high school students who are sponsored by Rotary clubs in our district gathered at Southwestern College in Winfield for the Rotary Youth Leadership (RYLA) camp. The camp was from May 30 through June 3, 2023.

RYLA is a training program that brings together high school aged youth to further develop character and leadership skills and learn about the ideals of Rotary. Campers work with other students in order to experience teamwork. They set goals to help make a difference in their schools, learn more about their strengths and what makes them unique as a leader.

Part of the camp is a service project. This year, they spent some time in downtown Winfield hanging signs and assisting in preparations for the Winfield 150th Celebration!



June is Rotary Fellowships Month



[Learn more about Rotary Fellowships](#) here. If you haven't joined a Rotary Fellowship, you will probably find one that fits your interests!

Reminders—All Clubs

- Don't forget to report your club's officers in My Rotary by June 30.** This will ensure that your incoming officers have access to all the tools and resources they need to succeed. Make sure that your club membership is up to date, too.
- Also, the last day to report in Rotary Club Central what GOALS you achieved toward the Rotary Citation for 2022-23 is June 30, 2023. [More here](#) [info here](#).**

Rotary in Panama

Kansas VOSH (Volunteers in Optometric Service to Humanity), in conjunction with the Panama City Rotary Club, held an eye care service mission event in Panama. VOSH collects used glasses and solicits eye medications from suppliers. Word of the clinic was spread locally by large posters and word of mouth.



The Rotary club in Panama picked up the team and supplies, helped get them through customs, drove them to the free clinic and housed and fed the group. There were five optometrists (one my retired partners, Dr. Richard Reeves) and ten opticians like Jamie and Afton (photo above). Drs. and Opticians paid their own way with some help from their employers. During the 5 days, the team saw 1,783 patients. Most got free glasses. Some were referred to surgery clinics or PCP appointments. Afterwards the local Rotary club hosted the team members to a fun-filled two days of R & R including touring the Panama Canal.

Seeing so many patients in a clinic setting in just one week, where every step of the process from exam to dispensing had to be done manually due to limited electricity, was very challenging. The climate of heat and humidity also complicated care. Patients moved from station to station beginning with exam and refraction, and ending with dispensing and follow up. Those patients requiring additional care for conditions of the eye were identified for

follow up with the hope that they could be part of a free clinic at a later date.

Local Rotarians hosted, fed and housed the volunteers. All agreed that while the work was challenging it was rewarding and they plan to return in two years.

It's another great example of the international reach of Rotary. Dr. Reeves has gone several times and both Afton and Jamie want to go again.

I'm proud of my staff and ex-partner, but equally proud of what Rotary does



Long wait



Hand-held equipment

Dr. Larry Stoppel
Assistant Governor
Rotary Club of Washington



Manual Exams



Happy Patient!



Happy Volunteers!

Upcoming Events

October 19-22, 2023 (Date change)
Zones 25b-29 Zone Institute
Chicago, IL

November 3-5, 2023 (Date change)
District 5680 Conference
Russell, KS

ROTARY NIGHT AT THE CROWN UPTOWN THEATER *Dream Girls*

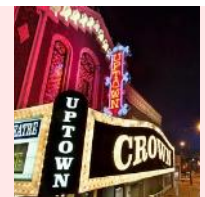
September 9, 2023

Join us for this Tony award-winning musical (Motown groups)

Doors Open 6:30; Dinner until show starts 8:00

Buy tickets now <https://www.crown-arts.org/>

For questions contact DeAnn Sullivan at 316-841-0652 or deann.sullivan@att.net.



Club News from around the District

Rotary Club Derby: Oaklawn Elementary in Derby has a new playground map, courtesy of our club.



Rotary Club Dodge City: Our club zoomed in with Dr. Richard and Peggy Stein, former members of the club, to receive an update on the water project in Kenya. Several clubs have joined together to ensure clean drinking water is available in a small town in Kenya.



Rotary Club Hugoton: To celebrate Arbor Day, the Hugoton Elementary School, along with the Hugoton Rotary Club, Hugoton Lions Club, and Extension Agent Ron Honig planted trees at the City Park and the Recreation Center. We love trees and spending this time with our youth. Thank you to the City of Hugoton Parks Department and the Hugoton Recreation Commission for your assistance.



Rotary Club Colby: Members did road clean up on the South Range and it looks great!



Rotary Club Norton: We have new Rotary signage on the East and West entrances welcoming travelers on Hwy 36.



Rotary Club Winfield: Rotarians had a great time celebrating Winfield's 150th anniversary during an Old Fashioned Carnival! We got to serve snow cones and we were in the parade too!



Rotary Club Lyons: Club members joined the Lyons High School Agriculture Program and Central Elementary School 4th graders to package over 4000 meals that were donated to the local food-bank.



Several members also conducted a highway cleanup with the Adopt-A-Highway program. The club cleans 2 miles of Highway 14 north of Lyons three times per year.



Rotary Club Downs: US Senator Roger Marshall visited our club while on a tour of North Central and Northwest Kansas. Members of the RC Osborne were also in attendance. Senator Marshall spoke on various issues including inflation, the growing debt, employment difficulties and the impending Farm Bill as well as the poor wheat crop.



Rotary Club E Wichita: We are proud that our long time member, Tom Morris, has joined an elite club of marathon runners - The 50 States Club! Tom has run 62 marathons over the past 10 years "to prove a point to his kids."



Rotary Club Great Bend: DG Ivanhoe Love, Jr. visited our club and presented our 100th Anniversary with a certificate to president Chris Thexton.



Lots more club news is on our District Facebook page!
[Click here.](#)

More Club News

Rotary Club Dodge City: We made a donation of money and supplies to Friendship Feast of Dodge City. They offer a daily lunch for those in need and we want to thank them for all they do for the community.



and Sacred Heart.

Member Nathan Haskell made a book delivery to Sacred Heart School of Dodge City. We have had the opportunity to make book donations over the past year to Dodge City Community College, USD 443,

Rotary Club Winfield: It was a special evening at the Winfield Chamber annual meeting when they honored Mrs. Cindy Goertz as 2023 Mrs. Winfield! Cindy's contributions to Winfield have been amazing! Throughout all the years Cindy has lived here, she has given back to the community. The Rotary motto "Service Above Self" definitely applies to her. She has been deeply involved in many community organizations and we congratulate and thank her for her hard work and dedication. Congratulations Cindy-you have earned it!



Rotary Club Colby: We have an Interact Club in Colby. Some of the charter members are pictured here.



Rotary Club Wichita: Two members of the W Wichita club helped the



with this map painting project on the playground at Wheatland Elementary in Valley Center. Staff and students at Wheatland also helped with this multicolored map of the US on their playground!



Rotary Club Andover: Our Picklemania MMXXIII was a great success. Here's a [video recap](#).

Rotary Club Washington: We hosted a pickleball tournament at our Rotary Pickleball Court. This is an example of finding a community need and making it happen.



Rotary Club Colby:

We are preparing and serving food for the June 7 picnic in the park luncheon to raise money to complete the Walking Trail. We are making sloppy joe for 250 people, providing beans, buns, pickles, chips, bottled water, cookies and as well as everything needed to serve our delicious meal.



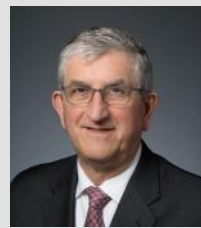
TELL YOUR STORY

Develop a 30 second elevator speech
Match your audience to the message
Tell the **WHY** first - not the how or what



Visit our district's website
www.rotary5680.org
for Public Image resources

Meet our new Newsletter Editor



Larry D. Stoppel, O.D. grew up on a farm in central Kansas. After graduating from Luray High School, he attended the University of Kansas. In 1973 he married Nancy Tade (an avid Jayhawk) and they moved to Oregon where Larry attended Pacific University College of Optometry. He served in the US Air Force as an optometrist in Del Rio Texas, Laughlin AFB. His two sons, Chris and Jon, were born there. In 1981 they moved to Washington Kansas where he practiced optometry for 42 more years before retiring in 2023. He has been an active member of the Washington Rotary club since 1982. Besides twice serving as club president, he has published the Washington Rotary newsletter for over 30 years. He currently serves as Assistant District Governor in District 5680.

Nancy and Larry have four grandchildren and they plan to follow their sports, music and arts activities. Larry will continue to be active in Rotary as he enjoys his retirement.

In Memoriam



Stewart Boone, age 98, longtime resident of Garden City and member since 1952 of the RC Garden City, died on May 10, 2023.

He served as club president and chaired the district conference for two district governors. Stewart served as District 5690 Governor 1990-1991. In tribute to RI president Paul Costa, the district planted 31 trees in Finnup Park, one for each club in the district, in support of Costa's theme, "Preserve Planet Earth." Stewart and his wife Joyce were Paul Harris Fellows and Benefactors of the Rotary Foundation.

Read the very detailed obituary here:

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/kansas/name/stewart-boone-obituary?id=51976361>

Create a Meaningful Experience

We know from Rotary's research that members' overall satisfaction is closely related to their [club experience](#).

Being open to change can be challenging, especially if your club has enjoyed success without making many big adjustments. It can be difficult to reconsider what you do and how you do it, but you'll build a more robust club if you accept input from your members and respond to their feedback. One way to do this is by getting to know your prospective and new members early on using the [Member Interest Survey](#). You can also share the [Member Satisfaction Survey](#) with everyone in your club to identify ways to improve and then take steps to enhance the club experience.

Members are more likely to remain active when they feel welcomed and included, when they find opportunities for personal growth and leadership development, when they make meaningful connections, and when they contribute to service. [Get more ideas from the Membership courses](#) in the Learning Center.

May 2023 Rotary Leader

2022-23 Programs of Scale Recipient Announced

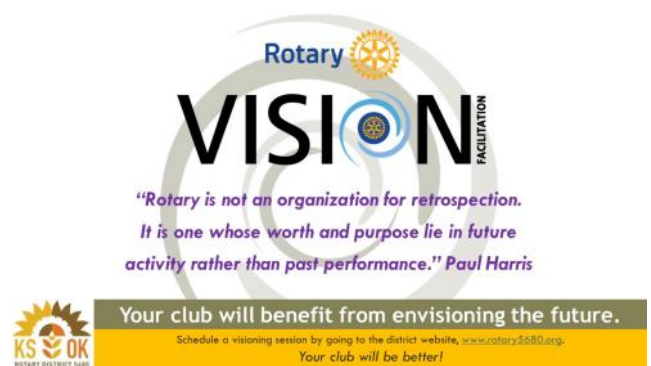
United to End Cervical Cancer in Egypt, an initiative to reduce the number of cases while raising awareness and improving women's access to preventive care, is the recipient of Rotary's third annual Programs of Scale award. Rotary International President Jennifer Jones announced the grant at the annual convention in Melbourne, Australia. The four-year program in and around Cairo will vaccinate more than 30,000 girls ages 9-15, provide cancer screenings for 10,000 women, and launch a public awareness campaign to reach 4 million people.

In Egypt, less than 10% of women have received cervical cancer screenings in the last five years, and of those diag-



nosed with cervical cancer, over half have died as a result. We are proud to announce the next Programs of Scale grant recipient, United to End Cervical Cancer in Egypt.

The Rotary-led initiative aims to vaccinate 32,000 girls against HPV and screen 10,000 women for cervical cancer in greater Cairo with the help of the [Egyptian Ministry of Health and Population](#). The Presidential Initiative for Early Cancer Detection (PICE), the Egyptian Society of Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology, Cairo University's Obstetrics and Gynecology Department and the [Sona3 el Khair Development Foundation](#).



District 5680 Membership Report As Of May 31, 2023

Club	7/1/2022 MEMBERSHIP	5/31/2023 MEMBERSHIP	NET GAIN 2022-2023
Abilene	53	53	0
Andover	26	26	0
Arkansas City	54	66	12
Atwood	21	23	2
Beaver	13	18	5
Beloit	39	35	(4)
Boise City	20	20	0
Cimarron	23	20	(3)
Clay Center	58	61	3
Colby	47	53	6
Concordia	30	30	0
Derby	56	55	(1)
Dodge City	36	40	4
Downs	10	10	0
East Wichita	69	74	5
E-Club	15	15	0
El Dorado	29	32	3
Ellinwood	18	18	0
Ellis	11	10	(1)
Garden City	34	25	(9)
Goodland	19	19	0
Great Bend	36	26	(10)
Guymon	25	32	7
Hays	68	62	(6)
Hays Sunrise	15	9	(6)
Hill City	9	9	0
Howard	13	11	(2)
Hoxie	19	17	(2)
Hugoton	14	15	1
Hutchinson	88	93	5
Johnson	10	10	0
Kingman	21	19	(2)
Kinsley	5	5	0
Liberal	36	41	5
Lyons	21	24	3
McPherson	30	24	(6)
Ness City	23	23	0
Newton	63	59	(4)
Norton	11	11	0
Oberlin	28	30	2
Osborne	10	10	0
Phillipsburg	48	32	(16)
Pratt	60	64	4
Russell	40	37	(3)
Salina	109	104	(5)
Sharon Springs	6	5	(1)
Sterling	18	20	2
Sublette	17	21	4
Syracuse	16	15	(1)
Texhoma	12	12	0
Ulysses	22	24	2
Washington	32	30	(2)
Wellington	7	7	0
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	42	39	(3)
West Wichita	62	59	(3)
Wichita-Downtown	373	366	(7)
Wichita-Old Town	10	9	(1)
Winfield	70	65	(5)
TOTALS	2170	2142	(28)



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Thank You, Jennifer!



2022-23 RI President
Jennifer Jones

Windsor-Roseland
Ontario CANADA

Good Luck, Gordon!



2023-24 RI President
Gordon McInally

Lothian
SCOTLAND

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YES—I want to join the D5680 PolioPlus Society

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 the PolioPlus Society requires you donate ONLY 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 signup from July 1, 2023 until June 30, 2024 will become PolioPlus Charter Members. You will receive a special pin depicting a child receiving the two precious drops and a PolioPlus Certificate proclaiming your charter membership in this unique Society. Plus 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. Or mail to Dana Brewer 613 Washington St. Concordia, KS 66901.

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 (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 _____

