



District 5680 News



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Message from

District Governor Fred Heismeyer

ON THE ROAD— ENGAGING WITH ROTARIANS



It is an old saying that time moves quickly, but WOW, has time gone fast since July 1.

Here we are wearing sweaters and jackets, watching football, seeing the leaves change colors, and planning on the upcoming holidays. It certainly has been busy as Joyce and I traveled around the district, but it has been a wonderful experience - visiting clubs and hearing of all the great work that Rotarians are doing.

By the time you read this issue of our newsletter, Joyce and I will have visited 51 of our 60 clubs. We have learned about the cattle fundraising project of the Texoma Club, the duck races of the Ulysses Club (a city without a river), the Ferris wheel owned by the Oberlin Club (that is used for the county fair), a partnership to paint murals around the community of Clay Center, and the tornado victim’s memorial of the El Dorado Club. We have heard the stories of kid’s reactions as countless clubs provide dictionaries to elementary students, how Rotary’s financial assistance has helped college students who were given scholarships, and the gratefulness of people who received food from numerous food banks that are beneficiaries of Rotarians’ generosity and hard work. We have witnessed Rotarians

giving back to their communities by their leadership, caring, and selfless service. Joyce and I are experiencing Rotary at its best.

However, Rotary’s work is never done. We continue to find new ways to help our communities and our world. This year we are asking clubs to support the “Empower Girls and Women” initiative and educate communities on how to end human trafficking. We are encouraging Rotarians to promote peace, whether in the world, in the home, in the community or across the district. We are asking Rotarians to add to their support of the Rotary International Foundation, so that we continue to fund both big and small grants. We want Rotary Clubs to actively join in the “Each One – Bring One” initiative to not only increase membership but add to its list of projects and increase its engagement with the community. We are stressing the importance of Public Image and imploring clubs to brand projects and strongly encouraging Rotarians to proudly wear their Rotary shirts/hats/jackets/pins.

The work of Rotary may be challenging, but it can be the most rewarding work we will ever do. Our communities need us to help those less fortunate. People around the globe need us to promote peace through our selfless acts of caring. Rota-



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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

DG Fred Heismeyer (cont'd)

ry needs us to add pieces of the puzzle to better our world.

Thank you, Rotarians, for what you have done, what you currently do, and for what you will do in the future. Let us SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES!

Fred Heismeyer

District Governor 2021-22
District 5680



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RYLA 2022 . . . Coming Soon!

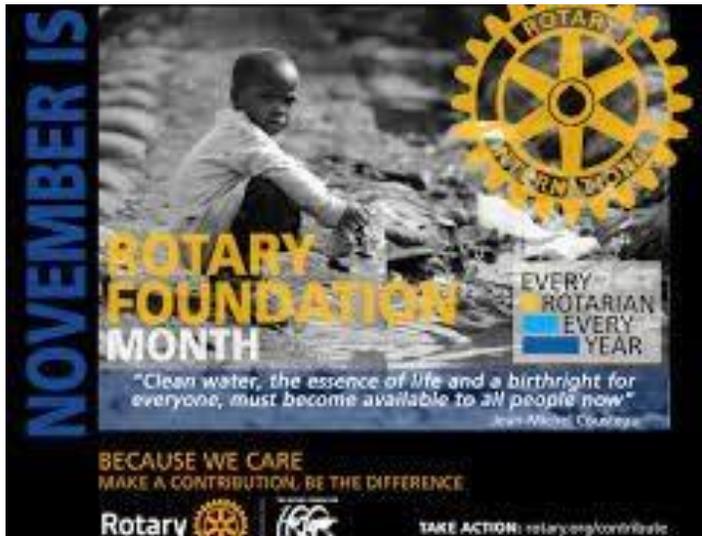
RYLA for 2022 is coming soon. Last year we tried a one-day session which was a huge success. So this year we will offer the one day session plus the full camp at Southwestern College. The one day session will be held at the Cosmosphere in Hutchinson, KS on February 18, 2022. The full session will be held on May 31 to June 4, 2022 at Southwestern College in Winfield. The camp is open to current high school Freshman, Sophomore, or Junior students that your club selects.



Registration and information for each session will be available at www.sckans.edu/leadership and then click Service Outreach and Rotary Camp/ Also find information at our district website. Clue is total of 4 and 5. You may send students to either camp based on your preference and their schedule. Help your students DISCOVER their leadership potential.

If you have questions, please contact Dean Kennedy at 620-212-4107 or dean.kennedy@communitynational.net

November is Rotary Foundation Month



Rotary Pledges \$97 million

RI President-elect Jennifer Jones announced Rotary's \$97 million pledge for sustainable projects during **Global Citizen Live**, a star-studded 24-hour broadcast with events and performances across six continents.



The event 25 September aimed to unite people to take action to defend the planet, end the COVID-19 pandemic, defeat poverty, provide education for all children, and promote equity and justice for all. In Paris, where Jones pledged Rotary's support, thousands of people gathered at the iconic Champ de Mars near the Eiffel Tower to see performances from Elton John, Ed Sheeran, Black Eyed Peas, and more. [Read more](#)



Eradicating Polio Amid a Pandemic and Political Unrest

By Carol Pandak, Rotary’s PolioPlus Director



Against the backdrop of an ongoing global pandemic and political upheaval in Afghanistan, Rotary continues to make significant progress in polio eradication, demonstrating the resilience and determination of all those who are working to achieve a polio-free world for children everywhere.

Carol Pandak, Rotary’s PolioPlus director for the past 21 years, shares the progress we’ve made, the challenges we’ve faced. [Read more](#) . . .

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Although this year may feel a little different, given current events, on World Polio Day, 24 October, we reflect on the progress we’ve made and the challenges we’ve faced not only over the past year but throughout the history of the PolioPlus program.

Celebrating progress

As of 29 September 2021, only two cases of polio caused by wild poliovirus have been reported — one in Afghanistan and one in Pakistan. There has also been a significant reduction in wild poliovirus detected in the environment.

There is no doubt that the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic was a period of extreme uncertainty for global polio eradication efforts and for immunization efforts overall. Within a few months, though, the PolioPlus program adapted and learned new ways of working to ensure that polio immunization activities could safely continue. At the same time, those who work in polio eradication used their expertise and the GPEI used its infrastructure to support the response to COVID-19.

Overcoming challenges

The situation in Afghanistan presents more uncertainty but also possible opportunities. As a nonpolitical entity, the

GPEI has a long history of working with various stakeholders in the country, including government officials and nongovernmental organizations. World Health Organization and UNICEF staff have largely remained in the country. Polio vaccinations continue through permanent transit teams posted in high-traffic areas of most regions, at border crossing sites, and at a Rotary-sponsored transit point in Kunar Province.

Rotary’s Afghanistan PolioPlus chair is part of discussions with local authorities to resume immunization campaigns as soon as possible to protect the progress made to date and safeguard children from the poliovirus.

Despite the political changes, there has been no major impact on surveillance to detect the poliovirus. Case investigation, stool sample collection, and environmental testing continue, and sewage and stool specimens are being shipped to a lab in Pakistan.

We are also monitoring the potential impact of the situation in Afghanistan on Pakistan, the only other country where polio remains endemic, such as an influx of refugees. The PolioPlus program in Pakistan is building on progress it has made by improving campaign quality and increasing community outreach to immunize children who continually miss polio vaccinations in the highest-risk areas: Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and Baluchistan.

An optimistic future

On this World Polio Day, we celebrate the progress we’ve made since Rotary launched its PolioPlus program in 1985, and we marvel at the opportunity to eradicate a human disease for only the second time in history. While being realistic about the challenges, the GPEI has a record of operating successfully during complex health and humanitarian emergencies in countries and regions such as Angola, Northern Nigeria, Somalia, and Syria.

Let’s be inspired by the unwavering commitment of our organization, our GPEI and government partners, and heroic frontline workers as we continue our work to improve

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Take the RI All-Member Survey

Let your voice be heard in the 2021 All-Member survey

Our all-member survey helps us learn about our members and their experiences in Rotary and Rotaract so we can continue to build a stronger Rotary. To make sure you receive the survey and have an opportunity to tell us about your experiences, [update your email address](#) in My Rotary by November 1.

Upcoming District Governor Visits—November

CLUB	DATE
Cimarron	Nov. 2
Osborne	Nov. 4
Washington	Nov. 8
Russell	Nov. 16
Heart of America eclub	Nov. 16
Arkansas City	Nov. 22

The Rotary Support Center—Finding Help

Did you know that you can transfer Foundation points requests by phone? This is just one of many ways that The Rotary Support Center can assist club and district leaders. Here is a list of what the Support Center can help you with:

The Rotary Support Center can be reached dialing toll free 1-866-9ROTARY or directly 1-866-976-8279. Email inquiries can be directed to RotarySupportCenter@Rotary.org and will be responded to within one business day. Some key areas of assistance available to Rotarians and constituents include:

Alumni - Providing reports and adding and editing alumni details.

Awards - General questions and current achievement status of Presidential Citations.

Data - Request for merging accounts, updating personal data, subscription management of the Rotarian Magazine and adding and editing officers.

Foundation Research - Reclassification, redistribution and refund requests.

Grants - How to navigate through the Grants Application tool, and process on how to approve a grant.

My Rotary - Walking members through how to pull a report or generating and sending the report when requested. Assisting in navigating through MyRotary related inquiries, i.e. how to find information, steps on how to reset passwords, change log in email address and merging MyRotary registration, pulling reports, and making online con-

tributions on behalf of club members.

Paul Harris Society - Adding and removing Paul Harris Society members.

Rotary Club Central - Assisting in adding and entering goals and answering inquiries regarding Rotary Club Central.

Rotary Direct - Processing new, modifying, cancelling or updating Rotary Direct accounts. Training participants on use of the new online giving platform.

Rotary International Convention - Convention registration assistance.

The Rotary Foundation - Taking Contributions and answering any inquiries regarding contributions. Processing points transfers. Handling shipments of recognition materials. Ordering Major Donor recognition materials.

Tours and Group Meetings - Requesting tours and scheduling group meetings at One Rotary Center.

Brand Center - Providing assistance on how to use the brand center to download logos, create club brochures, locate people of action materials, etc.

Programs for Young Leaders - Respond to inquiries regarding Interact, Rotaract, Youth Exchange, and RYLA. Provide template response on how to become a host family or the process of becoming a youth exchange student.

Eradicating Polio Amid a Pandemic and Political Unrest (cont'd)

health for children wherever they live.

These numbers show the progress we've made against polio over the years:

- Nearly 3 billion children have been vaccinated against polio.
- 19.4 million people who otherwise would have been paralyzed by polio can walk today.
- 1.5 million childhood deaths have been prevented by the GPEI's delivery of vitamin A — a nutrient that is essential for healthy growth and development — to children during polio immunization campaigns.
- Cases of polio caused by wild poliovirus have been reduced by more than 99.9%.
- The number of countries that report cases of polio caused by the wild virus has been reduced from 125 to two.
- Rotary has invested more than US\$2.2 billion in global

polio eradication efforts.

- Rotary has also helped secure an additional \$10 billion in donations for global polio eradication efforts from governments.
- 122 countries have received support from PolioPlus grants.
- If polio eradication efforts stopped now, within 10 years, 200,000 children could be paralyzed every year.

Carol Pandak has been Rotary's PolioPlus director for 21 years. During that time, she has traveled to more than 35 countries, but her most memorable moment — one she'll never forget — took place in India, when she immunized a baby against polio for the first time. [Read the article](#)



District Governor Visits



Great Bend



Kinsley



Ellinwood



El Dorado



Kingman



Sterling



Andover



Winfield



Goodland



McPherson



W Sedgwick Co Sunrise



Wichita Downtown



West Wichita



Hutchinson

See many more photos and stories of club visits at our district [Face-book Page](#). Be sure to like the page to receive updates.

Club News from around the District

Rotary Club Abilene Celebrates 100th Anniversary

DG Fred Heismeyer said, "It was our honor to join the RC of Abilene as they celebrated the club's 100th anniversary. It was 100 years ago to the day that the club was chartered. The celebration included a proclamation declaring today Rotary Day in Abilene by the Mayor Bran-Rein, honoring the club's time piano player-who ed before Rotary admitted en, a historical retrospec- the club, bringing in two members, recognizing PH Fellows and the challenge for the next 100 years to "Go forth and SERVE". Thanks President Doug, AG Bud, PDG Mack, and all Abilene Rotarians. SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES. Visit our [D5680 Facebook](#) page for the full story.



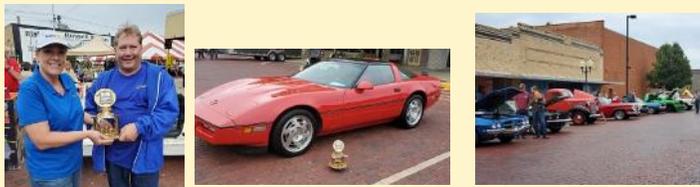
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Rotary Club East Wichita: Club members are gearing up for our annual Turkey Dinner delivery on Tuesday, Nov. 23. We purchase the dinners with club contributions and our goal this year is 61 dinners.



Rotary Club Russell: RC Russell hosted its annual Flatland Car Show on Saturday, October 2. The funds raised will go towards the club's splashpad project.



Rotary Club Andover: Nearly 300 guests attended the 12th annual Haus of Brews, the premier fund-raising event for our club. Proceeds from this event allow us to fund [our club's various community service projects](#). Don't miss our 13th annual Haus of Brews next year because it's a lot of fun for a good cause! View event photos courtesy of 20th Street Photography (Isaac McNary, RC El Dorado [here](#)).



Clubs have new meeting places!

- Andover—Butler Community College - Grizzly Den 715 E 13th (Thurs)
- Beloit—Municipal Building Basement (Tues)
- Cimarron—Shepherd's Center on N Main (Tues)
- Concordia—Mother House, 1300 Washington St. (Thurs)
- Johnson—Neighborhood Café, 105 S. Main (Wed)
- Hill City—Average Joe's Bar & Grill (Tues)
- Ness City—More Than Coffee, 121 W Pennsylvania (Tues)
- Osborne—Pizza Hut 1st Thursday; YOPOS Mexican Restaurant 3rd (Thurs)
- Pratt—Pratt Community College, Student Center, Rm 312 (Thurs)
- Phillipsburg—Willers, 1310 Hwy 36 (Thurs)
- Sublette—Pride of Life, 105 Becknell Avenue (Wed)

Rotary Club Garden City: Our Rotary Club was ahead of the game in "Celebrate Community," a week-long event in October



that promotes joint service projects. We have been meeting twice a month with the local Lion's Club since September. We have a packed house for our program! This has been a great way for us to get to know each other better and we are planning to partner on some projects.



Rotary Club W Sedgwick Co.:

Our club makes the meal at Ronald McDonald House on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Our next meal is October 21.



Rotary Club Wichita DT: A few of our members who helped build a Habitat for Humanity house. *Conner Hampton, Charles Eby, Greg Sullivan, Julie Simon & Ken Van Blaricum.*



More Club News

Rotary Club W Wichita: Our club sponsored a booth at the Wichita Business Expo as a way to promote Rotary. We saw many different business and have a few promising prospects and potential speakers.



Rotary Club Pratt: Our annual Oktoberfest was well attended and fun for the community. The event helps fund our club's service projects and local non-profits.



Rotary Club E Wichita: Rotarian Cathy McClain arranged a wonderful opportunity for members to tour the KC-135 and KC-46 at McConnell Air Force Base. Here she is in the plane she used to fly as an Air Force Colonel! Cathy flew KC-135 tankers in Afghanistan and Iraq and also served as wing commander for the 22nd Air Refueling Wing from 2004-2006.



KC-46 "Pegasus"



and KC-46 at McConnell Air Force Base. Here she is in the plane she used to fly as an Air Force Colonel! Cathy flew KC-135 tankers in Afghanistan and Iraq and also served as wing commander for the 22nd Air Refueling Wing from 2004-2006.

We also honored National Fire Prevention Week Oct 3-9 by donating a pizza dinner to the City of Pratt Fire Department.



Rotary Club W Wichita: Our Annual Wine Dinner which supports our club projects, was a great success! We hope you join us next year!



Rotary Club Ulysses: We held our annual Duck Race this month. The top ten winners received \$1,500, \$500, \$250, \$100 and \$50.



Rotary Club Guymon: Club members and the City of Guymon painted the Rotary pavilion at Thompson Park on Sunset Lake.



Rotary Club Washington: Our 9-11 Remembrance Day was a huge monetary success. Over \$10,000 will be contributed to the Horse Soldier Memorial Fund.



Future Rotarians working our Membership Booth!



Rotary Club Lindsborg: DG Fred and Joyce Heismeier had great fun in the Lindsborg Svensk Hyllningsfest parade this month. Thanks to Rotarian Jenell Hulse for the invitation to help show off Rotary to thousands of people!



Rotary Club W Wichita: We set up a Fun Booth for the Lawrence Elementary Fun Night. (Notice the nice playground map that we repainted in August by our club.)

Upcoming Events

October 29-30, 2021
District Conference
Wichita Marriott

March 31-April 2, 2022
PETS 2022
Wichita Marriott

June 4-8, 2022
Rotary International Convention
Houston, TX

February 18, 2022
RYLA 2022 - 1 Day Pop-up
Kansas Cosmosphere, Hutchinson

May 31-June 4, 2022
RYLA
Southwestern College, Winfield

District Grants Approved for 2021-2022

Do you need ideas for a district grant next year? Take a look below! Congratulations to approved clubs!

District 5680
Grant Number DG2232189

District/Club	Activity or Project Category	Activity or Project Type	Description	Primary Beneficiary	Location	Amount (USD)
Beloit	Community development	General	New tables and chairs for a new building on the Mitchell County, Kansas fairgrounds. The building will be used during the annual Mitchell County fair and for other county-wide events.	General population	United States	1500
Boise City	Community development	Sports/recreation/playgrounds	Sprinkler system and grass for the infield of the Rotary Little League Baseball Field. The new grass infield will replace the current dirt infield, thereby improving the playing surface and making it safer for the children playing on it.	Children/youth	United States	2183
Concordia	Economic development	Job readiness skills/training	Development of the Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge (YEC) at Concordia High School. YEC is a competition which requires students to develop a business concept, prepare an executive summary, a presentation, and a trade show booth.	Student(s)	United States	1200
East Wichita	Education	Computers/digital literacy/technology	Development of a free, open access digital archive of historical photographs and images from Sedgwick County, Kansas. The archive will be available to the general public and will be used by local schools to augment the social studies/history curriculum.	General population	United States	2500
Garden City	Peace	Advocacy/assistance for at-risk populations	Photocopier for the Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center. The copier will be used to produce manuals for client families and reports which are required by government agencies.	Children/youth	United States	1165
Great Bend	Education	Scholarship undergraduate	Scholarships for the USD 428 Senior Class of 2022 to be used for funding of higher education.	Student(s)	United States	1000
Guymon	Health	Maternal and infant health	Renovations to the Kiyang Health Center and Maternity Ward. The renovations will benefit pregnant women and school children.	General population	Uganda	3000
Hays	Community development	Sports/recreation/playgrounds	Bike helmets & bike safety training for youth and reflective bands for walkers & joggers.	General population	United States	1000
Hays Sunrise	Community development	Sports/recreation/playgrounds	Installation of a new softball diamond in a currently unused corner of a park in Hays, Kansas.	Children/youth	United States	1000
Hugoton	Education	Construction/renovation	Electric gate to control access to the newly constructed Stevens County, Kansas Youth Farm. The farm will be utilized by FFA and 4-H members to raise and house livestock projects.	Student(s)	United States	5000
Liberal	Environment	Trees/plants	Planting of trees, bushes, grasses, & perennial flowers at the Liberal, Kansas Airport Park. The project will also include landscaping and four benches for seating.	General population	United States	5000
Lyons	Environment	Recycling/composting/waste management	Replacement of deteriorated wooden trash receptacles with new poly-tec animal resistant trash receptacles at the Celebration Center in Lyons, Kansas.	General population	United States	325
Newton	Community development	Sports/recreation/playgrounds	Safety upgrades at Okerberg Skate Park in Newton, Kansas. This will include concrete repair and the installation of video cameras and new lighting.	Children/youth	United States	4906
Oberlin	Community development	General	Tables for the Oberlin City Library. These tables will replace worn out existing furniture.	General population	United States	1241
Washington	Community development	Sports/recreation/playgrounds	Conversion of one of the two community tennis courts into a pickleball court in order to provide an additional opportunity for exercise for community members.	General population	United States	1000
Wichita	Education	Literacy	Books for the Reading is Fundamental Program in USD 259, Wichita, Kansas. The books will be distributed in Title 1 schools where the majority of students live in poverty.	Student(s)	United States	5000
Wichita	Peace	Advocacy/assistance for at-risk populations	Rotary Wraps project, providing coats for students in USD 259, Wichita, Kansas. The coats will be distributed in Title 1 schools where the majority of students live in poverty.	Student(s)	United States	4750
Contingency:						0
Administrative Expenses:						0
Total Amount:						41,770

District 5680 Membership Report As Of September 30, 2021

Club	7/1/2021	9/30/2021	NET GAIN
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2021-2022
Abilene	47	47	0
Andover	23	25	2
Arkansas City	58	57	(1)
Atwood	25	25	0
Beaver	15	15	0
Beloit	39	39	0
Boise City	20	20	0
Cimarron	23	23	0
Clay Center	55	56	1
Colby	46	46	0
Concordia	35	34	(1)
Derby	58	55	(3)
Dodge City	38	38	0
Downs	10	10	0
East Wichita	67	73	6
E-Club	16	16	0
El Dorado	30	31	1
Ellinwood	16	16	0
Ellis	11	11	0
Garden City	38	39	1
Goodland	21	19	(2)
Great Bend	41	39	(2)
Guymon	25	32	7
Hays	61	62	1
Hays Sunrise	15	15	0
Hill City	14	14	0
Howard	10	10	0
Hoxie	20	19	(1)
Hugoton	16	16	0
Hutchinson	94	92	(2)
Johnson	13	13	0
Kingman	22	22	0
Kinsley	6	6	0
Larned	16	16	0
Liberal	39	39	0
Lindsborg	7	7	0
Lyons	23	22	(1)
McPherson	35	33	(2)
Ness City	23	23	0
Newton	60	63	3
Norton	14	14	0
Oberlin	31	28	(3)
Osborne	11	10	(1)
Phillipsburg	48	48	0
Pratt	51	56	5
Russell	37	37	0
Salina	117	115	(2)
Sharon Springs	6	6	0
Sterling	14	14	0
Sublette	17	17	0
Syracuse	13	13	0
Texhoma	12	12	0
Ulysses	25	25	0
Washington	33	33	0
Wellington	10	9	(1)
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	34	36	2
West Wichita	59	59	0
Wichita-Downtown	378	394	16
Wichita-Old Town	13	13	0
Winfield	74	74	0
TOTALS	2228	2251	23



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This is your newsletter!
Send your articles and
club information to:

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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



2021-22 RI President
Shekhar Mehta

Calcutta INDIA

How well did you read this newsletter? Did you find a clue or instruction so you can be entered into our quarterly, semi-annual and annual drawings for Paul Harris Points to help you reach your next level of giving?

Questions: Contact Newsletter Editor [Geri Appel](mailto:Gergeri@rotary5680.org)

Did You Know?

We have a link on YouTube!

