



ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE

# District 5690 News



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## Message from District Governor Robert Mendoza

Hello Rotarians,

PETS! President Elect training Seminar. If you missed it, you missed a great opportunity to meet your classmates, get energized about Rotary and learn a bunch of stuff you never heard of! We took a journey to the peak of Mount Everest as we learned about setting goals, making plans and supporting your team members. We felt the heartbeat of Rotary through the stories of personal experiences participating in polio immunization events across the globe, and we laughed about the realities of being in charge and somehow responsible for our own Rotary Clubs. First among many in a long list of type A personalities!

PETS..... Do I need to go? Do I have to go? Is it worth it? Like anything else that you hope to succeed in, Rotary takes work. It takes training, education and time. More importantly it takes all of those things to find your vision and direction. Rotary Club management is a process....with rules and schedules and deadlines. Rotary Club leadership is all about people, relationships and attitude.

During my travels I have learned, quite succinctly, that a Rotary Club mirrors its leaders. How you represent Rotary will directly impact how your club represents Rotary in your community.

Where better to find your mojo and get

energized than with a whole crowd of future leaders. Where else will you get the opportunity to talk and discuss and ask questions without fear, and where else will you build friendships based on shared experiences, except by attending PETS or other district training? Nowhere.

I am thrilled to have been a part of the Heartland PETS training event held on February 22-24. I am so grateful I had the chance to meet you, laugh with you and learn with you. I believe in Rotary and its ideals. I believe that Rotary begins with its members and its clubs. I trust that many of you do too. Thank you for sharing your time and talents. Thank you for putting yourself out there and saying yes to leadership. Even if you were coerced into it, thank you for saying yes.

I wish you all great success and I am available to talk if you have questions or concerns. Although DGE Sterling Hall is waiting in the wings, we are all here to help you prepare. Please don't hesitate to call on us.

Thank you for your continued service

Yours in Rotary,

**Robert Mendoza**

*District Governor 5690 2017-18  
 Rotary Club of Derby*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**May 29—June 2, 2018**  
**RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Camp) - Winfield**

**June 23-27, 2018**  
**Rotary Intl. Convention Toronto, Canada**



## RITE (Rotary Intercountry Teacher Exchange)



The RITE (Rotary Inter-country Teacher Exchange) program is sponsored by the two west-side Rotary clubs and organized by Shelli Kadel (West Wichita) and Dalia Hale (Sunrise Club). Participating in this year's inbound program were three teachers from Argentina and three teachers from Panama.

During their 4 week stay, mid-January through mid-February, they experienced our culture through home

hosting, their involvement at our area schools and lots of fun extra-curricular activities. Our heartfelt thanks to Shelli Kadel and Dalia Hale for all their work to make this year's program a success! More than 50 hosts and teachers enjoyed a final night of fellowship before their departure.

Our thanks also to ALL the hosts:

**West Wichita Rotary:** Shelli & Craig Kadel, Sharon West & Rex Custer, DeAnn Sullivan, Bob & Rosalie Goebel, John & Kathy Mosley, Mark & Janet Hansen

**Sunrise Rotary:** Dalia & Steve Hale, Jim & Sharol Sullivan, John Paladino & Jane Nelson, Tom & Peggy Church

**Downtown Rotary:** Gayle & Joe Goetz, Greg Sullivan & Robyn Kezar, Geri Appel, Clay & Kate Bastian, Jan Luth & Terry Powell, Arlen & Stacy Honts

**East Wichita Rotary:** Fred & Joyce Heismeyer, Robin & Eric McGonigle, Marsha Geisert

**Non-Rotarians:** Michelle & Peter Helten

## Your Rotary Elevator Speech!

As we begin the annual Rotary transition from one leadership team to another, we many times encourage newer Rotarians to join our boards, chair committees, or lead projects. However, do we help prepare these Rotarians for their new leadership role in our club?



service partners and perspective members.

What is Rotary? We have many ways to explain Rotary, such as:

- Using our long-standing moto - **“Service Above Self”**

WHAT IS ROTARY?

JOIN LEADERS

EXCHANGE IDEAS

TAKE ACTION

- Do we orient them to our club and Rotary International?
- Do we share our goals and objectives?

My experience is “NO”! So this month's column challenges our incoming presidents and seasoned club leaders to spend time with your new leadership team, providing information Rotarians need to be successful in their roles, but also to become more knowledgeable of Rotary.

One way to help prepare new leaders is to

- Using our new vision **“Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.”**
- Using the 2017-18 RI President's theme of **“Rotary Makes a Difference”** or the 2018-19 theme of **“Being the Inspiration”**.
- Using one of your club's signature projects or Rotary International's signature project of **“Rotary is ending Polio globally”**
- Using your own Rotary story of why you joined Rotary and why you stay in Rotary.

No matter the way you explain Rotary, it is necessary to have a compelling, well thought out 30 second elevator speech. Therefore, incoming Presidents – as you begin your planning and have goal-setting sessions, challenge your leadership team members to share their elevator speech. We know Rotary is important, let's all share why it is important to our colleagues, friends and strangers we meet in the elevator.

encourage all Rotarians to have a Rotary Elevator Speech. All leadership (as well as all Rotarians) need to be able to quickly explain Rotary to community contacts,

*Column submitted by Fred Heismeyer,  
District 5690 Trainer*

## Miscellaneous News from around the District



Many of you have seen our D5690's beautiful array of flags from every country Rotary exists at district meetings. **PDG Mike Barnes** is our "Keeper of the Flags" and the trailer used to store them. Mike generously stores the trailer in Boise City and hauls them to our district meetings.

The wooden flag stands have outlived their usefulness and Mike is building new heavy-duty metal stands! One of them was in use at PETS recently. Thanks, Mike!



## Successful PETS (Presidents-elect Training Session)

Thanks to all the presidents-elect and presidents-nominee who attended PETS at the Wichita Marriott February 22-24. All agreed the training received was helpful and needed for a successful year leading their clubs. Special speakers included Past RI Director John Smarge (Naples, FL), PDG Nancy Barbee (North Carolina), Allan Mallory (Toronto, Ontario) and RI Director-elect Larry Dimmitt (Topeka).



Hosting the meeting where the District Governor-elects from three districts: 5690, 5670 and 5710 (pictured left) - Andrea Krauss (D5670), Sterling Hall (D5690) and Blanche Parks (D5710).

Pictured on the right are D5690's 3 current and future District Governors: DG Robert Mendoza (Derby), DGE Sterling Hall (Sublette) and DGN Kurt Harper (Wichita).



PDG Mike Barnes  
AG Helen Barnes



Past RI Director  
John Smarge inspired  
us Friday night



PDG Nancy Barbee  
spoke about The Rotary  
Foundation



We climbed Mt. Everest  
with Allan Mallory



DG Robert Mendoza  
was the "wizard" when  
it came to handing out  
door prizes



E. Wichita Rotarians  
at PETS



Oklahoman Marty  
Postic "Graduated"  
our Presidents-elect



Russell Hampton  
brought their wares



Donna Meier Pfeifer  
called for District  
Grant Applications



Our own Kelle  
Thompson serves as  
PETS Training  
Coordinator



2018-2020 RI Director,  
Larry Dimmitt  
brought us up to date  
on what's happening  
in Rotary



Training Sessions  
were held

Great speakers &  
Great fellowship!



## Open World Program—Women in STEM



The **Rotary Club of West Wichita** is coordinating an Open World Program delegation visit to Wichita from March 9 through March 17. The delegation is all Russian women working in the STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math). There are 5

delegates and a facilitator from various parts of Russia.

As background, at a Graduate Women International Conference in Cape Town, South Africa in August 2016, a new Russian-American initiative was announced to expand women's professional contribution in the STEM fields. Changing societal norms and increasing women's ability and representation in technical fields will help to ensure the application of technological thinking to the exercise of finding solutions for issues that particularly affect women, and the development of opportunities that would particularly benefit them. The program would look at U.S. programs designed to create programs that create opportunities and encourage girls/women to participate in STEM education and careers and would be targeted to government officials and civic leaders charged with development of school curriculums and outside activities, youth leaders, and advocates of increased opportunities for girls and women.

The focus of delegates' time will be exposure to various STEM-related programs in our area and how the Open World Program supports two of the Rotary causes: Promoting Peace and Supporting Education.

## Rotary Service in Ecuador—Rotary Project Fair



Rotarian Dana Stahl (Right) and her friend Jessie Stroud (2nd from the left) went to Ecuador for a Rotary Project Fair

cue organization that saved 400 dogs through a foster-based program. She recently returned from a Rotary service trip in Ecuador spurred by an email that caught her interest. Here is her story.

When the email came out for the Rotary Project Fair in Ecuador I saw it and immediately thought wow, that sounds so cool. I remember I was visiting my sister in Michigan and said, "Hey I think I'm going to do this!" I didn't know even what it all was about, but I knew Ecuador sounded like a neat place to go and what better way to see the world than traveling with a purpose! I love volunteering (why I joined Rotary in the first place!) and thought it would be amazing to be a small part of helping a Country in another continent of the world! I didn't want to go alone completely so when no other Rotarians stepped up to go, my friend Jessie Stroud who is considering becoming a Rotarian, offered to accompany me.

We arrived in Guayaquil, Ecuador's largest city, quite late but as they'd said a shuttle was waiting to take us to our hotel. We were pleasantly surprised that the hotel accom-

**Editor's Note:** Rotarian **Dana Stahl** is a relatively new member (2 years) of the **Rotary Club of Newton**. Originally from northern Michigan, she is the district manager for the Harvey County Conservation department. She calls herself a dog rescuer and volunteers with **Heartstrings Animals Advocates**, a 501c3 res-

modations were amazing and the breakfast we had there was the best we've ever had! Experiencing a 6.2 earth quake was a new experience also especially as it happened 20 minutes before we were told there would be a drill!

Ecuador was an amazing Country to travel in – diverse, vibrant and entertaining. I loved that we were able to visit the coast then stay on the Islands of the Galapagos and see many endemic animals and plants and then end in the Mountains in Quito on my birthday! I look forward to going on a Rotary trip again in the future and was happy to meet other Rotarians and learn about their time in Rotary and their lives.

The project - Jubal Adopt a Village – really struck a chord with me as I grew up on a dairy farm and in a rural community. The project is a multi-year global grant sponsored by a Rotary club in Ecuador. I loved the video that the teenagers put together describing the needs of the town. It really seems like a sustainable thing they are trying to set in place also with being self-sufficient and creating ways to make a living.

Our Newton club is considering ways to support the project and I'm excited to begin my first International project experience. I plan to return to Jubal when the project is complete and meet the community and see what they have done.

For more information: Visit <https://my.rotary.org/en/exchange-ideas/project-fairs>



## Recruit Students for RYLA Camp—May 29-June 2, 2018

Have you recruited your students for RYLA camp yet? It is time. Rotary/Southwestern Leadership Camp will be Tuesday, May 29 to Saturday, June 2, 2018 at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas. This camp is for current high school Freshmen, Sophomores, or Juniors that each Rotary Club selects.

This year's theme is "Super Heroes!" The district has 15 \$300 scholarships to be awarded first come-first serve to our clubs, as discussed at PETS.

All the forms to register your students can be found at



<https://www.sckans.edu/undergraduate/leadership/rotary-camp> OR visit [www.rotary5690.org](http://www.rotary5690.org). Registration form is at: <https://form.jotform.com/SouthwesternCollege/leadership-rotary-camp>

Make sure and register early to assure a spot for your students. Registration deadline is May 11, 2018.

Students from District 5670 have been invited to attend this year. Rotary and your students can make a difference for our communities!

## 2018 Rotary Peace Fellowship Application now available!

The [2019 Rotary Peace Fellowship application](#) is now available. Advance peace around the world by publicizing this incredible opportunity!

Here are some helpful resources for recruiting candidates and promoting the program:

- Share our [application video](#) explaining the steps for completing the application.
- Follow us on the [Rotary Peace Centers Facebook page](#), and share fellowship updates.
- Download the [Rotary Peace Centers Program Guide for Rotarians](#) for eligibility requirements and information on finding qualified candidates. Also read the [district endorsement instructions](#).

- Circulate the [fellowship announcement](#) to contacts in your network.
- Check out the [application page](#) for an overview of the process and links to useful documents such as the [application guidelines](#) and [tips for improving your application](#).

**Applicants must apply to their districts by 31 May.** Districts need to submit endorsed applications to The Rotary Foundation by 1 July.

Source: *Rotary Peace Centers Newsletter*, 2/1/18

Contact District Rotary Peace Fellowship committee chair Alex Carvalho (Hutchinson) for assistance. Alex's contact info is in District Directory online at [www.rotary5690.org](http://www.rotary5690.org)

## Polio Eradication—Where we stand

### The latest figures in the three polio endemic countries: as of February 21, 2018

- Pakistan— 0 new cases (8 cases in 2017)
- Afghanistan - 2 new cases (14 cases in 2017)
- Nigeria—0 cases in 2018 (0 cases in 2017)
- Total— 2 cases for 2018 (22 in 2017).
- More details at <http://www.polioeradication.org>

## World Water Day—March 22

The UN designated day to bring attention to the importance of clean water, sanitation and hygiene is approaching.

The UN theme this year is "The Answer is in Nature", encouraging nature-based solutions to the current water challenges.

The UN Sustainable Development Goal 6 is that by 2030 everyone has access to safe water. This target includes protecting natural environments and reducing pollution.

For project ideas go to <http://www.worldwaterday.org/>



# Club News from around the District

## Rotary Club Hutchinson: *Rino*

(pronounced Reno) **Akae** is our Club's Rotary Youth Exchange Student for 2017-18. She is from Japan and will be in Hutchinson throughout the 2017-18 school year. Rino arrived in Hutchinson in August 2017, goes to Hutchinson High School, attends our club meetings, and will be living three months each with Wendy & Ted Hobart, Angie & Joe Ontjes, and Trish Rose & Jim Davis. It's great to have Rino at our Club meetings and in Hutchinson!



date the group has received contributions totaling nearly \$110,000. In order to complete project, the club hopes to raise remaining funds before the end of April. The structure will include a space for donor recognition.

**Rotary Club Wichita:** The club will host Peter Zeihan at the noon Rotary meeting on Monday, March 12, as part of the Oliver Elliott Speaker Series. Visit his website <http://zeihan.com/meet-peter-zeihan/> to learn more. Guests are welcome. Please call 316-262-4375 to make reservation.



## Rotary Club W Sedgwick Co.

**Sunrise:** Club members installed a wheelchair accessible maze at the Sunrise Boundless Playscape in Sedgwick County Park. The new play area is part of the 1.5 acre Sunrise Boundless Playscape that was gifted to the community by our club in 2008. More than \$35,000 was raised for the maze.



**Rotary Club Newton:** Paul Harris Fellowships were presented to Shelly Black, Frank Stucky, Dr Charles Graber, and John Hosford by president Andy Lowe recently.

**Rotary Club E. Wichita:** We will be at Buckner Elementary OSCAR Reading Day on March 2. This service project is a favorite of our members to go and read to the school children. And it's Dr. Seuss' birthday!

**Rotary Club El Dorado:** DeAnn Sullivan (W. Wichita) spoke to El Dorado Rotary about the End Polio Now campaign and her trip to India. Aadhar Jain was her guest and also shared information about his home country.



**Rotary Club Winfield Prepares to Celebrate its 100th Anniversary:** The Rotary Club of Winfield will host a groundbreaking ceremony for the Performance Venue project on Saturday, March 3 at 1:00 p.m. in Island Park, west of

the playground. The project is estimated to be completed in May. The Rotary Club is working in partnership with the City of Winfield and with the support of community to complete the Performance Venue project in celebration of the club's 100th Year of service in Winfield.

The pre-fabricated portions of the structure, which are engineered to optimize acoustic performances, will be installed when the site preparation and foundation work are completed. The Performance Venue will be available for community use, including musical and theatrical performances as well as weddings and other events beginning this summer.

"The Island Park Performance Venue is truly a collaborative effort," said Lucy Herlocker, Winfield Rotary Centennial Committee Chair. "Over the course of nearly two years our committee convened many community partners to identify a project that would improve the quality of life in Winfield and the performance venue emerged an exciting and clear choice."

The total cost of the venue is estimated to be \$150,000, to

## Find Inspiration in Toronto

A world of opportunity waits for you at the 2018 Rotary International Convention in Toronto, Canada 23-27 June. Register now and take advantage of the early registration discount. Click here:

<http://www.riconvention.org/en/toronto/register>



## Murder of Polio Vaccinators: The New York Times

Two polio vaccinators — a mother-daughter team — were shot dead in Pakistan on 22nd January, the first time in two years that the polio eradication drive had been shaken by assassinations.

While tragic, the killings in Baluchistan Province will not seriously disrupt Pakistan's eradication drive, said one of its leaders.

"We are very close to winning the battle," said Aziz Memon, a textile executive who heads Rotary International's local polio vaccination efforts.

Last year, Pakistan had only eight confirmed cases of polio paralysis; four years ago, the nation had 306.

The only other country with continuing transmission of polio is Afghanistan, which had 14 cases last year, most of them in provinces adjoining Pakistan and among Pash-tuns, the predominant ethnic group in border areas.

The two countries now coordinate their national vaccination days, in which more than 200,000 part-time canvassers in Pakistan and 40,000 in Afghanistan try to give vac-

cine drops to every child under 5.

Two years ago, the blast of a suicide bomber near a polio center in Quetta, the province's main city, killed a local official and 13 police officers assigned to guard vaccination teams. The Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility.

The Taliban in Afghanistan have never opposed polio vaccine; hostility to it by some factions of the fragmented Pakistani Taliban has largely faded in the last two years, Mr. Memon said.

But there is persistent hostility between Pakistan's military and clan militias in some mountainous border areas that have never been fully under government control.

The vaccinators, a 38-year-old woman and her 16-year-old daughter, were each shot in the head by motorcycle-riding assassins, the Pakistani authorities said. Mr. Memon said he would go to Quetta to console and compensate the widower, a truck driver with six other children. In the past, Rotary has given the families of murdered vaccinators thousands of dollars.

## Did You Know?

- For the 10th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating—four stars—from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S. In the most recent ratings, the Foundation earned the maximum of 100 points for demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency.

In a letter to the Foundation, Charity Navigator notes that "only 1 percent of the charities we evaluate have received at least 10 consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that The Rotary Foundation outperforms other charities in America. This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator sets The Rotary Foundation apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness."



The rating reflects Charity Navigator's assessment of how the Foundation uses donations, sustains its programs and services, and practices good governance and openness.

- Time magazine** imagines a world without polio, cred-

its Rotary for the progress we've made, and discusses what it will take to wipe out the disease. Read the article here: <http://time.com/5068516/is-2018-the-year-for-polios-extinction/>

- Polio Eradication** is every club and every member's project. Use it to tell the outside world about Rotary and what we can do together. It is the best Public Image example we have.

Polio Eradication is a fantastic tool to attract new members by engaging with them and demonstrating that Rotary is "People of Action".

- In this short video interview, Dr. Urs Herzog—Rotarian, polio survivor, and eradication advocate—explains the numbers behind the eradication program and why it is critical that we eliminate every trace of the virus. Watch the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>



## District 5690 Membership Report As Of January 31, 2018

Club	7/1/2017	1/31/2018	NET GAIN
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2017-2018
Andover	31	30	-1
Arkansas City	60	64	4
Beaver	21	18	-3
Boise City	17	16	-1
Cimarron	22	24	2
Derby	59	65	6
Dodge City	32	37	5
East Wichita	99	99	0
El Dorado	46	43	-3
Garden City	48	51	3
Guymon	24	24	0
Howard	16	17	1
Hugoton	19	18	-1
Hutchinson	113	109	-4
Johnson	16	16	0
Kingman	32	32	0
Kinsley	15	14	-1
Larned	18	18	0
Liberal	45	46	1
Newton	60	61	1
Pratt	59	60	1
Sublette	15	16	1
Syracuse	18	19	1
Texhoma	12	12	0
Ulysses	32	34	2
Wellington	18	19	1
W. Sedgwick Co	41	40	-1
West Wichita	60	64	4
Wichita-DT	395	402	7
Wichita-Old Town	8	8	0
Winfield	90	88	-2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1541</b>	<b>1564</b>	<b>23</b>

## Rotary's Vision Statement

**“Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.”**

Let's tell the world we are  
**PEOPLE OF ACTION**  
 GET STARTED TODAY!



**District 5690**



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2017-18 RI President  
 Ian Riseley  
 Australia



Join Fellow Rotarians June 20-14, 2018  
 in Toronto for the 2018 Rotary  
 Convention!

### Important deadlines

**March 31 2018:** Last day for preregistration discount \$420 for Rotarians; \$100 for Rotaractors)

**April 1 2018:** Registration is \$495- Rotarians; \$130 for Rotaractors

<http://www.riconvention.org/en/toronto>

