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Message from

District Governor Dana Brewer

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Why We Celebrated our District Conference on **World Polio Day/ End Polio Now**

On Saturday, October 24th, the same day as our District Conference & Celebration, held virtually by Zoom, people around the Globe recognized World Polio Day.

In Rotary we utilize that day to highlight what has been done **to date** in **eliminating 99.9% of all polio cases**; recently **ridding the entire African Continent of polio, leaving Afghanistan and Pakistan as the only countries in the World where wild polio still preys on dozens of mostly infant children per year.** And as Rotarians, we pledge to every person everywhere, that We (by the united POWER of US), will see that it ends, forever!

Contrast that with the state of that disease 32 years ago, when we Rotarians first took on that wretched virus in **1988. Then, over 1,000 humans, largely young children, were attacked by its paralytic effects, each and every day, year after year after year.** Over 365,000 tragically sad cases per year.

Due to the contributions and volunteer efforts of Rotarians, the massive donations from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the research and coordination of the World Health Organization and the cooperation and association of national and local governments around our World, it is esti-



ated that **over 19 Million people who would have otherwise been crippled are now able to walk and lead normal lives, . In addition 1.5 Million who would have had their lives snuffed out by it are alive, .**

Rotary's terminal (final) Campaign to eradicate polio is underway: End Polio Now! So that is what we celebrate on Polio Day—how much we have done to eliminate its presence throughout the World and that we have the opportunity to extinguish it, within our grasp. And we must succeed or in a few years we could be right back where we were in 1988.

Saturday the 24th of October, Jennifer Jones, past Rotary Director who was serving as Rotary Foundation Trustee and as Co-Chair of End Polio Now, when she was selected to become our first woman President, joined our Celebration live. She was in the last half of a long day of attending End Polio Now events and fundraisers in places, in Canada, where she hails from, here in the Heartland of the USA and far and wide abroad.

She told about the pause PolioPlus took for a bit during the Pandemic, before Afghanistan and Pakistan allowed resumption of vaccinations.

She related about the joyful mass gatherings in Africa, when that huge Continent was certified to be polio-free! Jennifer shared how proud she was when Rotarian



Rotary



DG Dana Brewer (cont'd)

Funji Tunsho, who headed up those efforts in Nigeria, was chosen as one of Time Magazine's 100 most influential people in the World for 2020.

I had the privilege of hearing Funji and other experts report on the status of End Polio Now on a virtual meeting of the Chicago Rotary Club, last week.

I spoke about both of my parents courage and determination not to let polio take control of their lives. Dad's mantra, can serve as our rallying call: NEVER, NEVER, NEVER, EVER GIVE UP!!!

We were also joined live by my District Governor Classmate, Xavier Toson, District 5840 in the San Antonio Texas area. He told us facts I was unaware of, that many so-called medical experts widely circulated their opinions that "Blacks" (I despise referring to humans by the color of our skins) and other people "of color" were not susceptible to becoming infected with polio. That persisted through the 1930s and 1940s until there was finally growing embarrassment that they too were stricken by the dread disease.

That finally led to facilities for their treatment, albeit segre-

gated facilities, at first. Thankfully, when polio was vanquished in our Nation, that was beneficial for all concerned children and their parents, whether red or yellow, black or white.

Thanks Xavier, for that glimpse into our shared past. Yet another lesson we can learn from that history, to build on and improve! Isn't it amazing what minds can learn, when we allow our hearts to be open to each other? We'll visit more about additional important messages Xavier shared with us, a little later.

Share Rotary kindness, it's needed now, more than ever!

Dana Brewer

District Governor, 2020-21
District 5680



Miss the Pre-Conference Webinar?

No worries! Go to our new district YouTube channel or use this link and go to <https://youtu.be/UklpjXrQsiU>. **"Holding Effective Meetings,"** facilitated by District Trainer is worth your time. You Editor did not attend the original meeting, but has really enjoyed watching the video! You're sure to learn something and get new ideas for holding your Virtual and Hybrid Meetings!

While you're there—click Subscribe to receive notifications when a new video is posted on our channel!



District Governor Issues \$100 per member PolioPlus Challenge

As your District Governor, I went way out on a limb this week, with my wife Tina, issuing a PolioPlus challenge to all 60 clubs in our great KS OK Rotary District 5680.. We are challenging each Club to average \$100 per member in PolioPlus donations for this Rotary year, ending June 30, 2021. We are even allowing the Clubs to make gifts from their own treasuries or foundations, as well as including all net proceeds from fundraisers , along with gifts from individual Club Members, in determining whether they have met that \$100 average.

So far, all of the Clubs contacted by us personally, have accepted the challenge. Please reach out to us let us know that your Club is stepping up. You can contact Tina and me at danabrewerdg5680@gmail.com - Phone- (785) 614-1089;

OR



District Secretary/Treasurer Kent Erb at
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Our Rotary Journey is a cherished collection of experiences, shared with our fellow Rotarians! This is an opportunity for all of us to mutually share the experience of giving until it hurts...and as your parents, in their wisdom used to tell you this is going to hurt me far more than it is going to hurt you!

And, when we succeed in meeting our goal, we will have raised a total with all matches (times 2 from RI World Fund, then times 3 from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation = times 6 altogether) of approximately \$1,620,000, plus the matched total of our gift of \$6,000 or \$36,000 = \$1,656,000.

All through the power of US – KS OK Rotarians!

DG Dana Brewer

Food For Our Neighbors 2 Project Update

Thank you D5680 Rotarians, friends and family! Together we packaged nearly 20,000 meals to feed our children and families! We had 2 shifts working together in Service Above Self.

Thanks to the RC Newton (Rod Kreie, Kent Erb including Rick McNary) and Isaac McNary (RC El Dorado) for coordinating the event in Newton—and to Kansas Electric who let us use their facility. Special thanks to Rotarian BreAnna Monk (RC Derby) for coordinating the volunteers and shifts!

Enjoy some fun photos of the event—and watch for the opportunity to participate in a second event just like this!



Rotary Club Hutchinson: Thanks to Rotary International and District 5680's Food For Our Neighbors project, we were able to provide the Reno County Sheriff's Office with 40 meal boxes that can be provided to those in our community who need it most.



Project Update: For both Food For Our Neighbors projects, we had 60 clubs involved in the 1st project and 39 clubs in the second project. We provided meal servings to feed 260,000 people in our Rotary District!

Rotary Club Derby: Derby Rotarians were able to donate to our local Derby Food Pantry- 55box (x) 7 meals (x) 6servings per meal = 2,310 MEALS!



Rotary Club Dodge City: Thanks to Rotary International and District 5680's Food For Our Neighbors project, we were able to deliver 60 boxes of food to the Manna House Food Pantry and the Salvation Army of Dodge City. Each box can provide 42 meals.



District Awards!

2019-2020 Rotary Foundation Banner Winners

Congratulations to our 2019-20 Rotary Foundation Banner Winners—and thanks to every Rotarian who contributes to The Rotary Foundation!

Annual Fund Top 3 Highest Per Capita Banner – The total amount contributed to the Annual Fund (SHARE, World Fund and Areas of Focus) divided by July 1 members.

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|----------------------------|----------|
| 1. Sublette | \$333.33 |
| 2. Hugoton | \$244.34 |
| 3. E-club Heart of America | \$215.69 |

Note: There were 12 clubs with \$100+ per capita giving

TRF Giving Banner – Clubs that had 100% participation in TRF Giving and achieved \$100 or more in average TRF giving..

Andover Hugoton Kinsley Liberal

Every Rotarian, Every Year Banner – Those clubs which had 100% participation in EREY and achieved \$100 or more in Annual Fund per capita giving.

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Outstanding Club of the Year

Great Bend

Rotary Citation Winners

Congratulations to the TWO Platinum Level Rotary Citation Winners!

Kinsley Russell

ShelterBox Hero

Atwood	Beloit	Russell
Goodland	Hays	Salina (Silver)
West Wichita (Bronze)		

District Conference a Success!

Thanks to everyone who attended our first Virtual District Conference!



We hope you got to see and hear Jennifer Jones, who will be the first woman President of Rotary International, as we celebrated World Polio Day.



Xavier Toson inspired us with a thoughtful and frank discussion about ways we can overcome racial discord. In his introduction, DG Dana told Xavier that “he is my Brother in the only race I recognize, the Human Race!”



Jason Browne gave a great presentation on how to recruit members to an organization, during Covid, which might be helpful to you in a presentation titled “Rotary M&Ms.” Jason has asked that attendees offer their evaluations by participating in this survey: <https://bit.ly/mmsspeaker>



ShelterBox's Bill Tobin told us about the impactful work that ShelterBox is doing during natural disasters around the World, providing essential shelter and survival tools as we recognized the six clubs who are ShelterBox Heroes for 2019-20.

Upcoming Events

October 31, 2020

District Grant Applications are DUE

May 14-16, 2021

Presidential Conference-USA

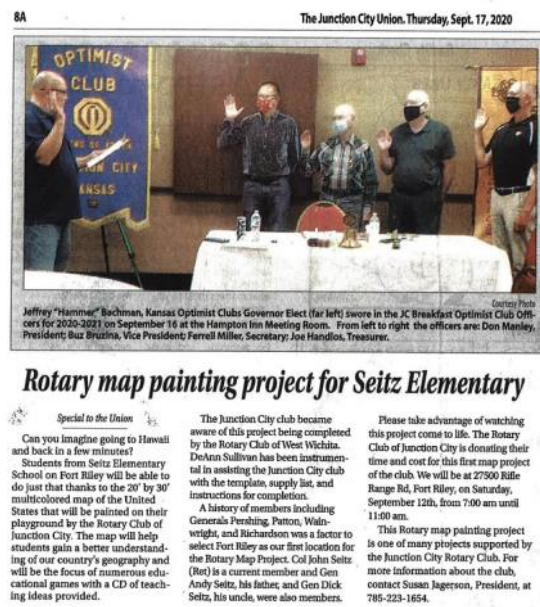
[Click here for info](#)

Playground Map Projects

By DeAnn Sullivan, District 5680 Trainer

News got out about the Playground Map projects that are done by Rotary District 5680. Linda Couch from the Rotary Club of Junction City asked for help and they recently completed their first map with plans to do more. They also got the news out to their community with this article in their local newspaper acknowledging the support of the Rotary Club of West Wichita. Best of all, it will likely lead to a new member for the Derby club. Linda has a son living in the Derby area who's now planning to join. And just in time! He can help them with the maps; they just completed two - on Oct 3 and Oct 10.

Perhaps your club would like to plan one for next spring. Visit our district website <https://rotary5680.org/page/playground-map> for more information and how to get started!



Public Image in the Age of COVID-19

How can your club promote your activities and service projects if almost all of it is virtual today? Your club's website and social media channels are now more important than ever.

Many clubs are meeting virtually, using tools like Zoom, WebEx, and GoToMeeting. Capture a screen image of your members and post it on your digital channels to show that your club remains active. Post club bulletins and newsletters to update your members and community on your club's activities, even if you aren't meeting in person. Consistent communication with both members and the public is essential for keeping your club visible in your community.

Perhaps most important, keep promoting your service projects! Many clubs are providing behind-the-scenes support, such as making masks for front-line responders, writing cards and letters for nursing homes, funding gift cards for local grocery stores and restaurants, donating "thinking of you" presents and treats for house-bound local residents, and providing school supplies and materials for students who have to attend school remotely. Some clubs have even become a centralized community resource, documenting where residents can go if they have questions or issues related to social services during this challenging time.

Here are some other things clubs have been doing:

- Have members who are at lower risk provide in-person support. They can package donations for food pantries, shop for elders, and run errands for those who cannot leave their homes.
- Sponsor or support international projects, including virtual meetings for best practices on staying safe during the pandemic. Train people globally on resources

for remote learning.

- Make sure your club website is up-to-date, using the Rotary branding guides described in the *Voice and Visual Identity Guidelines* (available in the [Brand Center](#) by signing in to My Rotary).
- Select one primary social media platform—such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or LinkedIn—and update it regularly, at least once a week.
- Let the public know through virtual technology all of the good work that your club is doing. Pictures are worth a thousand words, especially on digital channels. Try to get photos of your members actively performing service, either in their homes without masks or out in the community with masks. You can even live stream your service activities using tools like Facebook Live, YouTube Live, or Periscope. Record your live-streamed events and post them on your club's social media channels and website. Videos can go viral, increasing our public image impact.
- Consider how you can help members of community use technology to connect with loved ones or seek needed support services. Promote these opportunities on your club's website and social media and share them with your community's digital channels. Most local towns and cities have a Facebook page or Twitter account. Join and post, and share posts from others in your club to promote the club's activities.

Need a starting point? The [Brand Center](#) has a quick start guide for Rotary websites. Set up a social media channel for you club and share postings from Rotary International. Additionally, you can share your ideas and learn more on the [Rotarians Respond to COVID-19 Facebook group](#).

Club News from around the District

Rotary Club Clay Center: Our club is spearheading A *Mural Moment* to promote and beautify our downtown. A local artist designed and lead the first part of the project in late September when, as part of our annual Piotique festival, community members "painted by the numbers" to form an 8' x 16' mural of a geometric sunrise. The mural will be completed later this year. Other local artists have helped with other completed murals.



Rotary Club Derby: Rotary Members and Derby High School AFJROTC finished the

second Map painting for season. Over two Saturdays, we painted maps at Park Hill Elementary and Tanglewood Elementary Schools!



Rotary Club W Wichita: We received this from ShelterBox!

"Congratulations on receiving **ShelterBox HERO** recognition for Rotary Year 2019-2020. Your support is very much appreciated. 1.6 million people have been sheltered since 2000, we could not have reached them without clubs like yours. COVID 19 has not stopped our efforts, your help has provided aid to over 87,000 people so far in 2020. Thank you for being a ShelterBox HERO!"

ShelterBox USA.
Bill Tobin
Rotary Relations Manager



Rotary Club Wichita DT: Our Wichita Rotary Charitable Fund is again sponsoring a Habitat For Humanity home build. Volunteers from our club and community are working now to provide a worthy family with a new home before Christmas!



Rotary Club :Wichita DT: Even though our big club cannot meet as a group, we are holding small-group meetings at member businesses. Attendees enjoy lunch and fellowship and then tune in to our Zoom meeting when the (invisible) bell is rung. Those participating enjoy this opportunity to share Rotary.

Rotary Club Derby: Please mark your calendars and help spread the news for this Spring's 1st Annual Hot Wheels for Hot Meals Car Show! (All proceeds will be donated to Feed a Hungry Child's Project with USD 260, Derby Public School District) www.facebook.com/derbyrotaryclub



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Rotary Club E Wichita: We are in the midst of our Annual Turkey Dinner Drive to provide Thanksgiving Dinners to those who would not otherwise have them. We have been raising funds and providing these meals for more than 15 years!

Rotary Club Ellinwood: We are conducting Rotary Reading Day at the two kindergarten classes there. The program is possible because the Superintendent and other two readers are Rotarians working in USD 355.



Rotary Club Washington: We enjoyed the visit DG Dana and wife Tina. Dana shared lots of Rotary news from around the district and informed us that our district grant had been approved.

Club News from around the District

Rotary Club Russell: The Rotary Club of Russell held its annual Flatland Car show on October 3 in downtown Russell. There were over 100 entries from as far away as California. The hand-made one-of-a-kind



trophies are coveted by car enthusiasts all over the state. The annual car show brings hundreds of people into the community every year and is a major fundraiser for the club. Photos: Aerial view and PDG with Winner of Car Show.



Rotary Club Great Bend: To celebrate World Polio Day, our club sent the solicitation letter (below) to community leaders and local physicians, not only to raise money but to spread awareness of the work of Rotary.

October 20, 2020



Fellow Rotarians and others,

After **32 years** of extensive global eradication efforts involving **billions of dollars** and **countless volunteer hours**, the leadership and advocacy of Rotary International has helped protect more than **2.5 billion children** in **122 countries** from the wild poliovirus!

"We are on the verge of wiping this crippling disease from the face of the earth with only remote areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan yet to be conquered," says **District Governor Dana Brewer** of Concordia. "With COVID-19 infecting the world, it is time for us to step-up and give a **"knock-out blow"** to completely end polio so we can **move on** to stop the COVID pandemic worldwide once a vaccine becomes available."

Governor Brewer has challenged each Rotarian and others in his 60 club district to give **\$100 to PolioPlus** (a 501 (c) 3 donation). Multiple matching funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and World Polio Fund make it possible for donors to earn an **amazing 6:1 return on their investment!** Hence, an original **\$100 donation** to PolioPlus would have the **incredible impact of \$600!**

Please send your check in the enclosed return envelope to Devin McMillen, treasurer of the Great Bend Rotary Club. Please be advised that prompt giving is of essence before the matching funds are used up.

Many thanks from your Rotary leadership team:



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Editor's Note: Consider doing something like this to raise funds for your club on Giving Tuesday in December.

Rotary Club Salina: Rotary District Governor Dana Brewer joined our meeting at Salina Country Club. We were presented with a new flag for this year's motto—Rotary Opens Opportunities! Photo: VP Janell Hulse (left), DG Dana and President Michelle Peck.



District Grants Reports Deadline

REMINDER: If your club received a District Grant for the 2019-2020 Rotary year, **your Final Grant Report is due by October 31**. The report forms can be found on the District 5680 website at: <https://rotary5680.org/page/grants-scholarships>. Please send your report to District Grants Subcommittee Chairman PDG Andrea Krauss at andrea.krauss@johnofarmer.com.

RYLA Scholarships

District Leadership has approved \$200 scholarships for RYLA. First Come—First Served! Limited to 37 clubs.



For more information, contact District RYLA Chair, Dean Kennedy at dean.kennedy@communitynational.net

Did You Know?

- Your Club's 990 is due November 15.
- GivingTuesday is held annually the Tuesday after **Thanksgiving** and this year, it's on **December 1, 2020**. It's held on the same day in most participating countries in the world. [GivingTuesday FAQ](#) | [GivingTuesday](#)
- Dr. Anthony Fauci was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship by the Rotary E-Club of World Peace, D5330 USA. Their announcement was captioned: "Rotary acknowledges perhaps the most credible person in the pandemic."



Approved District Grant Projects for 2020-21

Looking for an idea for a community service project? Here are the district grants approved for implementation and completion during the 2020-21 Rotary Year. Remember that if you had a grant last year and it is not complete, your deadline is October 31. You cannot apply for another grant until that one is completed with a Final Report.

District/ Club	Type	Description	Amount \$
Abilene	Health: Covid-19	Provide 1,700 reusable water bottles for each of the students in the community's schools in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19.	2,695
Clay Center	Community development: general	A Mural Movement to paint a mural on the side of a building on the edge of the downtown area, in the hopes of attracting travelers into the downtown business district.	5,000
Concordia	Health: Covid-19	Provide acrylic sheets to use as barriers in school cafeterias and classrooms to prevent spread of COVID-19.	2,500
Hutchinson	Education: general	Provide funding for the Salthawk Community Support program which provides school supplies and basic needs items, such as clothing and hygiene items to middle and high school students.	5,000
Liberal	Education: scholarship	Scholarships to cover the enrollment fees for students of the Seward County Community College - Colvin Adult Learning Center who are enrolling in GED, ESL, Work Readiness, or Acceleration courses.	1,783
Lyons	Health: Covid-19	Purchase of a freezer for the Rice County Council on Aging to store the increased volume of frozen food commodities needed for those struggling with hunger due to COVID-19.	550
Ness City	Community development: construction/renovation	Major repairs to a community gazebo on the courthouse grounds originally constructed by the Ness City Rotary Club many years ago.	4,250
Oberlin	Community development: general	Placement of 10 park benches along the walking trails at Sappa Park to allow breaks for walkers.	1,271
Pratt	Health: general	Construction of the Iowa Avenue Trail around the Southwest Elementary School, providing a way for children to learn about active lifestyles.	2,500
Russell	Community development: construction/renovation	Construction of a splash pad on a blighted lot in the downtown area to provide children with an opportunity for physical activity and to encourage people to frequent the downtown area.	5,000
Washington	Community development: construction/renovation	Major repairs and upgrades to the city basketball courts to improve the area and encourage physical activity.	2,500
Total Amount:			33,049

District 5680 Membership Report As Of September 30, 2020

Club	7/1/2020 MEMBERSHIP	9/30/2020 MEMBERSHIP	NET GAIN 2020-2021
Abilene	59	54	(5)
Andover	26	26	0
Arkansas City	59	60	1
Atwood	23	23	0
Beaver	15	15	0
Beloit	40	40	0
Boise City	20	20	0
Cimarron	20	20	0
Clay Center	47	47	0
Colby	54	54	0
Concordia	31	31	0
Derby	70	61	(9)
Dodge City	38	38	0
Downs	9	10	1
East Wichita	87	89	2
E-Club	20	20	0
El Dorado	36	36	0
Ellinwood	20	20	0
Ellis	9	9	0
Garden City	45	44	(1)
Goodland	36	20	(16)
Great Bend	46	46	0
Guymon	26	31	5
Hays	64	62	(2)
Hays Sunrise	15	15	0
Hill City	13	13	0
Howard	13	13	0
Hoxie	20	20	0
Hugoton	15	15	0
Hutchinson	100	100	0
Johnson	15	15	0
Kingman	25	25	0
Kinsley	15	13	(2)
Larned	16	16	0
Liberal	43	43	0
Lindsborg	8	8	0
Lyons	23	23	0
McPherson	39	36	(3)
Ness City	21	24	3
Newton	53	56	3
Norton	13	14	1
Oberlin	33	33	0
Osborne	14	14	0
Phillipsburg	49	48	(1)
Pratt	53	52	(1)
Russell	39	39	0
Salina	123	124	1
Sharon Springs	10	8	(2)
Sterling	20	20	0
Sublette	18	16	(2)
Syracuse	16	17	1
Texhoma	15	13	(2)
Ulysses	28	27	(1)
Washington	35	35	0
Wellington	12	11	(1)
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	38	38	0
West Wichita	61	60	(1)
Wichita-Downtown	410	404	(6)
Wichita-Old Town	9	9	0
Winfield	74	74	0
TOTALS	2404	2367	(37)

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Taipei, Taiwan
June 12-16, 2021
www.rotary.org/convention
Register today!

