

District 5680 News

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District Governor

Jeff Horlacher's Letter



Hello, Fellow Rotarians! Welcome to a new Rotary year. I am excited to be your District Governor. I have made my first club visit, to Beloit. I enjoyed the club, and as I drove there was reminded again how beautiful Kansas is when we have had some rain.

Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick has a goal of each district adding four new clubs, and growing Rotary's membership by 100,000 members. We have lost some clubs: the Hoxie and Johnson have voted to close. I attended the last meeting of the Hoxie club, and was saddened to hear all they had done in the community that may not continue. Rotary does have a strong impact on each community, and is well respected. President Urchick wants us to make the Rotary experience "Irresistible." Let us engage our members by providing a club

experience that is one of belonging, acceptance and intriguing. We have come through the pandemic, and learned to take a different approach to many tasks. I am thankful for Zoom. It is much more engaging to see someone's face as we talk, and is saving many miles and hours on the road. I suggest we remember how and what we used to do, before the pandemic. What are we missing? Should those events be revived?

This year's theme is expected to be our last yearly theme. I have enjoyed the different themes over the years, and appreciate the "Magic of Rotary." To have fun with the theme, I suggest each club make a magic wand. We will have a contest to choose the best wands at the ***District Conference November 1-2 in Colby***. And, if yours is getting used up, we will recharge your wands.

My three goals are fairly small, but will have big impact. 1) I want each club to buy or build a Little Free Library. Let's put a Rotary sign on it, register it with the Little Free Library organization, and include a pamphlet about your Rotary club. This could be a good recruiting tool for new members. 2) Each club will work with their local food bank, shelter, or church that contacts people in need and provide a "Birthday party in a sack." This is a project Stephanie Urchick did with her club in western Pennsylvania when a little boy accompanied his mother to the food bank. A staff member had a birthday, and they had a little party for her. He asked what was going on, and his mother replied, "We don't do that. We can't afford it." What a heart -breaking thing to have to tell your son. So, a birthday party in a sack includes a cake mix, candles, balloons, a happy birthday table cloth and streamers. Let's each design what can be included, so any child or adult can have a birthday party. 3) each club plant a tree. I am suggesting sugar maple trees. I have six in my front yard, and they are very popular; beautiful and colorful each fall. They will grow about a foot a year, and require some care to get them started, but will become a focal point in our communities.

I agree with Stephanie Urchick we need to continue our emphasis on mental health. Kansas now ranks 51st in the nation in mental health care. How did we manage that? They included Washington D.C. in the study. As a former clinical psychologist, I am dismayed that we have fallen so far. Let's work to turn that around. We must restore funding for mental health care and bring it out of the shadows. This includes addictions and all forms of mental illness. Let's help make life worth living, and decrease our suicide rate. I look forward to meeting you all, making new friends, and expanding my Rotary family.

Jeff Horlacher

District Governor 2024-2025

District 5680

Club News from around the District



Congratulations to Avery Baker and Keylee Faudere, recipients of our 2024 Shirk and Junior Rotarian Scholarships from the [Rotary Club of Eldorado](#).

The [Rotary Club of Kinsely](#) sent Ash DuBois to the popup RYLA in Hutcheson and he thoroughly enjoyed it. Pictured: James DuBois father, Ash DuBois, Mark Frame PE, John Ploger Grandfather a long-term Rotarian.

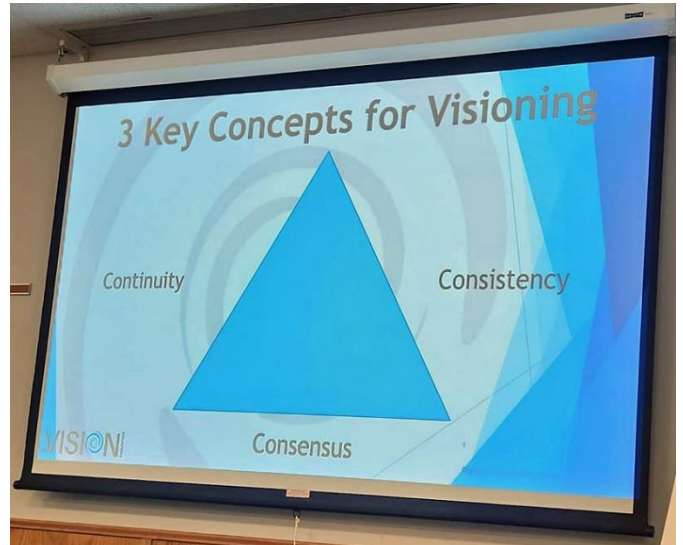




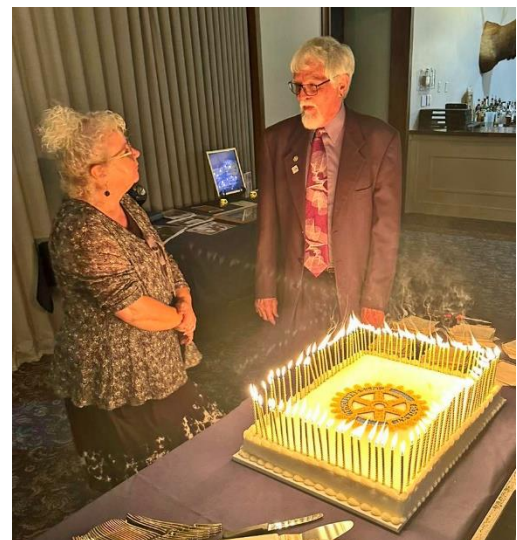
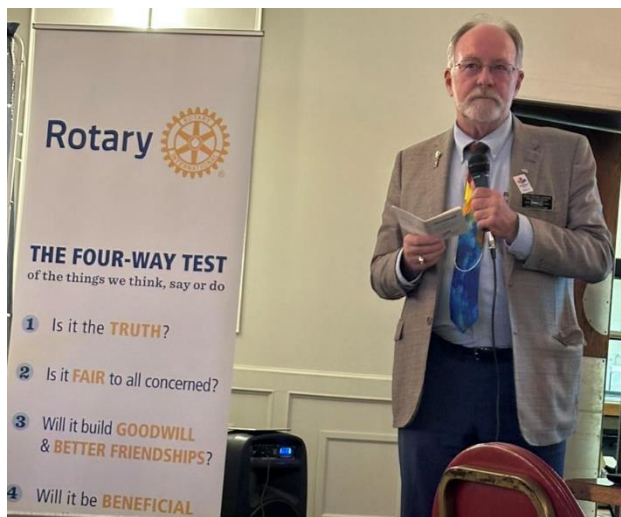
[Hays Sunrise Rotary Club](#) ribbon cutting at Hays Ekey Park Ballfield.

Rotary Visioning event at the [Rotary Club of Liberal](#) with DGN Isaac McNary leading the discussion.





Rotary Club of Russell celebrate 100 years of service to their community. DGE Jeff spoke to the club at their event on 28 June 2024. Congrats Rotary Club of Russell!

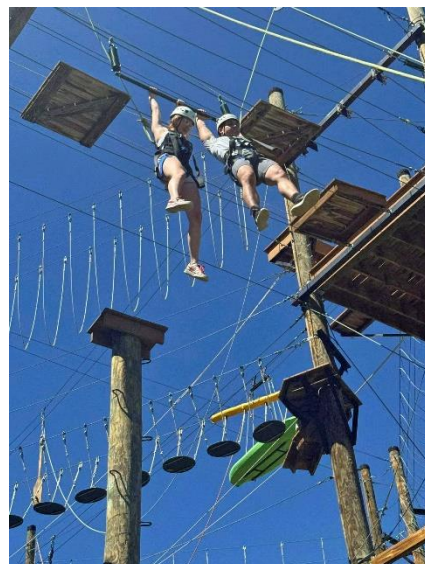




Congratulations Kelly Garretson!! Kelly was honored with the 2024 Rotarian of the Year award from the [Rotary Club of Pratt](#) at the Annual Meeting held recently at Park Hills Country Club. Suzan Patton, the 2023 recipient, recognized Kelly for his continuing service and dedication to Rotary, sharing numerous examples of his "service above self" work.



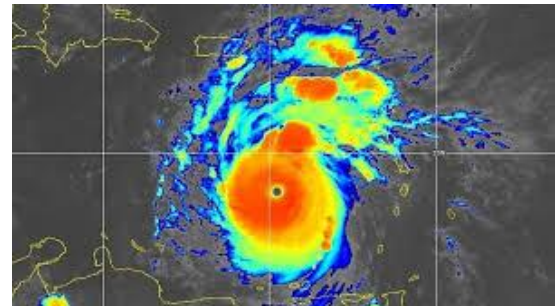
Another great trip to Colorado with [Russell Rotary Interact](#) at the adventure park and Colorado River whitewater rafting.





Rotary Response to Hurricane Beryl

At International Assembly, the training in Florida for District Governors I became friends with Debbie Roopchand, the current District Governor for district 7030 in the southern Caribbean. Those 17 islands composing the district took a direct hit from Hurricane Beryl. I have contacted her, and we are exploring ways we may help in their hour of need. They have set up a donation page that will go to their district, and they will decide where the funds can be best used. It is interesting that these are 17 different nations, and Rotary is a unifying force in the area. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. 160 mph winds do a lot of damage, and heavy rain adds to the potential for mudslides and flooding.



<https://donate.rotarydistrict7030.org/events/district-7030-disaster-relief-fund>

DG Jeff Horlacher

Rotary Booth at the Kansas State Fair returns:

The pandemic interrupted many parts of our lives, and we should take a look back and see what we might renew. The Rotary booth at the state fair was a way to tell people the Rotary story, and potentially recruit members. Our booth this year will be in the Pride of Kansas building. It is 10x10 feet, and we are seeking photos of people in Rotary shirts or vests doing projects. Other ways we can tell our story will be most appreciated. Please send to Fred Heismeier; deadline is June 30.

fredheismeyeriii@gmail.com

Passing of the Pin District 5680

Past and current District leadership gather in Colby on 18 June 2024 in Colby



PDG Andrea, PDG Fred, PDG Ivanhoe, PDG Gloria, DG Jeff, DGE Deb, DGN Isaac



PDG Gloria Homeier & DG Jeff Horlacher



DG Jeff Horlacher & DGE Deb Minkler



DG Jeff Horlacher & DGN Isaac McNary



PDG Fred Heismeyer



DGE Deb Minkler

Membership is critical to District 5680

One of RI President Urchick's goals is to grow membership worldwide by a net 100,000 members, and add four new clubs to each district. I think we can most easily grow membership by adding satellite clubs. We have a new one in Wichita, and the core new members met while playing



pickleball! Membership leads can be found in surprising places. This is where we can use DEI to our advantage. I know the politicians have made DEI a bad word. Use a different acronym if you are more comfortable: ABIDE for Accepting, Belonging, Inclusion, Diversity and Equity. We abide by the four-way test; we can grow membership this way also. This will also help retain members. A Rotarian basically needs to have a generous heart. If you don't have one, you probably are not going to be a good fit for Rotary. I know some who have become more generous with their time, talents, and money as a result of belonging to Rotary. It's part of becoming a Rotarian. Our current membership count shows we have lost 57 members and two clubs have closed. I know some older, long time Rotarians have resigned because they no longer felt useful. We need to include each member as their talents and abilities change.

The world is changing, and our clubs need to adapt to it. Perhaps that means changing meeting times, or periodically offering alternate meeting times. The Colby club has met every Tuesday at noon for 100 years. While it is a history some are proud of, Tuesday noon meetings do not work for all. We can expand our membership by offering other opportunities. Waving a magic wand will not build membership, but listening with an open mind can. Many clubs are conducting a club survey about what members are satisfied and dissatisfied with. A club Visioning process is basically an organized brainstorming session, with a definite three-year plan as the result. This can be an excellent way for clubs to move forward, and make changes to meet new membership needs. DG Jeff

Update your RI emails for use by ClubRunner

District 5680 will be encouraging all Clubs to be sure member's emails are correct at Rotary International. Those emails are used by ClubRunner to efficiently communicate with each Rotarian in the District. This two-way communication between RI and the District is important. The [Rotary Club of Washington](#) is leading the way and we hope to report success in the next newsletter.



District 5680 Membership Report as Of June 30, 2024



District 5680



www.rotary5680.org

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

Club	7/1/2023	6/30/2024	NET GAIN
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2023- 2024
Abilene	52	55	3
Andover	25	23	(2)
Arkansas City	66	68	2
Atwood	23	24	1
Beaver	18	17	(1)
Beloit	35	37	2
Boise City	19	18	(1)
Cimarron	20	18	(2)
Clay Center	62	63	1
Colby	44	44	0
Concordia	30	25	(5)
Derby	54	58	4
Dodge City	38	34	(4)
Downs	9	9	0
East Wichita	68	64	(4)
E-Club	15	16	1
El Dorado	32	29	(3)
Ellinwood	18	17	(1)
Ellis	10	8	(2)
Garden City	26	28	2
Goodland	13	13	0

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and newsletters

JUNE DISTRICT 5680 NEWS

Great Bend	27	29	2
Guymon	32	36	4
Haskell County (Sublette)	19	17	(2)
Hays	62	56	(6)
Hays Sunrise	9	12	3
Hill City	7	7	0
Howard	9	9	0
Hugoton	15	14	(1)
Hutchinson	92	92	0
Johnson	10	1	(9)
Kingman	19	21	2
Kinsley	5	5	0
Liberal	40	34	(6)
Lyons	21	24	3
McPherson	24	27	3
Ness City	23	23	0
Newton	59	59	0
Norton	11	10	(1)
Oberlin	30	30	0
Osborne	10	9	(1)
Phillipsburg	32	31	(1)
Pratt	67	71	4
Russell	36	39	3
Salina	103	98	(5)
Sharon Springs	5	0	(5)
Sterling	20	17	(3)
Syracuse	19	19	0
Texhoma	12	12	0
Ulysses	24	18	(6)
Washington	33	32	(1)
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	38	37	(1)
West Wichita	58	63	5
Wichita-Downtown	363	342	(21)
Wichita-Old Town	9	10	1
Winfield	67	58	(9)
TOTALS	2087	2030	(57)





**KANSAS
LEADERSHIP
CENTER**

District 5680 Leadership Transformation Grants

District 5680 has been awarded 25 grants to participate in the programs of the Kansas Leadership Center. The Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) is a non-profit organization committed to fostering leadership for stronger, healthier and more prosperous Kansas communities.

The KLC offers three programs that build on each other:

- **When Everyone Leads** is the introductory one-day program that focuses on personal leadership competencies. It focuses on leadership as an activity – recognizing that every individual has the capacity to lead. It helps participants stretch and grow their leadership while addressing their toughest challenges. When Everyone Leads is valued at \$149.
- **Your Leadership Edge** is the seminal, two-day deep dive into individual leadership for those who have completed When Everyone Leads. It focuses on helping leaders understand how to move out of their comfort zone and engage in meaningful leadership. It centers on the KLC's leadership framework based on Five Guiding Principles and Four Proufound Competencies. Your Leadership Edge is valued at \$399.
- **Lead For Change** is reserved for teams who have already completed the other two KLC courses. It is an immersive, three-day training that must be experienced in a team. Lead For Change is valued at \$799 per individual.

Who Should Attend?

Each club should consider sending up and coming leaders from their club and community. The virtual sessions are ideal for clubs in western Kansas. Leaders who have done the first program should consider the second program.

How To Register

To Sign Up for When Everyone Leads or Your Leadership Edge, we ask that you do two things:

1. Visit the KLC website at www.kansasleadershipcenter.org. Create a personal account and register using the code **Rotary2024** to waive the tuition fee.
2. Notify District 5680's Learning Facilitator, Arlen Honts, of your interest in order that we might track Rotarians who are taking advantage of this grant. Arlen Honts' contact is:

akhonts@att.net 316-648-7484

Those interested in Lead For Change must make arrangements through District Learning Facilitator, Arlen Honts.



YOUR CLUB IS NEEDED FOR THIS DISTRICT/STATEWIDE PROJECT

We have the opportunity to reach thousands of people and tell them about Rotary. However, your club and all its Rotarians are needed for this to be successful. Rotary will be hosting a booth at this year's state fair in Hutchinson. This project will take many volunteers to staff the booth and be Rotary Champions to those who visit. Below are the details:

- 1) We will have a booth in the Pride of Kansas Building (yes, it is air conditioned) beginning Friday, September 6 – Sunday, September 15.
- 2) **Clubs, especially that are within an hour or so from Hutch, are asked to consider volunteering for a day to staff the booth.** Your club is asked to respond to PDG Fred Heismeyer (fredheismeyeriii@gmail.com) to reserve a date for your club to volunteer. All requests will be on a first come basis.
- 3) NOTE: **We will also be looking for individual Rotarians to staff times to fill in where we need a volunteer. If you want to volunteer, but your club is unable to commit a full day, please reach out to PDG Fred Heismeyer, fredheismeyeriii@gmail.com**
- 4) Your club's commitment would be to:
 - a. Recruit a minimum of only 12 Rotarians to volunteer for 2-hour shifts each. We will need two Rotarians at the booth each shift. If your club volunteers for a full day, you are able to expand the shifts to 3, 4, or more hours/Rotarians. Whatever schedule works for your members works for us, as long as the booth is staffed from 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 - b. The hours the booth will be open are between 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. daily. The six daily shift times will be 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- 5) Rotarians will be the face of Rotary for all clubs in the state, this includes clubs in D5680, D5710 and D6110. We will provide a list of club locations and a contact person as a reference.
- 6) Rotarians will have a "talking points" sheet to help with answering questions regarding Rotary and the clubs throughout the state.
- 7) Rotarians will have access to entrance tickets and perhaps parking passes.
- 8) All Rotarians will be asked to wear a Rotary shirt.
- 9) The booth display will have pictures and various messages promoting Rotary's work both internationally and locally. We anticipate this will include a Rotary backdrop, a couple of pop-up signs and tabletop graphics/pictures. The booth will have a table and two chairs.
- 10) We will have electricity, so we also anticipate a monitor with a rolling set of pictures/graphics, and we will have a small fan to keep the air moving to avoid it getting too hot.

THIS IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO LET THE GENERAL PUBLIC KNOW ABOUT ROTARY. PLEASE COMMIT TO THIS SERVICE PROJECT TO EXPAND OUR REACH!

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Fellow Rotarians:

I am excited to announce that we ended the year with 112 Polio Plus Society Founding Members. Our goal was 100, and to see you all step up and help us meet and exceed that goal is incredible. But... our work is far from done and the Polio Plus Society does not stop at 112. It is never too late to lend your hands, your heart, and your funds to this historic effort. Sign up at:

<https://forms.gle/Z7SKKB3WckP4rJaCA>

Isaac McNary-5680 PolioPlus Chair

(316) 461-0512

VP of International Development | The Outreach



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 that the PolioPlus Society ONLY requires you to donate a minimum of \$100 and to continue to do so annually, until the World Health Organization declares the World free of the poliovirus.

Joining the Society is a two step process:

STEP 1-Fill out the below "commitment statement" and email to isaac@outreachprogram.org. You can also fill out the form online at: <https://forms.gle/6SZEiqPddrfrSg7> or by scanning the QR code with your smart phone! You can also send a copy to Isaac at 5266 NW 20th St, El Dorado, KS 67042

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 (for gifts of 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 Isaac 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 _____