

District 5680 News

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January is Vocational Service Month in Rotary. In Rotary, Vocational Service means holding ourselves and our businesses to the highest ethical standards. The four-way test instructs us of the things we think, say or do. Maintaining ethical standards is so important today where it is easy to repeat inflammatory discourse rather than engage in discussions to understand opposing views and seek compromise. It is up to us as leaders to set an example for young people and others.

Vocational Service means appreciating others strengths and how each can contribute to make our communities stronger. By bringing

together bankers, accountants, trades people, marketing people and many more experts we can bring talent together that will accomplish amazing projects within our communities.

I personally would like to thank every Rotarian that shares their talents with the Rotary Community to help make it a better place to live.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Rotary Leadership Institute that will be held February 3 in Colby from 8:00 AM to 6:10 PM and in Sublette on Feb 10 from 8:00 AM to 6:10 PM. Go to District 5680 to register or email homeier.rotary5680@gmail.com. Cost to attend is \$50.00. The Rotary Leadership Institute focuses on all the various aspects of Rotary and focuses on leadership development. This is a great program for all new Rotarians, prospective leaders and officers for Rotary or Rotarians that want a better understanding of what Rotary has to offer.

I will be hosting a Zoom for current Presidents on January 16, 2024 from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM to gauge where we are at mid year and explore what can be accomplished in the next six months of their Presidency.

I am looking forward to achieving great things in Rotary in 2024. We can do this by focusing on the Rotary Action Plan. We can Increase Our Impact by partnering with other organizations within our community, Expand Our Reach by creating new ways to bring people together in Rotary, Enhance Participant Engagement by using every encounter as an opportunity to show people what Rotary can do for the Community and across the world and Increase our Ability to Adapt by creating a culture of willingness to take risks to find better ways to serve your community. The world today is not the same as it was when Rotary started in 1905. The action plan helps evolve Rotary as an organization to not only keep us relevant but thriving in 2024.

May 2024 be a great year for each of you personally but a great year to be a Rotarian in District 5680.

Gloria Homeier
District Governor
2023-2024
District 5680

Club News from around the District

Ten members of our *Rotary Club of East Wichita* members participated by helping fund this South Africa Rotary Global Grant Project, the first international grant the has club tackled. District 5680 was also generous to an extreme; providing \$25,000 of District Designated Funds for the project, a US\$540,000 overhaul of facilities at 11 South African schools that benefits more than 7,200 students every year.



Before and After kitchen remodel



The *Rotary Club of Washington* hosted its annual Festival of Trees. Proceeds will be used for community projects such as the baseball field improvement. Plus, they will support the RI mission to reduce human trafficking.

DECEMBER 2023 STUDENT OF THE MONTH



JORJA JUEENEMANN

Parents:

Julie & Luke Juenemann

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Jorja, a Senior at Golden Plains High School, is the Colby Rotary Club's Student of the Month for December 2023.

Rotary Club of Colby Student of the Month.



SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

Thanks to those who rang bells last Saturday and to Bruce Pearson for organizing this project.

Rotary Club of West Wichita bell ringers: Paul Blissett, Rod Brown, Bob Nelson and Heidi Bowen

Additional volunteers: Allan Sands, Vern Klassen, Jacob Beckman & Bruce Pearson.





Rotary Club of East Wichita Liz Farha, and her son George. They had a blast and little George was a hit, garnering lots of donations for Salvation Army because of his energy and adorable smile!



Members of *Rotary Sunrise of Hays* gathering to collect donation items for Options in Hays.



Old Town Rotary Club traveled to ICT SOS to deliver five fresh start bags filled with clothing and personal care items and to learn more about the programs in place to assist sex trafficking victims in our community.



LET'S GO CHANGE LIVES ---

Join us on our trip to Guatemala April 13-21 to implement a global grant.

email homeier.rotary5680@gmail.com
OR CALL 785-483-1139 FOR MORE INFORMATION



PRESIDENT ELECT TRAINING
MARCH 21 THROUGH MARCH 23 2024
HILTON INN SALINA, KS
YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS TRAINING FOR PRESIDENT ELECTS OR ANYONE WANTING TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ROTARY!!

SAVE THE DATES

What is Interact?—Colby Interact



Hello Rotarians! My name is Hannah Hernandez, and I am the Vice president and one of the founding members of the Colby Interact club. Rotary Interact is a youth branch of Rotary, for students ages twelve to eighteen. We focus on "Service Above Self", as well as other Rotary key thoughts and ideas, such as the Four-Way Test. Each club has a Rotary Sponsor

who helps run the club, give the Interactors ideas for new club projects, and is the link between the Interact club and the Rotary club. According to Rotary International, there are 342,953 Interactors across the world.

Our Interact club is an extension of the Rotary Club in Colby (1547). We were established in the summer of 2023. We only have five members right now, but despite being a small group, we are already making an impact on our community! Since our establishment, we have done several service projects and are planning to do more over the coming months. Some of our most recent projects have included making and delivering cookies to first responders in our town, helping deliver dictionaries to 3rd graders with Rotary, cleaning up the walking trails, and serving at a fundraiser for a nonprofit organization that supports single mothers in our area.

We have several projects that we are planning, and are excited to get started! In December, we are working with Rotary to donate Christmas bags to the senior centers and we have plans to paint USA maps at all the schools in Colby. We are partnering with the Russell Interact club to plan a service trip to Guatemala, and we are working with the Museum to improve the self-guided tour of Colby to include more information on the historic buildings, as well as to include Rotary projects throughout Colby. I love being a part of Interact, and I know the youth in your communities will too! Start an Interact club today, and help the next generation of leaders and Rotarians build a better world!



Rotary Leadership Institute

LEARN MORE ABOUT ROTARY AND TAKE YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Colby, KS	Sublette, KS
Feb 3, 2024	Feb 10, 2024
8:00AM - 6:10PM	8:00AM - 6:10 PM
950 S Franklin Ave	108 Bucknell Ave

COST TO ATTEND - \$50
SIGN UP TODAY AT ROTARY5680.ORG
OR EMAIL HOMEIER.ROTARY5680@GMAIL.COM

• **Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Colby 2024**

Colby UMC

Feb 03, 2024
8:00 AM – 6:10 PM

• **Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Sublette 2024**

Community Center

Feb 10, 2024
8:00 AM – 6:10 PM



RYLA for 2024 is coming soon! Last year we held the one-day session again which was a huge success. So, this year we will offer the one-day session again plus the full camp at Southwestern College. The one-day session will be held at the Cosmosphere in Hutchinson, KS on February 24, 2024. The full session will be held on May 28 to May 31, 2024 at Southwestern College in Winfield. The camp is open to current high school Freshmen, Sophomore, or Junior students that your club selects.

Registration and information for each session is available at www.sckans.edu/leadership and then service outreach/rotary camp or at the district website. 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

District 5680 Membership Report As Of December 31, 2023

Club	7/1/2023	12/31/2023	NET GAIN
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2023- 2024
Abilene	52	54	2
Andover	25	25	0
Arkansas City	66	70	4
Atwood	23	22	(1)
Beaver	18	17	(1)
Beloit	35	36	1
Boise City	19	18	(1)
Cimarron	20	17	(3)
Clay Center	62	65	3
Colby	44	44	0
Concordia	30	25	(5)
Derby	54	56	2
Dodge City	38	32	(6)
Downs	9	9	0
East Wichita	68	65	(3)
E-Club	15	16	1
El Dorado	32	30	(2)
Ellinwood	18	17	(1)
Ellis	10	10	0
Garden City	26	26	0
Goodland	13	13	0
Great Bend	27	26	(1)
Guymon	32	34	2
Haskell County (Sublette)	19	16	(3)
Hays	62	57	(5)
Hays Sunrise	9	11	2
Hill City	7	7	0
Howard	9	9	0
Hoxie	17	13	(4)
Hugoton	15	14	(1)
Hutchinson	92	96	4
Johnson	10	10	0



District 5680



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Send your articles and
club information to:

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Cell phone

785-747-8526

**Send me your news
and newsletters**

Kingman	19	21	2
Kinsley	5	5	0
Liberal	40	41	1
Lyons	21	22	1
McPherson	24	26	2
Ness City	23	23	0
Newton	59	64	5
Norton	11	10	(1)
Oberlin	30	30	0
Osborne	10	11	1
Phillipsburg	32	33	1
Pratt	67	70	3
Russell	36	42	6
Salina	103	99	(4)
Sharon Springs	5	5	0
Sterling	20	18	(2)
Syracuse	19	19	0
Texhoma	12	12	0
Ulysses	24	20	(4)
Washington	33	33	0
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	38	38	0
West Wichita	58	62	4
Wichita-Downtown	363	349	(14)
Wichita-Old Town	9	10	1
Winfield	67	64	(3)
TOTALS	2104	2087	(17)

President Elect Learning Seminar (PELS)

Mar 21, 2024 – Mar 23, 2024

Rotary International Convention-Singapore

May 24, 2024 – May 29, 2024



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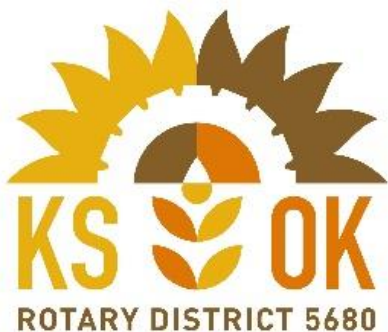
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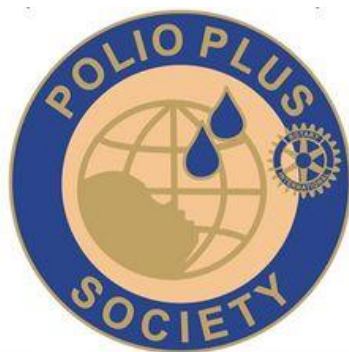
*"Rotary is not an organization for retrospection.
It is one whose worth and purpose lie in future
activity rather than past performance." Paul Harris*

 Your club will benefit from envisioning the future.

Schedule a visioning session by going to the district website, www.rotary5680.org.
Your club will be better!



**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**



**BECOME A CHARTER MEMBER OF THE D5680
POLIO PLUS SOCIETY**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

POLIO PLUS CO-CHAIRS
PDG Dana Brewer - danabrewerdq5680@gmail.com
Isaac McNary - isaac@outreachprogram.com

Thanks to Our Heroes, the End of Polio is Nearer

2023 is now "in the Books", as they say. Polio hasn't quite given up its dogged pursuit of Our precious children. But another lean year for the mean but weakened Virus, increases the certainty that we will continue to choke it out and eventually force it to submit.

Polio is nothing without us! It cannot exist without some of our bodies as hosts for its malevolence. Each year Rotarians, the World Health Organization and donors small and large, like us and the Gates Foundation, make sure that bit by bit, Polio has fewer and fewer hosts. Bringing me to the Heroes, who have fought the good fight to beat Polio back during one of the World's most deadly Pandemics and the transition of Afghanistan back to the Taliban. Either event could have led to a setback of decades but instead were mere blips on the World's health monitor. The courageous folks who made certain that nationwide immunization days were completed, and new cases were actively tracked in Pakistani, Afghanistan and elsewhere (even New York City) kept total cases to manageable levels, without major outbreaks.

Those Folks, who risked all, even death, will forever be known as some of the most important and "impactful" (Rotary word) community health workers in the annals of peoplekind!

You and I were part of it, whether we gave \$1 which Gates multiplies to \$3, to vaccinate one vulnerable child against crippling polio, killer Measles and other diseases, or we gave \$1,000, which caused 1,000 to be protected, or we were part of an immunization day or tracked those exposed in mountains or deserts!

Become a PolioPlus Society Founder by pledging and giving at least \$100 per year, by June 30, 2024. The application form is below. Or organize a PolioPlus Project before then, to raise awareness of how PolioPlus is protecting all of us, especially the kids. Match others' contributions or get them a Jonas Salk polio vaccine Commemorative Dollar for each \$50 donated, you will find that most will give easily for such a crucial cause.

Do it for the Children...do it for the Heroes...do it as part of your Rotary Journey...but Do It!

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THE POLIOPLUS SOCIETY

District Governor Gloria Homeier is pleased to announce "One of the Key Initiatives of my term of Service, is the formation of Our District's PolioPlus Society. The PolioPlus Society (PPS) is being formed to encourage Rotarians to commit to donate a minimum of \$100 per year to the PolioPlus Fund until polio is eradicated from the face of the Earth. We need to sustain and increase Our Rotary giving, while the total eradication of the wild polio virus is completed, to keeping it from raging back."

The Rotarians and Friends of Rotary, who join during this inaugural year ending June 30, 2024, will be known as Charter Members of the District 5680 PolioPlus Society. Charter Members will receive a special PolioPlus Society Pin, plus 2 or more US Mint Jonas Salk coins, (1 for each \$50 donated) and a Charter Member Certificate. Governor Gloria also stated "The goal of the Initiative is to encourage at least 100 individuals to become Founders and to eventually have at least 250 Society Members among Our District's Rotarians."

How much impact will those generous gifts make? With the continuing 2 for 1 matches provided by the Gates Foundation through June 30, 2026, each \$100 of those gifts becomes \$300, enough to fully immunize 100 of Our World's precious children. 100 such donations would raise at least \$10,000 dollars and protect the lives and futures of 10,000+ vulnerable kids! Remember what R.I. President Jennifer Jones told the British Parliament, "Until the World is polio-free, every Child is at Risk!" (even Our own Children).

See how to become a Charter Member on the next page. If you need any extra inspiration follow this link to Tom T. Hall's song "100 Children". The Children of Our World will be relying on Charter Members to follow the "4 Way Test" while they continue to faithfully fulfill their PolioPlus Obligations. To help them do so, the PolioPlus Committee will send out a "gentle" email reminder, every new Rotary Year.

Go to the District's website at rotary5680.org to join the PolioPlus Society.

Contact Isaac McNary or Dana Brewer, Co-Chairs of the District's PolioPlus Committee:

isaac@outreachprogram.com or danabrewerdg5680@gmail.com

if you have questions or input.

How to donate to PolioPlus –

- Rotarians can go to myrotary.org/donate and click on Polio Fund where they can make a one time or recurring donation
- We encourage Rotarians to join PolioPlus Direct (the recurring Option), signing up for automatic giving with a credit card. An autopayment of \$10 (or more) per month will qualify or requalify them for the Society.
- For a quick walkthrough on how to sign up for a My.Rotary.Org account and set up an online donation you can view a tutorial here: <https://youtu.be/c7cdT35F-8o>
- Of course, Rotarians can also donate by giving their Club Foundation Chair or Treasurer a check, payable to the Rotary Foundation, with "Polio Fund" in the memo section.

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.

PolioPlus Society members who sign up from July 1, 2023 until June 30, 2024 will become PolioPlus Society Charter Members. You will receive a special pin depicting the two precious drops given to each child and our World, along with a PolioPlus Society Certificate proclaiming your Charter Member status in this unique Society. Plus you will have the knowledge that you are doing good in the world and are in this fight to the end. Joining the Society is a two step process:

STEP 1-Fill out the below "commitment statement" and email to danabrewerdg5680@gmail.com. You can also fill out the form online at: <https://forms.gle/6SZEigrPddrfrSg7> , by scanning the QR code with your smart phone, or by mailing the form to Isaac McNary. 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 Dana Brewer at his email address or mailing address listed above of your donation and method used for payment (recurring credit card, one time credit card, or by check)

Name (please print) _____ Date _____

Address _____

Club Name _____ Email Address _____