

District 5680 News

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Message from District Governor Gloria Homeier

Dear Fellow Rotarians,



I hope this message finds you in good health and spirits, despite the challenging times we all

face. Today, I write to you with a heavy heart, yet filled with immense gratitude for the unwavering support, thoughtful prayers, and kindness you have extended to me during one of the most trying periods of my life—the loss of my dear daughter-in-law, Lindsay Homeier.

The pain of losing Lindsay is profound, and the void it has left in our lives is immeasurable. Yet, in these dark times, your solidarity, compassion, and empathy have been a beacon of light, providing not just comfort but also reinforcing my belief in our collective mission to spread hope and support those in need.

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As many of you are aware, my personal mission to improve awareness and support for individuals struggling with thoughts of suicide has been driven by the losses my family and I have endured over the years. Lindsay's passing is a stark reminder of the urgent need to continue this mission with even greater zeal.

Our Rotarian pledge to 'Create Hope in the World' resonates now more than ever. It is not just a commitment but a call to action to each one of us to be vigilant, compassionate, and proactive in reaching out to those around us who may be in despair, often suffering in silence.

I invite you, my fellow Rotarians, to join me in reinforcing our support for suicide awareness and prevention programs. Let us take a moment to educate ourselves and others about the signs of mental anguish and the ways we can offer a helping hand. Together, we can make a significant difference in the lives of many who feel lost, providing them with the hope and support they desperately need.

In closing, I want to express my deepest appreciation for your kindness during this difficult time. Your support has not only helped me personally but also reaffirmed our collective commitment to making a meaningful difference in the world.

Gloria Homeier

District Governor

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Club News from around the District

Picklemania is the **Rotary Club of Andover**'s annual pickleball fundraising tournament. Proceeds of this event go towards funding our Rotary club's various service projects both locally and internationally. Rotarians from across the District 5680 are invited to participate, follow this link.



<http://www.andoverrotaryclub.org/content/picklemania>

The **Rotary Club of Liberal** plays an integral part supporting the 76th International Pancake Day. The friendly little competition between Liberal, Kansas, and Olney, England, with women running 415 yards down the streets of each town flipping pancakes, has been going on for more than 70 years now. DG Gloria attended.





The Madrigal Singers from Great Bend high school entertained the **Rotary Club of Great Bend** with their songs club's Valentine luncheon. Congratulations to Mrs. Stanbaugh and an outstanding group of young people who are representing the community of Great Bend in a very honorable way.



The Arkansas City Area Chamber of Commerce awarded the **Rotary of Arkansas City Kansas** the 2023 Open Arms Award of the Year.

Rotary District 5680 Assistant Governor Bob Obee was a special guest last month and welcomed by President-Elect Jack Galle. A *Rotary Club of Pratt* community grant was presented to Youth Core Ministries (YCM).



Congratulations to Christina Footh for being chosen as *Rotary Club of Phillipsburg* Student of the month for February. She is pictured here with PHS Instrumental Music teacher Mrs. Vesta Jo Still.

Congratulations to Maya Rodriguez for being *Rotary Club of Colby's* January Student of the Month as recognized by President Josh Ryan.





Brock Funke, Washington County JH/HS Principal and member of the *Rotary Club of Washington*, presents a Student of the Month award to Hayden Behrends.

Rotary Club of El Dorado was able to get trash picked up along the fence last weekend. It was fast work due to someone(s) helping to pick up before we got there. Thanks to whoever!! And future thanks for any help with pick up in the future!!! 💙💛



Congratulations to Rotarians Gary Harmon on his third Paul Harris Fellow recognition and Cathy Harmon on receiving her Paul Harris Fellow recognition. *Rotary Club of Andover*



CRUISE-IN: JUNE 7, 2024 | 7PM

CAR SHOW: JUNE 8, 2024 | 9AM

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★LOTS OF TROPHIES★

SPECIAL GUESTS



BEVERAGE
TENT

ALL PROCEEDS AND DONATIONS GO TO
FEED A HUNGRY CHILD LUNCH PROGRAM WITH DERBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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 was held at the Cosmosphere in Hutchinson, KS on February 24, 2024. The full session will be held 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 February 29, 2024

Club	7/1/2023	2/29/2024	NET GAIN 2023- 2024
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	
Abilene	52	53	1
Andover	25	19	(6)
Arkansas City	66	70	4
Atwood	23	22	(1)
Beaver	18	17	(1)
Beloit	35	37	2
Boise City	19	18	(1)
Cimarron	20	17	(3)
Clay Center	62	64	2
Colby	44	44	0
Concordia	30	25	(5)
Derby	54	57	3
Dodge City	38	32	(6)
Downs	9	9	0
East Wichita	68	69	1
E-Club	15	16	1
El Dorado	32	30	(2)
Ellinwood	18	17	(1)
Ellis	10	10	0
Garden City	26	28	2
Goodland	13	13	0
Great Bend	27	26	(1)
Guymon	32	32	0
Haskell County (Sublette)	19	15	(4)
Hays	62	58	(4)
Hays Sunrise	9	11	2
Hill City	7	7	0
Howard	9	9	0
Hugoton	15	14	(1)
Hutchinson	92	90	(2)
Johnson	10	10	0
Kingman	19	21	2
Kinsley	5	5	0



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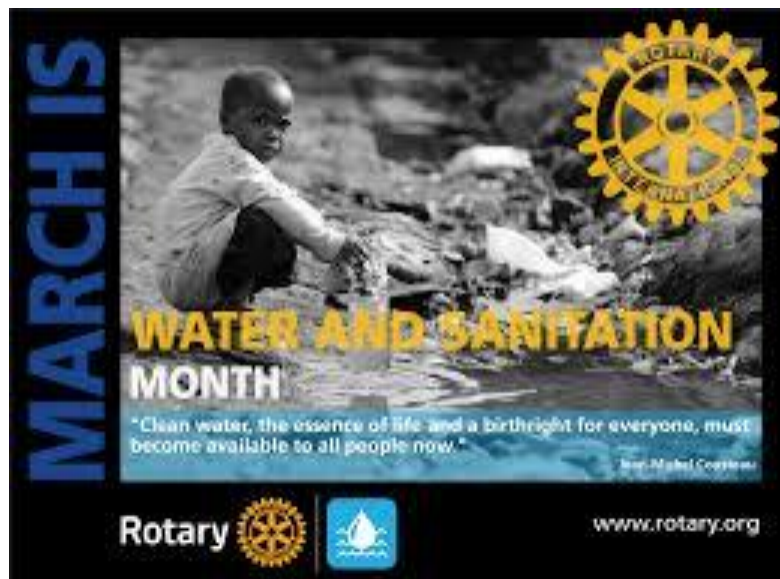
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FEBRUARY DISTRICT 5680 NEWS

Liberal	40	41	1
Lyons	21	21	0
McPherson	24	27	3
Ness City	23	23	0
Newton	59	65	6
Norton	11	10	(1)
Oberlin	30	30	0
Osborne	10	11	1
Phillipsburg	32	33	1
Pratt	67	68	1
Russell	36	41	5
Salina	103	99	(4)
Sharon Springs	5	5	0
Sterling	20	19	(1)
Syracuse	19	19	0
Texhoma	12	12	0
Ulysses	24	21	(3)
Washington	33	33	0
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	38	37	(1)
West Wichita	58	62	4
Wichita-Downtown	363	345	(18)
Wichita-Old Town	9	10	1
Winfield	67	60	(7)
TOTALS	2087	2057	(30)



Rotary District 5680 is now offering scholarships to the Kansas Leadership Center (KLC). The Kansas Leadership Center equips people with any title or role to lead and engage others. This is a unique opportunity to help build leadership and engagement skills that help you seize opportunities and make progress in your organization, company or community. The KLC Path is a three-step leadership program that will show you how to exercise leadership more effectively regardless of role or position. These classes can be taken on line or in person at the KLC center in Wichita. The Rotary District 5680 scholarship will cover registration fees. Individual Rotarians are responsible for purchasing their KLC materials, any housing or food.

Sign up today while slots are still available. After you have enrolled email Arlen Honts at akhonts@att.net to let him know you have enrolled.





President Elect Learning Seminar (PELS)

Mar 21, 2024 – Mar 23, 2024

Rotary International Convention-Singapore

May 24, 2024 – May 29, 2024

We are excited that the President Elect Training is almost here. It will be held March 21 – 23 in Salina. This is open to all Rotarians that would like to learn more about Rotary from some great Rotary International Speakers. You can still register to attend but will no longer get the discounted room rate. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.



District 5680 – A Challenge Project To Help Ukraine



Ukrainian military medics treat their wounded at a field hospital near Bukharest, Ukraine, Wednesday, March 1, 2023. (AP Photo/Eugene Maloletka)

District 5680 is partnering with the five Rotary Districts in Denmark and the Rotary District in Ukraine to provide portable Ultrasound units to Front-Line Doctors in Ukraine.

Will your Club join us in this project?



We are asking each Rotary Club in District 5680 to consider purchasing one or more Ultrasound Kits to send to Ukraine.



Each kit costs approximately \$2,500. This includes a Butterfly Ultrasound Probe and an iPad.



Our goal is 50 Ultrasound kits for Ukraine.



For more information or to participate, contact:
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Club Runner Updates-District Newsletter

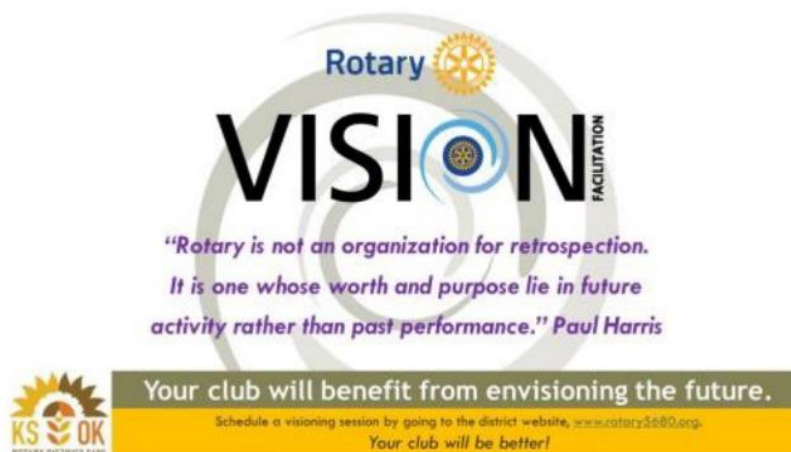
Do ALL your members receive email directly from Club Runner? The future of communication in our District will rely on each member having a current email in their Club Runner account. How do you know your Club members have a valid email? If each receives the District newsletter directly from Larry Stoppel, their address is active. Club presidents can aid their clubs as they have 'rights' to update their club member's email.

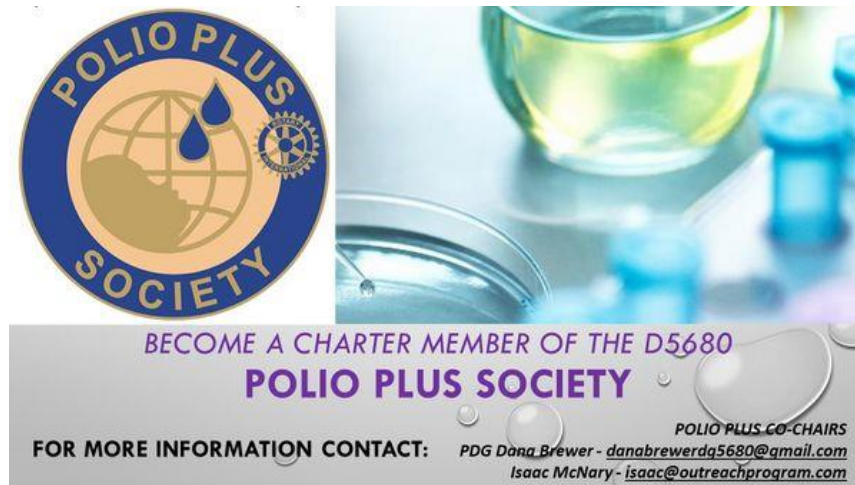
Rotary Club of Washington's president Dr. Pete Sherlock was our test subject. He logged into MyRotary and under reports, found the Washington membership report. He printed it and saw those members that were missing emails. Using a list of emails that the club maintains; Pete used the edit button to enter the record of those missing emails. He entered the email and saved it! This month's District newsletter now goes to each member directly through ClubRunner.

WHAT is Club Visioning?

A Club Vision Facilitation is a four-hour session (typically 5:00 – 9:00), or 2 (2hrs each) session virtual event, that assists key leaders and interested members of a Rotary club in achieving continuity, consistency and consensus.

The facilitation session is intended for all interested Rotarians in your club—from your newest members to your most tenured. The breadth and depth of the facilitation exercise is optimized when club leaders (past, present and future) and member opinion leaders participate.





We are so close!

As the Rotary years roll by, it is easy for long-time members to forget the "Why" of PolioPlus, and for newer members you may not even know what all this Polio talk is about. The fact is, there are millions, maybe even billions alive today that do not have to live with the fear or debilitating realities of Polio thanks to Rotary's efforts and, more importantly, Rotarians like you and I who donate to PolioPlus. Membership in the PolioPlus society is commitment to see our efforts through to the end. We are so close! I recently heard a Polio champion, John Ockenfels, speak and I echo his sentiments wholeheartedly. "I have no hope that we will eradicate Polio, I KNOW that we will!"

The Polio Plus Society has reached 80 members. We are nearly 80% through the Rotary year and 80% of our way to the goal of 100 founding members. Join us today and help us fulfill the promise that we made to the children of the world. \$8.50 per month is all it takes to change the world, one child at a time.

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 _____