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Message from District Governor Gloria Homeier

October 24 – One Day – One Focus

End Polio Now

Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years. Rotary's End Polio Now Campaign has reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979. Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan. It is crucial to continue working to keep other countries polio-free. If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year.



Mark October 24 on your calendar as a day that your club will rise up to focus their efforts on raising money for the End Polio Now campaign. You can have an event to raise money locally or you can on rotary5680.org and sign up today to become a charter member of District 5680 End

Polio Now Campaign. Remember to send a picture of what you do for World Polio Day to our newsletter editor at ldstoppel@gmail.com.

We have a great new program available in our District to all clubs called Visioning. Visioning helps club members envision how they want their club to look three years from now and looks at the impact they want to make, who they want to reach, how they will engage members and how they can adapt to the changing environments. This will enable clubs to see where their members want to be three years from now and how they can start taking the steps to get there. The visioning is at no cost to clubs. Contact Fred Heismeyer at fredheismeyeriii@gmail.com to schedule a time to meet with your club.

One month from now is our District Conference in Russell November 3 and 4th. This is open to all Rotarians and is a great way to meet other Rotarians in our District, learn new ideas for your club and learn more about the great things that Rotary does. Each club has electors that can register for free. For every 25 members you get one elector. Go to the District website of <https://rotary5680.org> and register today!!

Looking forward to November which is the Rotary Foundation Month. This would be a great month for all Rotarians to contribute something to the Rotary Foundation. As Rotarians, we seek solutions to challenges in our communities and we take action to bring those ideas to life. The Rotary Foundation helps us do this through District Grants and Global Grants in your communities and around the world.

Gloria Homeier

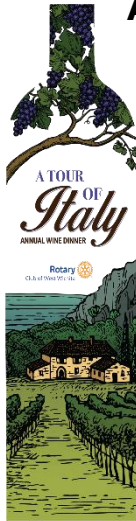
District Governor

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District 5680



Club News from around the District



ANNUAL WINE DINNER EVENT---Rotary Club of West Wichita
Saturday, October 7, 2023
Newman University
Doors open: 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Newman University, Dugan-Gorges Conference Center

THEME: "A Tour of Italy" (menu & details included on reservation form)

COST: \$85 per person

TABLE OF 6: \$500 (\$10 discount) for a **reserved** table and a bottle of wine.

WINE PULL during the event: \$20 cash

NEW! WHISKEY STATION: \$25 per person for the first 25 people to pay in advance (sign up included on reservation form) You will receive 3 – 1 oz. pours plus a food pairing.

There are many ways for EVERY member to be involved:

Make reservations to attend; bring an auction item and/or a bottle of wine to our club meeting; be a Gold or Silver Sponsor; Spread the word: Invite friends, family, neighbors, co-workers - we wouldn't want to hog all the fun just for ourselves!



As Rotarians, we are encouraged to help support projects worldwide through the Rotary Foundation. Arlen Honts, a member of the Downtown Rotary Club spoke about how our local club and district provided much needed aid in war torn Ukraine. Rotary International provided a grant of \$25,000

to each district if they had a connection to Ukraine. That was true for our district and Arlen was tasked with using these funds for that beleaguered country. Rotary is more than meetings and local service projects. **Sunrise Rotary Club of West Sedgwick County**



Rotary Club of Russell, Russell Kiwanis, The City of Russell Fire Department Explorer Club, and The City of Russell Fire Department partnered together to help beautify Russell, one hydrant at a time. The groups partnered together to help paint fire hydrants throughout the city.



We can do more when we work together! The **Rotary Club of Derby** and Derby Noon Lions Club working together to help clean up and freshen up the flower beds and landscaping at our Derby Public Library.





Wichita area clubs joined together for a fun evening of fellowship and theater. Rotarians came together to see the show Dream Girls at the Crown Uptown Theater. We were recognized by the Crown Arts Collaborative in front of a full house and took the opportunity to have a picture on stage. Clubs/Rotarians of D5680 are encouraged to find ways to join others in service and/or fellowship. Thanks AG DeAnne Sullivan and Wichita area club presidents for making this happen.

Rotary Club of Ellinwood annually hosts a Fire and EMS appreciation picnic for all their families.



Rotary Club of Guymon and OPSU Baseball team volunteered for Community Clean-Up. We painted Regional Park bathrooms and picked up trash around the area.



Great evening out in our Community at the Derby Chamber of Commerce Wine & Dine-osauer event!! **Rotary Club of Derby** at the Field Station: Dinosaurs



Rotary Club of Pratt--Rotarians in action at the 2023 annual Oktoberfest! Special thanks to Rotarians Dakota Holtgrieve and Lorin Haas for their continued leadership. Celebrating the impact of this event and the proceeds distributed, which will support several community organizations. Pratt proud! ❤️

District 5680 Club Visioning



Thank you, [Rotary Club of Russell](#), for participating in a Club Visioning session. It was great to see your members dream big and look into the future to envision what the club can do to be even more successful in serving the community and world. Thanks Club President Connie for your leadership.





Rotary

VISION

FACILITATION

*"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!



[President Elect Training Seminar \(PETS\)](#) Mar 21, 2024 – Mar 23, 2024

[Rotary International Convention](#) May 24, 2024 – May 29, 2024



OCTOBER IS

**ECONOMIC AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
MONTH**

"To the world you may be one person; but to one person you may be the world."

Rotary

www.rotary.org

Dr. Souza

OCTOBER DISTRICT 5680 NEWS

District 5680 Membership Report As Of September 30, 2023

Club	7/1/2023	9/30/2023	NET GAIN
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2023-2024
Abilene	52	54	2
Andover	25	25	0
Arkansas City	66	73	7
Atwood	23	23	0
Beaver	18	18	0
Beloit	35	35	0
Boise City	19	18	(1)
Cimarron	20	19	(1)
Clay Center	62	65	3
Colby	44	44	0
Concordia	30	28	(2)
Derby	54	53	(1)
Dodge City	38	38	0
Downs	9	9	0
East Wichita	68	69	1
E-Club	15	15	0
El Dorado	32	32	0
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
Hays	62	61	(1)
Hays Sunrise	9	9	0
Hill City	7	7	0
Howard	9	10	1
Hoxie	17	16	(1)
Hugoton	15	15	0
Hutchinson	92	90	(2)
Johnson	10	10	0
Kingman	19	19	0
Kinsley	5	5	0
Liberal	40	44	4
Lyons	21	21	0
McPherson	24	24	0
Ness City	23	23	0
Newton	59	58	(1)
Norton	11	10	(1)
Oberlin	30	30	0
Osborne	10	10	0
Phillipsburg	32	33	1
Pratt	67	68	1
Russell	36	40	4
Salina	103	103	0
Sharon Springs	5	5	0
Sterling	20	20	0
Sublette	19	17	(2)
Syracuse	19	19	0
Texhoma	12	12	0
Ulysses	24	22	(2)
Washington	33	33	0
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	38	38	0
West Wichita	58	62	4
Wichita-Downtown	363	361	(2)
Wichita-Old Town	9	9	0
Winfield	67	65	(2)
TOTALS	2104	2113	9



District 5680



www.rotary5680.org

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

Remember to identify your events/photos as Rotary themed by wearing shirts, hats, Rotary wheels or banners to be included in the newsletter.

Look at all the great membership numbers that we have in our District. Clubs are working hard to help increase Rotary's impact by engaging new members. We are currently up 9 new members since July 1 in our District!! Thanks for all your hard work and look forward to keep increasing these numbers.

Club Runner Integration

DG Gloria has completed the massive task of integrating the clubs into Club Runner. The District Newsletter will now be sent by Club Runner. This will be a more efficient than using multiple email lists as we have done in the past. Just be sure that Rotary has the email address that you prefer. Be patient as your District Newsletter Editor learns this new system.

World Polio Day and End Polio Now Projects



Every year on October 24, we as Rotarians observe World Polio Day to raise awareness of the importance of polio vaccination to protect every child from that devastating disease, and to celebrate the many parents, professionals and volunteers whose contributions make polio eradication achievable.

District 5710 (Eastern Kansas) is partnering with Our District 5680 again this year, related to Kansas Governor Laura Kelly's Proclamation of World Polio Day in the State of Kansas on Tuesday, October 24, 2023. PDG Blanche Parks and PolioPlus Chair Jim Arnett of 5710 are coordinating with 5680 PolioPlus Co-Chairs Dana Brewer and Isaac McNary. Gov. Kelly will be signing the official statewide Proclamation in advance, so local proclamations can be presented to your City and County Commissions for signing, to be sent out prior to World Polio Day to the Presidents and Secretaries of all Our Clubs, by Executive Secretary-Treasurer Kent Erb.

Jim Arnett will be providing a sample Local Proclamation, and included will be a sample News Release for your Club to provide to your local and social Media, along with copies of the Kansas and Local Proclamations. Please include descriptions of your Club's 2023 End Polio Now awareness and fundraising project(s), as well as opportunities for the general public to contribute or otherwise get involved.

Thanks to Jim Arnett and Blanche Parks of Our Sister District 5710, for their Service above Self in bringing this crucial public information project to realization!

In BREAKING NEWS for District 5680, we are proud to announce that Governor Laura Kelly has proclaimed “October 24, 2023 as WORLD POLIO DAY in the state of Kansas and urges all citizens to join in this observation.” Now would be the week to contact your local community leaders and request a similar proclamation for your city. [Here’s a link](#) to a draft Local Proclamation.

District 5680 Convention—Russell



**All Rotarians are
Invited To Attend
District Conference
in Russell, KS
November 3 & 4**

Want to learn more about Rotary, have a great time with fellow Rotarians, and gain insight on what Rotary and District 5680 is doing for our community and our world? Then you should attend the District 5680 Conference in Russell! We have a great speaker line up. This will be a great opportunity for you to interact with other clubs and share ideas. Sharing ideas is how Rotary has stayed a leader in the volunteer world for over 100 years.

Go to www.rotary5680.org to register and look over the program to see all the great speakers, entertainment and food that we have lined up for you.

Can't wait to see you all at the convention!

Dates Announced for RYLA

Dates have been announced for the Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly to be held at Southwestern Community College in Winfield. It will be held May 28 – 31st. Clubs are encouraged to start identifying youth for the camp so they can make these dates available. This is a great way for young leaders to build their communication skills, discover strategies for becoming a dynamic leader and learn from community leaders, inspirational speakers and peer mentors.

Next year's RI Convention will be May 25-29 in Singapore. Start planning today to attend!

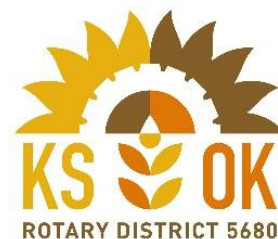
Attend the RI Convention in Singapore



Join the Rotary family in Sharing Hope With the World as we come together in Singapore for the 2024 Rotary International Convention, 25-29 May.

Visit convention.rotary.org to register and enjoy limited-time savings for Rotary's biggest event of the year.

In Singapore, we'll take ideas built upon hope and turn them into action as we discover new ways to create lasting change in our communities. We'll enjoy opportunities to renew relationships made at previous conventions and create new ones together as we set our course toward a better future.



District 5680 Business Meeting 11/4/23

Rotary District Conference is only a few weeks away, November 3 and 4 in Russell, KS and one of the agenda items for the conference will be to hold our Annual Meeting. At the meeting you will hear reports on the District Finances, report from the Nominating Committee and a proposal to update the District Bylaws. The proposed Bylaws Revision was sent to the club Presidents. Please share the revisions with your Delegates so they can study them in advance and be an informed voter. The annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 4 at 4:45.

PDG Fred Heismeyer who chaired the Bylaws Revision proposes the following:

MOTION: The Bylaws Revision Committee moves the adoption of the revised District 5680 bylaws.

RATIONALE: The current bylaws do not accurately reflect some operational and organizational aspects of our district and need to be aligned with both our current practices/organizational structure and changes to comply accurately with Rotary International bylaws. Therefore, the committee proposes the updated version for approval.

BACKGROUND: The District bylaws were created at the time of the merger of D5670 and D5690 creating D5680 and approved in October 2018. The document was amended in October 2019. Since that time, Rotary International and our District have evolved and changed, therefore creating a need for our bylaws to be updated. Many of the changes are minor clarification of current policies or to accurately reflect a change in RI policy/titles. Additionally, some changes reflect the advances in communication technology and provide the District with the ability to use these technologies.

Thank you to the committee members, DG Gloria Homeier, DGE Jeff Horlacher, IPDG Ivanhoe Love, Jr., PDG Dana Brewer, District Learning Facilitator Arlen Honts, and District Treasurer and Executive Secretary Kent Erb.

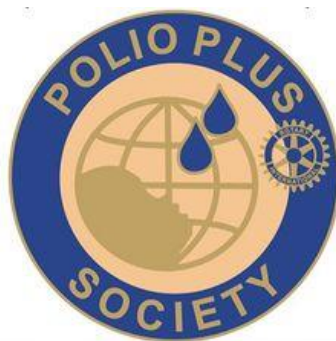
Numbers of Founding Members of PolioPlus Society Surges

Isaac McNary and Dana Brewer, as Co-Chairs of the District's PolioPlus Committee, are pleased to announce that the number of Founding Members of the PolioPlus Society, has increased dramatically since being initiated by DG Gloria Homeier on July 1, 2023. Thirty-five (35) generous individuals have become District 5680 PolioPlus Society Founding Members, who have pledged to donate at least \$100.00 per year to PolioPlus, until Polio is fully eradicated from Our World. 100 is a very special number! For each \$100 selflessly donated, when double matched by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, becomes \$300.00, which at \$3.00 per child, will fully vaccinate 100 of Our children against not only killing and crippling Polio but killer measles, as well as malaria and several other serious childhood diseases.

WE (all of US as Rotarians in District 5680) are now over 1/3 of the way towards meeting Our Rotary District's Goal of having at least 100 Founding Members of the Rotary District 5680 Kansas Oklahoma PolioPlus Society by July 1, 2024. Those joining the Society after that date will be full Members of the Society, but not Founding Members. Several couples have joined, doubling their family's impact.

Special recognition goes out to the Sublette Rotary Club, which excelled by having 13 out of their 17 total Club Members become Founding Members of the PolioPlus Society. **PolioPlus...PLUS:** the other 4 Sublette Club Members have each donated \$100 to End Polio Now, so the Sublette Rotary Club has attained 100% Club Member giving to PolioPlus for the year at the \$100 per Member level.

How much good will that accomplish? 17 Sublette Rotary Club Members X \$100 X 3 (Gates Matches) = \$5,100.00 divided by \$3.00 = One Thousand, Seven Hundred Children around the World saved from crippled limbs, drop feet, hunched backs, iron lungs, or death caused by polio or death or other life-threatening afflictions from measles or other diseases. That is all from only one Rotary Club, small in number of Members, but great in humanitarian Service (above Self)!



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



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/6SZEiqrPddrfrSg7> , 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 _____