

District 5680 News

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I am off and running and excited to be your new District Governor. I have many great goals and plans for my year as Governor and hope that you will partner with me on this journey to help reach these goals. My first goal is to increase membership. I invite every Rotarian to invite a new person this month. An increase of one new member from every club would be an impressive increase in Rotarians.



I have talked to Arkansas City Club members and Hutchinson club members to glean from them how they obtained growth in their clubs and both said "Just from asking people." Don't forget the ask. Whenever you see other leaders in your community don't forget to ask them to join you. Remember leaders wear different uniforms and clothes. Not all wear suits. Have your Rotary speech ready. Tell them that we are a service organization and follow up with all the great things that your club does in its community. Blow up social media with invitations for people to come be a part of Rotary,

have a short flyer or postcard available to hand out to prospective members with bullet points on the great things that your club does for the community. You are all amazing Rotarians and who would not want to be a member of your great club?

The other pointer from clubs that have increased their membership was that once a prospective member comes to a meeting, they do all they can to make them feel welcome. Make sure more than the sponsor sits beside them, introduce them to other members they may not know, let them tell the club in three minutes about themselves and follow up with a text or email to let them know that you are glad that they attended one of your meetings.

The clubs that increased their membership as of May 31 were -Arkansas City, Atwood, Beaver, Clay Center, Colby, Dodge City, East Wichita, El Dorado, Guyman, Hugoton, Hutchinson, Liberal, Lyons, Oberlin, Pratt, Sterling, Sublette, and Ulysses. Congratulations to these clubs!!

The May 31st statistics shows that we are now retaining 95% of our members. Great Job to all clubs out there. I know this is going to be a great Rotary year.

Our new theme from Rotary International President Gordon McInally is to create hope in the world. We all need hope and peace in our communities and our world. Find ways to reach out to those in despair so that they can find hope. A kind word or act can go a long way. Find ways to talk openly about mental health and ways to create solutions for our mental health crisis in Kansas. In 2022, Kansas ranked 42nd in its ability to provide mental health care for its residents. Mental health is a critical part of overall wellness not only for the individual in need but for the existence of the communities. As Rotarians, we need to find ways to advocate for mental health care and to find solutions for this crisis in Kansas.

I am excited to start visiting clubs and will be there - up and running!!

Gloria Homeier

District Governor
2023-2024
District 5680

District Governor's Club Visit Schedule for July and August

July 6	Clay Center	July 24	Salina		August 16	Guymon
July 11	McPherson	July 26	Sublette		August 17	Beaver
July 13	Syracuse	August 1	Beloit		August 21	Old Town Wichita
July 14	Goodland	August 9	Boise City		August 22	West Wichita
July 17	Hutchinson	August 10	Hugoton		August 23	East Wichita
July 20	Osborne	August 14	Great Bend		August 29	Ellinwood
					August 31	Phillipsburg

Passing of the Pin District 5680



District 5680 is looking forward to the new Rotary year and the leadership of our new Governor, Gloria Homeier. The journey this year of CREATING HOPE IN THE WORLD will focus on meeting the needs of others such as food, clean water, proper sanitation and education. We will be championing mental health in our communities and looking for ways to partner with other community groups to address this critical need. Finally, we will continue to do what Rotarians do - SERVICE ABOVE SELF. DG Gloria, we thank you for stepping up and stand with you as we serve.





DG Elect, District Governor, DG Nominee, Past DG



In last month's newsletter, we had information and links about the RI Convention in Melbourne, Australia. However, nothing is better than hearing directly from those who attended. Below are the memories of the "best moments" from some of D5680's attendees.

Joyce Heismeyer (East Wichita)

I was extremely impressed with the closing session. There was so much energy from both Jennifer Jones and Gordon McInally. Jennifer reflected on her accomplishments of the past year while Gordon shared his vision for the coming year. There was discussion by both about continuity of goals.

Andrea Krauss (Russell)

We heard about the polio vaccination efforts in Pakistan and the number of workers who have been killed in the process. It just reinforces to me the need to eradicate polio as soon as possible.

Gloria Homeier (Russell)

I was totally impressed with Leymah Gbowee, Nobel Peace Prize Winner. How one person can change a country. Her peace efforts helped bring an end to the civil war in Libya. It only takes one to start a movement and connect all through love and forgiveness and achieve peace. Rotarians all over the world are working to achieve peace.

Jenell Hulse (Salina)

My favorite part of the Rotary International Conference was the flag ceremony during opening session. Seeing all the flags from different countries in which Rotary has a presence really opened my eyes to just how big our organization is in the world. It was amazing to be around 12,000 Rotarian friends who all have a common goal. There was a

quote in a Rotary magazine several years ago, 'All Rotarians are friends, there are some you just haven't met yet'. It's amazing how true that is, as everyone I met this week has become a friend.

Jeni Adams (Salina)

This being my first convention, this was such an eye-opening experience on how Rotary really is International. You can hear the words Rotary International but not fully wrap your mind around it until you have been to a convention and met Rotarians from all over the world. This has been an amazing experience going to the breakout sessions and being able to take back new ideas for our club. I also loved being able to visit the House of Friendship multiple times. Rotary International is positively impactful and something I will remember for the rest of my life. I am so excited to return to my club to start my Presidency.

Fred Heismeyer (East Wichita)

Inspiring speakers, the Parade of Flags, the one-on-one conversations with fellow Rotarians, and meeting new friends all with the goal of helping others are always great memories from an RI Convention. However, one of the best memories for me will be meeting locals from our host city and telling them about Rotary. Now more people know about Rotary and the good works we do.

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.

Club News from around the District



Russell Rotary Interact took a fun trip to the Lake of the Ozarks. Interactors were able to make memories, learn new skills and broaden their horizons. For most of them it was their first time to ride on a boat or jet ski, to go tubing and parasailing and to bait a hook and catch a fish. They took on these new challenges and had an amazing time.



Passing of the gavels



RC Liberal passing of gavel. Brad Bennet



RC of Wichita passing of gavel



RC of Salina passing of gavel



RC of Washington passing of gavel. Jill Duis accepts flowers from Dr. Pete Sherlock



RC of Dodge City passing of gavel



RC East Wichita passing of gavel. Dane Estok passed the gavel to Darin Kater

More Club News from the District



EWR President Dane Estok (R) presents our club's "Service Above Self" award to Dr. Larry Hund. Larry participated in most of the service projects and did so in his usual calm, self-assured manner. Thank you, Dr. Hund, for your great service to this community through service in Rotary!

Peggy and Tom Church receive the "Rotarian of the Year" award from Dane Estok for their heart of service. The inscription on the plaque thanks both of them for their great hearts, great minds, and great style. Well done, Peggy and Tom!



Rotary Club of Norton--Cleanup crew for highway cleanup. Getting it done one piece of trash at a time!!



Thanks to Deann Sullivan assistant district governor for organizing Rotary Night Out at the Wind surge stadium in Wichita, Kansas. Rotarian, John Oswald from the west Wichita club, and Rotarians Leslie Bowerman from the old town club and DG Love were given the opportunity to throw the first pitch.





Great evening out with a few fellow [Derby KS Rotary Club](#) Rotarians in our community at the [Derby Twins Baseball](#) game this evening! Free hotdogs sponsored by [Derby Chamber of Commerce](#).



ARK CITY CLUB LOOKS TO THE FUTURE

The RC of Ark City made the commitment to vision what their club would look like in three years and develop goals and plans to work toward that vision. The process started with the Club Visioning exercise. The visioning process was facilitated by four trained district facilitators where a representative sample of the club membership looked three years into the future to identify the success of the club at that time. The visioning process uses the curriculum of the International Vision Facilitation Council and is designed for Rotary Clubs worldwide.



Ark City Rotarians used the RI vision statement and the Rotary Action Plan to focus their attention and efforts to ultimately reach high priority goals. Rotarians looked at several areas of club success including leadership, service, public image, engagement, size, and financial giving. Each participant expressed their desired priorities, with a process of voting for consensus of the priorities. However, this is not the end of the work of the club. The results of this

process
will be

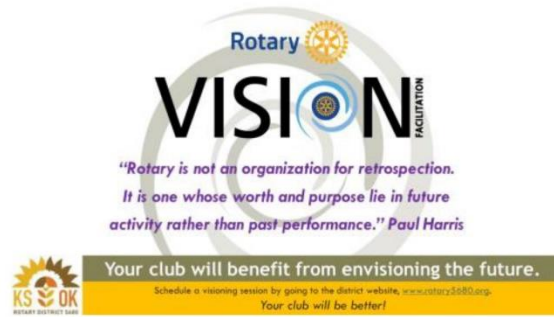


presented to the entire club membership and a plan of work to ensure the priorities are set with goals and objectives for reaching each one.



Congratulations to the RC of Ark City for being the first club to participate in this new district initiative. Special thanks to club president, Kori Gregg, for her leadership and commitment to this process and club long-term success. And finally, thank you to the four district facilitators, DG Gloria Homeier, PDG Andrea Krauss, AG Isaac McNary, and PDG Fred Heismeyer.

If your club is interested in a club visioning session or if you have questions about the process and the benefits of a visioning session, contact PDG Fred Heismeyer, 479-841-1525 or fredheismeyeriii@gmail.com.



Upcoming Events

October 19-22, 2023 (Date change)
Zones 25b-29 Zone Institute
Chicago, IL

November 3-5, 2023 (Date change)
District 5680 Conference
Russell, KS

ROTARY NIGHT AT THE CROWN UPTOWN THEATER

Dream Girls

September 9, 2023

Join us for this Tony award-winning musical (Motown groups)

Doors Open 6:30; Dinner until show starts 8:00

Buy tickets now <https://www.crown-arts.org/>

For questions contact DeAnn Sullivan at 316-841-0652 or deann.sullivan@att.net.



Thank you Geri Appel !!

District 5680 owes a huge thanks to Geri Appel for serving as District Newsletter Editor for over twenty years as she began producing it online in 2001. Geri's Rotary service includes:

DG 2002-2003

President RC Wichita – 2000-01

Editor of District Newsletter since 2001

Joined Rotary 1990

Thank you Geri for producing the newsletter and allowing me to 'try' and follow such a class act.

Larry D. Stoppel—Editor



Geri Appel

District 5680 Membership Report As Of June 30, 2023

Club	7/1/2022	6/30/2023	NET GAIN 2022- 2023
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	
Abilene	53	52	(1)
Andover	26	25	(1)
Arkansas City	54	66	12
Atwood	21	23	2
Beaver	13	18	5
Beloit	39	35	(4)
Boise City	20	19	(1)
Cimarron	23	20	(3)
Clay Center	58	62	4
Colby	47	44	(3)
Concordia	30	30	0
Derby	56	54	(2)
Dodge City	36	40	4
Downs	10	9	(1)
East Wichita	69	68	(1)
E-Club	15	15	0
El Dorado	29	32	3
Ellinwood	18	18	0
Ellis	11	10	(1)
Garden City	34	26	(8)
Goodland	19	13	(6)
Great Bend	36	27	(9)
Guymon	25	32	7
Hays	68	62	(6)
Hays Sunrise	15	9	(6)
Hill City	9	7	(2)
Howard	13	9	(4)
Hoxie	19	17	(2)
Hugoton	14	15	1
Hutchinson	88	92	4
Johnson	10	10	0
Kingman	21	19	(2)
Kinsley	5	5	0
Liberal	36	40	4
Lyons	21	21	0
McPherson	30	24	(6)



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in the WORLD**



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Send your articles and
club information to:**

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Ness City	23	23	0
Newton	63	59	(4)
Norton	11	11	0
Oberlin	28	30	2
Osborne	10	10	0
Phillipsburg	48	32	(16)
Pratt	60	67	7
Russell	40	36	(4)
Salina	109	103	(6)
Sharon Springs	6	5	(1)
Sterling	18	20	2
Sublette	17	19	2
Syracuse	16	19	3
Texhoma	12	12	0
Ulysses	22	24	2
Washington	32	33	1
Wellington	7	0	(7)
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	42	38	(4)
West Wichita	62	58	(4)
Wichita-Downtown	373	362	(11)
Wichita-Old Town	10	9	(1)
Winfield	70	68	(2)
TOTALS	2170	2106	(64)



Club Runner Integration

With the new Rotary year upon us and changes in occurring, the district office would like to begin sending the Newsletter to the club members directly using ClubRunner's email system. This project began during the merger and recently has been renewed as a priority to complete the integration between the clubs and Rotary International. As a review, the district has purchased a ClubRunner license to be used for the District website, www.rotary5680.org, and with that the ability for each club to turn on the integration button so that the district can pull your club membership information into the district's ClubRunner site. Even if your club is using a different system or non at all, there is no cost to your club to have this integration turned on, it will simply allow the district office to better communicate with you. Over the next month, if your club has not elected to turn this feature on, we will be contacting you to assist in that process. If you have any questions about ClubRunner or this process, please contact me at rotary5680@gmail.com or my cell phone, 316-772-6447. Thank you.

Kent Erb, Executive Secretary/Treasurer.

YES—I want to join the D5680 PolioPlus Society

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 the PolioPlus Society requires you donate ONLY 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 signup from July 1, 2023 until June 30, 2024 will become PolioPlus Charter Members. You will receive a special pin depicting a child receiving the two precious drops and a PolioPlus Certificate proclaiming your charter membership in this unique Society. Plus 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. Or mail to Dana Brewer 613 Washington St. Concordia, KS 66901.

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 (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 _____

