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Message from

District Governor Kurt Harper

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

It is hard to believe the Rotary year is halfway done, but here it is January already. It is time to take a midterm assessment of how I feel our District doing, and some of the lessons learned on the Rotary Road Trip that continues into next month. I have to say that, while there have been a few speed bumps and pot holes along the way, our travels have been exceptionally rewarding, and I have an even deeper love of our organization, and our expanded district, than I had at the outset!

As of this writing, although I didn't make my lofty goal of visiting all 60 clubs before District Conference, or even before the end of the calendar year, we will have finished 57 club visits by the end of this month; and the final three clubs are all set in February. Our club visits have been great—but along the way we have learned, sometimes too late, of club events that would have been fun to take part in in lieu of a traditional meeting.

So, *Lesson Learned Number One:* If your club has a special event that you would like DGE Dana Brewer to attend, let him know about it when you spend time with him at PETS, or immediately after, so these can get on the calendar.

Our most recent membership totals are down for the district on a year-to-date basis, but this is due, in part, to some data



corrections made at the first of the year and do not represent a true loss of members overall much beyond normal attrition. After factoring that in, the numbers show pretty stable membership. That said, it would be nice to work towards increased numbers in the future within our clubs, and the district as a whole—and perhaps in terms of the number of clubs.

Lesson Learned Number 2: Each club would be well served by establishing membership goals and developing a plan of action focused on both retention and recruitment. This year's Presidential Citation includes, as one of its avenues of success, having a membership committee and meeting several achievable marks.

Our club visits confirm the generosity of Rotarians. I feel that Kelly and I have gotten the word out to clubs that your contributions to your communities are extremely valuable; but I feel we also have communicated the ways we can further Rotary's good works—in the world at large and here at home—by supporting the Rotary Foundation.

Lesson Learned Number 3: at a district and club level, having a goal, and a plan to meet that goal, for Foundation giving is an important part of broadening our collective Rotary experience and building club success.

I see a theme emerging from these re-



DG Kurt Harper (cont'd)

marks. As I reflect on the last six months, I realize that the *biggest lesson I have learned is the value of planning.*

That is a convenient observation, because now is the best time for all of us—the District, the clubs, and our members—to develop a plan for 2020-21. What does your club want or need from the District? How can you best share your Rotary experience in a governor's visit? What are the special characteristics of your community that you can connect with? What special needs can you address this year, and next? Start the dialog now—and build up for a great Rotary Year 2020-21. Incoming Presidents—form your committees now; prepare to take action before “your” year starts. When you get the criteria for the Presidential Citation for 2020-21, plan on how your club can attain it.

As I write this, DGE Dana is in San Diego for International Assembly. He will spend a week with his classmates from

all over the world exploring ways that District Governors can help clubs achieve their goals. He will meet with us just a few weeks from now, at the President Elect Training Seminar in Wichita March 26-28. He is planning a great year, and will be eager to learn about your plans for the year as well. Help him to help your club attain its next level of greatness in the year to come!

Kurt A. Harper

District Governor, 2019-20
District 5680

Sept. 8-13, 2020

Zone Institute
“Rotary’s On Fire”
Houston, TX

Australia Disaster Relief



Earlier this month, a request from Australia District 9570 forwarded to each club for contributions to the Drought and Fire Relief fund they have established to assist in the purchase of water and food for livestock. This is a large district geographically—almost the size of Texas—where

drought had already been declared. Apart from environmental damage and cattle dying, water quality continues to decline. The human cost includes financial loss and mental health issues, particularly suicide and depression.

If your club can help, refer to the message sent to you for funding instructions or contact DG Kurt or District Secretary Kent Erb for assistance to getting much needed funding to this district.

Rotary's Collaborating Organizations

In an effort to recognize select organizations that have an extensive history of working with Rotarians or Rotaractors, Rotary has created a new relationship designation: collaborating organizations. Rotary now acknowledges these groups and the relationships they have with clubs and districts by listing them on Rotary.org, as we list [corporate-level partners](#).

Collaborating organizations offer Rotary members opportunities to participate with them in humanitarian service

locally or internationally. They can be nongovernmental organizations, government agencies, corporations, or universities. They adhere to Rotary's ethical standards, have no conflicts of interest in their work with Rotary, and have a regional or global presence. If you know of an organization that should have this designation and be featured on our [Collaborating Organizations](#) page, please complete the [Relationship Inquiry Form](#).

Upcoming Events

January 17-18, 2020

Rotary World Peace Conference
San Diego, CA

March 27-28, 2020

PETS
Wichita Marriott
Wichita, KS

Sept. 8-13, 2020

Zone Institute
“Rotary’s On Fire”
Houston, TX

Call for District 5680 Governor Nominations for 2022 - 2023

The month of November begins the process for selecting the District 5680 Governor for the 2022-2023 Rotary year. One of the most important things a club can do is to allow the district to benefit from your club's leaders by encouraging them to be a District 5680 leader.

Clubs are invited to submit their suggestions for nomination for Governor of District 5680 for the Rotary Year 2022-2023 (July 1, 2022—June 30, 2023) no later than January 15, 2020. To be eligible for Governor, a candidate must have the qualifications and agree to accept the duties of a Governor as set forth in the 2019 Manual of Procedure (MOP). DG Kurt Harper has sent copies of the applicable pages of the MOP as well as other important documents related to the nomination of a district governor to all club presidents via email.

Pertinent dates for the District Governor Nomination process are as follows:

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| November 20 | District Governor invited clubs to submit suggestions to the nominating committee in an official call to all club presidents via email. Candidates submitted will be considered by the nominating committee. |
| Dec / Jan | Additional announcements for District Governor will be published in the December and January issues of the monthly newsletter. |
| January 15 | Deadline for the receipt by either the governor or the nominating committee chair of club nominations of District Governor candidates. |

February 15 Deadline for selection of nominee for governor by the nominating committee. The nominating committee chair will promptly notify all candidates of the decision.

This position is challenging but very rewarding and you are asked to review your member list and consider nominating a candidate. If you have questions, call any committee member.

Send your suggestions to Nominating Committee Chair Past District Governor Chair Andrea Krauss at 4106 184th Street, Russell, KS 67665, or to Nominations Committee Secretary Rod Kreie.

Nomination committee members are

Small Clubs	Jamie Welch	RC Sublette
Medium Clubs	To be appointed	
Large Clubs	Kelle Thompson	RC Winfield
PDG	Andrea Krauss	RC Russell
PDG	Sterling Hall	RC Sublette
PDG	Gary Norris	RC Saline
PDG	Robert Mendoza	RC Derby
PDG	Randy Krug	RC Russell
PDG	David Yoder	RC Newton
PDG	Mike Mills	RC McPherson

PDG Rod Kreie, Nomination Committee Secretary
514 W 12th St., Newton, KS 67114
rkreie@gpbiosciences.com
620-353-8415

Rotary Float in Rose Bowl Parade



The Rotary International Rose Bowl Parade float "Hope Connects the World" won the Tournament Volunteer Award for most outstanding floral presentation among floats 35 feet and under in length. So cool!

Thanks to Christine Ettiene for the post on Facebook



Polio Update @ 12/31/19

This year: Total wild polio cases for 2019: **163**

Last year: Total wild polio cases in 2018: **33**

AFGHANISTAN: The total number of officially reported WPV1 cases in Afghanistan in 2019 is 28.

PAKISTAN: The total number of officially reported WPV1 cases in Pakistan in 2019 is 135.

NIGERIA and THE LAKE CHAD BASIN:

No new cases of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) since 21 August 2016.

More details at <http://www.polioeradication.org>

Club News from around the District

Rotary Club Washington: Our Festival of Trees held last month was well attended and enjoyed by all who attended. Items donated by businesses, individuals, school groups and other organizations were auctioned. Funds raised will be donated to 108 Power Zone, Washington County Hospital and Casa De Mi Padre Orphanage.

Rotary Club Garden City: The Western Kansas Community Foundation held "Match Day" and Rotary received \$3,656.33 and an additional \$799.45 to add to our endowment fund with WKCF—an increase of 5% in the fund separate from earnings and investment. Truly a simple, easy and effective fund raiser! Thirteen Rotarians participated on Match Day on behalf of Rotary, increasing our ability to be a force locally in achieving our stated purpose: Service Above Self!

Rotary Club W Wichita: Rotarians Roger & Randy Bowles delivered dictionaries to the third graders at Lawrence and Dodge Elementary Schools. This is an annual project generated and funded by the Rotary Club of Wichita with delivery help from our area Rotary Clubs.



Rotary Club E Wichita: The East Wichita Rotary Foundation Scholarship is available on our website eastwichitarotary.org. The scholarship is available to a local graduating high school senior that will be attending WSU Teach or a Kansas college or university in the fall.

Rotary Club Old Town Wichita: Great fun was had at our Christmas Party at Cactus Cantina where the margaritas flowed. Festive headwear and white elephant gifts plus items for the homeless and a contribution to The Rotary Foundation added to the fun. AND our Assistant Governor, Arlen Honts, joined in the fun! Next month, we start with "Beer and Business" when we review our first 6 months and plan for the future.



Rotary Club Wichita: December and January have been busy delivering dictionaries and providing books and reading for RIF in Title I Schools..

Rotary Club E Wichita: Our club will be



hosting an Open World delegation from Armenia Feb. 29-Mar. 7. This is the first Open World team we have hosted as a club.

Rotary Club Kinsley: Our Chili & Vegetable Beef Soup Fundraiser last month involved most all of our members and was great fun. Soup and brownies were provided by club members and Jay at Kinsley Food Pride brought the rest. There was even a secret-formula chili involved! We raised \$500 with this event.



Rotary Club Wichita: One of our club's many projects "Rotary Wraps" gathers and distributes coats, mittens, etc. for USD 259 Title I school children. Here's a thank you note we received from one of the schools. The schools were all so grateful.



... thank you for the coats , hats, and gloves you donated to our school. . . These gifts will be given to students who are in need. . . Thank you so much for all you do for our school. We depend on our community and are so grateful for your gift. THANK YOU.



Rotary Club Great Bend: 2018-19 Club President Lee Musil received, on behalf of the club, a Rotary International Presidential Citation with Silver Distinction at a recent meeting. Only 2 other clubs in the district received this award.



Rotary Club Larned: We provided 3 wheelchairs to Larned Schools. Photo taken at the presentation.



Rotary Club Old Town Wichita: We now have a website! Check it out at www.OLDTOWNROTARY.CLUB



More Club News

Rotary Club W Sedgwick Co. Sunrise: The winner of our annual Ugly Christmas Sweater contest was Steve Cless, but there were many worthy opponents.



Rotary Club W Wichita: This crew purchased & delivered Christmas groceries to 4 needy families identified by the school. They also delivered Christmas gifts our members purchased for families in need.



Rotary Club Kinsley: Club members provided "I Like Me" books to the Kinsley and Lewis kindergarten classes.



We are also the official sponsor of Cub Scouts Pack 239 for the third year with 15 youth of our community. We provided the flag to show our support for this positive program.



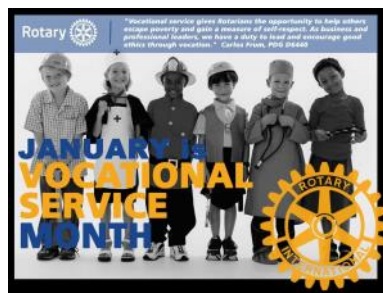
Rotary Club Wichita: Rotarians enjoyed good food and good friends at our 2019 Holiday Celebration and Illuminations on a cold winter's night at Botanica. Special live entertainment by the Wichita Chamber Chorale highlighted our event with Christmas Carols.



Rotary Club W. Wichita & W. Sedgwick Co. Sunrise: Our Inbound RITE (Rotary Intercountry Teacher Exchange) Teachers arrived last week and the program is in full swing! We have 3 teachers here from Panama and 2 from Argentina. They began this week visiting and working at various schools in our area. Our thanks to **Dalia Hale** (Sunrise) and **Shelli Kadel** (W Wichita) for all the time and effort they've invested in lining up all the hosts, school visits and schedules for the teachers' 4 week stay!

The RITE program is a joint project of the West Wichita Rotary Club and the Sunrise (West Sedgwick County) Rotary Club. The inbound portion of the project includes receiving teachers from Panama and Argentina for 4 weeks: mid-January to mid-February. The outbound program includes sending teachers from the Wichita area to Panama for 4 weeks during their summer break.

January is Vocational Service Month



The concept of Vocational Service is rooted in the Second Object of the "Object of Rotary" which states: "High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful

occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society".

As leaders in their businesses and professions, Rotarians can **advance high ethical standards** by setting a positive example among employees, associates, and the community in general. All types of work-related interaction offer an opportunity to encourage ethical behavior.

Promoting integrity through ethical behavior is an essential part of what it means to be a Rotarian. Two standards developed by Rotarians — The Four-Way Test and the Rotary Code of Conduct — provide a road map for ethical behavior in the workplace and other areas of life.



Rotary Club Kinsley: Our club has supported the Palace Theater in Kinsley for many years. Each quarter we volunteer to staff the ticket booth, operate the concession stand, make the popcorn and

then we clean the theater by sweeping and vacuuming the floors and cleaning the concession area. Part of our club comes early to set everything up and normally another group comes in for the clean-up. We also sponsor several movies each year since the theater is a non-profit community service. We pay the cost of the movie rental (approx. \$300-350) and adult ticket price is \$5.00.

Promoting Peace in Africa & Beyond

Rotary has launched its first Rotary Peace Center in Africa to train leaders who can focus on the underlying threats to peace in the region. Learn how you and your club can support the new peace center and Rotary's peace program.

The peace center at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda, will offer a professional development certificate, with its first peace fellows beginning their studies in early 2021. The certificate program will emphasize issues and solutions that are especially relevant in Africa and will provide practical experience to supplement coursework in areas such as human rights, governance and media, climate change, and refugee migration. Makerere will be-

come the second Rotary Peace Center to offer a professional development certificate. Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand, became the first in 2005. Makerere University is in the heart of the African Great Lakes, a region that has experienced political instability, civil war, ethnic hostilities, and genocide. The university created a peace studies program more than 20 years ago. Rotary Peace Fellows at Makerere will learn how to influence policies and take action to transform society through Positive Peace. More than just the absence of violence, Positive Peace puts in place the structures, institutions, and attitudes that allow peace to flourish.

Rotary Leader, January 2020

New Collaboration with Rotary & Toastmasters

Rotary International and Toastmasters International are now collaborating to give Rotary members increased opportunities for personal and professional growth. Rotary members have access to explore public speaking tips, videos, podcasts, and more from Toastmasters. Here's how you and your Rotary club can get involved in this collaboration:

1. Visit a local Toastmasters club to learn more about the organization. Toastmasters has 16,800 clubs in 143 countries, so you're likely to find one near you. Go to toastmasters.org/find-a-club.
2. Ask a member of Toastmasters to visit or speak at your club.

3. Invite a Toastmasters member to participate in a club service activity or attend a social event.
4. Work with your local Toastmasters club to hold a joint event so your members can discuss potential collaboration opportunities.



Rotary International is also creating a leadership and communication curriculum for Rotary and Rotaract members that will be available in English next year, with release in all Rotary languages by 2021.

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2020-2021 Theme Announced

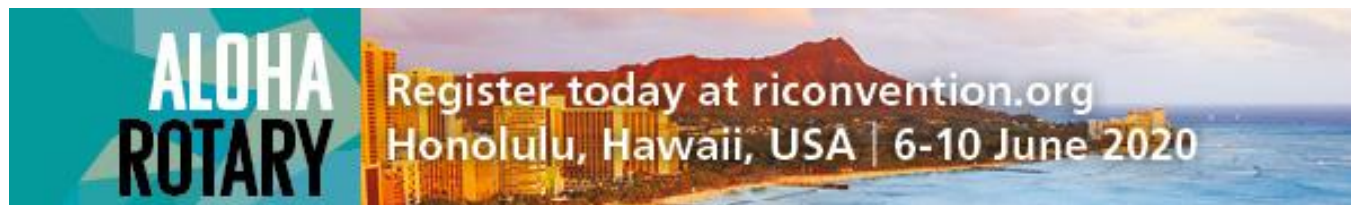


RI President-elect Holger Knaack's theme for 2020-21, *Rotary Opens Opportunities*, asks Rotarians to create opportunities that strengthen their leadership, help put service ideas into action, and improve the lives of those in need.

Follow DG Kurt's "road trips" to our district clubs at <https://www.facebook.com/District5680/>

You'll meet the club presidents and something about each community visited!

To stay connected with the District, don't forget to visit the website, www.rotary5680.org, often; and be sure to like, follow, and share posts on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/District5680/>.



SCRYE Conference in Tulsa

The annual South Central Rotary Youth Exchange (SCRYE) conference was held in Tulsa the weekend of



L-R: Dimitriy Vakulenko, Rod Kreie, Erina Fugitate, Tim Howard, Fred Heismeyer



L-R: Tim Howard, Rod Kreie, Fred Heismeyer, Kiko Alexandre, Dimitri Vakulenko

January 11. Attending for Rotary District 5680 were Dimitriy Vakulenko (RC Hutchinson), Tim Howard (RC El Dorado), DGN Fred Heismeyer (RC E. Wichita) and PDG Rod Kreie (RC Newton). Exchange students attending were Erina Fugitate (Japan) sponsored by the Rotary Club of Newton and Henrique (Kiko) Alexandre from the Rotary Club of Ulysses.

Each year, the students are hosted in the homes Tulsa area Rotarians on Friday night. Imagine being in charge of placing 152 students for an evening – some families

host 3-4 for this one night. On Friday night and Saturday morning, the exchange students are entertained by their host families. Ice skating, movies, museums, the Center of the Universe and other landmarks are very busy with a multitude of culture because of this event. Saturday afternoon, the kids gather at the event hotel (Tulsa Marriott Southern Hills) and spend time together learning about

summer tours (sponsored by Rotary) they might participate in and prepare for the talent show and other festivities at a Banquet on Saturday evening.



Erina

Erina participated in the talent show that was emceed by our own Rod Kreie. Erina performed a traditional Japanese dance about honor and respect. There were 2 Improv comedians, a boy from Italy and a girl from Brazil that were hilarious. After the banquet, all of the students went to the local Boys & Girls Club for an all-night lock-in.

All of the Rotarians either went to classes that lead towards being certified as a local coordinator (Dimitriy and Tim), and to classes that help them better understand Youth Exchange when they are District Governors (DGN Fred). Classes were taught by PDG Rod Kreie.



Almost 200 Rotarians attended the event along with the kids put the total head count right at 350 attendees.

Youth exchange currently plugged into just 4-5 of the districts 61 clubs. We are trying to expand the program, but clubs need to find someone in their club that has an interest in international culture. If you know someone in your club that might be interested, please get them in contact with District Youth Exchange Chair Rod Kreie.

Leadership: The Final Frontier

Have you recruited your students for RYLA camp yet? It is time.

Rotary/Southwestern Leadership Camp will be Saturday, May 31 to Thursday, June 4, 2020 at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas. The theme for camp this year is "Leadership: The Final Frontier."

This camp is for current high school Freshmen, Sophomores, or Juniors that each Rotary Club selects and sponsors. All the forms to register your students can be found



at www.sckans.edu/leadership and then service outreach/Rotary Camp or you can go to the District website and click the link to the Southwestern site. Make sure and register early to assure a spot for your students.

Our Rotary District 5680 has voted to allow a scholarship for the first 30 clubs to register a student and provide that notice to Dean Kennedy. For those that don't receive a scholarship, payment should be sent to Dean Kennedy, P. O. Box 637, Winfield, KS 67156. Rotary and your students WILL make a difference for our communities!

Rotary's Vision Statement

"Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."

District 5680 Membership Report As Of December 31, 2019

Club	7/1/2019 MEMBERSHIP	12/31/2019 MEMBERSHIP	NET GAIN 2019-2020
Abilene	56	58	2
Andover	32	31	(1)
Arkansas City	68	68	0
Atwood	26	25	(1)
Beaver	19	19	0
Beloit	43	42	(1)
Boise City	20	21	1
Cimarron	22	20	(2)
Clay Center	45	47	2
Colby	57	55	(2)
Concordia	31	31	0
Derby	67	72	5
Dodge City	38	41	3
Downs	7	9	2
East Wichita	102	90	(12)
E-Club	18	20	2
El Dorado	41	35	(6)
Ellinwood	20	20	0
Ellis	9	9	0
Garden City	47	48	1
Goodland	37	37	0
Great Bend	38	43	5
Guymon	25	25	0
Hays	63	64	1
Hays Sunrise	17	17	0
Hill City	10	11	1
Howard	14	13	(1)
Hoxie	20	20	0
Hugoton	16	15	(1)
Hutchinson	100	94	(6)
Johnson	16	15	(1)
Kingman	24	24	0
Kinsley	8	16	8
Larned	17	17	0
Liberal	54	49	(5)
Lindsborg	9	8	(1)
Lyons	22	24	2
McPherson	45	43	(2)
Ness City	17	21	4
Newton	57	52	(5)
Norton	13	12	(1)
Oberlin	37	34	(3)
Osborne	13	15	2
Phillipsburg	49	49	0
Pratt	56	55	(1)
Russell	37	39	2
Salina	139	137	(2)
Sharon Springs	10	10	0
Sterling	17	17	0
Sublette	18	17	(1)
Syracuse	18	18	0
Texhoma	15	15	0
Ulysses	30	30	0
Washington	36	37	1
Wellington	12	12	0
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	43	39	(4)
West Wichita	61	61	0
Wichita-Downtown	412	418	6
Wichita-Old Town	8	8	0
Winfield	84	76	(8)
TOTALS	2485	2468	(17)



District 5680

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2019-20 RI President
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FELLOW D5680 ROTARIANS YOU'RE INVITED

TO A SPECIAL LUNCHEON WITH ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT-ELECT HOLGER KNAACK

Saturday, March 28 at 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Wichita Marriott in Wichita, Kansas

Use the special hotel rate link below if you want a room for Friday and/or Saturday nights

[Book your group rate for Heartland Rotary PETS Conference 2020](#)



Enjoy meeting a very special RI Leader
Hear an inspiring message
Join fellow D5680 Rotarian Leaders in fellowship
Perhaps even get a picture with RIPE Holger

Learn how our international leadership brings the RI vision to life

*"Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change –
across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."*

If you wish to attend, register no later than Wednesday, March 18 using the link below:

Register at: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=zpax4ohab&oeidk=a07egu5ugu95fb6bda5>

YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS VERY SPECIAL ROTARY EVENT!

Holger Knaack – RI President 2020-2021

Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln, Germany

Knaack is the CEO of Knaack KG, a real estate company. He was previously a partner and general manager of Knaack Enterprises, a 125-year-old family business. He is a founding member of the Civic Foundation of the City of Ratzeburg and served as president of the Golf-Club Gut Grambek. Knaack is also the founder and chair of the Karl Adam Foundation.

A Rotary member since 1992, Knaack has served Rotary as treasurer, director, moderator, member and chair of several committees, representative for the Council on Legislation, zone coordinator, training leader, and district governor. He is an endowment/major gifts adviser and was co-chair of the Host Organization Committee for the 2019 Rotary International Convention in Hamburg. Knaack and his wife, Susanne, are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation and members of the Bequest Society.

++ While in Wichita, plan to stay and enjoy what the city has to offer such as the zoo, botanical gardens, museums, Old Town entertainment district and of course the "Keeper of the Plains" and the riverfront area. ++