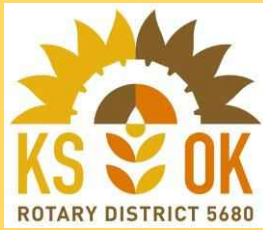


District 5680

District Conference—Colby



Welcome to a Special Edition of your District 5680 Newsletter. This will focus on the annual District Conference we just completed, November 1 & 2 in Colby, Kansas. I hope the photos help you recall fond memories of those of you who attended and provide inspiration to those who did not attend to come to the next one. This conference was packed with excellent speakers, and new information was presented. Getting to know other Rotarians is always fun, and some of us hung out together in the conference room long after the official presentations were finished.

Nothing of this magnitude is done by only a few people. I extend a huge '**Thank You**' to the many people who worked making all the arrangements, decorations, registrations, and multiple other things it takes to host and present a conference. I have received glowing reviews, and I appreciate those. I also seek criticisms - we always want our annual conference to be better than the last. Enjoy this Special Edition.

Jeff Horlacher

District Governor

District 5680

District 5680 attendees



Friday evening:



District 5680 Governor welcomes the membership on Friday night.

Food & Fellowship



Little Free Library assembly session.



Jay Hundley

Jay Hundley is a native Kansan. He was born in Colby, Kansas, and graduated from Garden City High School. He graduated from Garden City Community college, and continued his college education at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colorado, and graduated with his Bachelor of Arts degree in Industrial Arts Education in 1984. He took CAD classes at Sam Houston State University to further his skills. Mr. Hundley comes from a long line of teachers and from a family that values education and life long learning.



Jay Hundley lead a session on assembling the "Little Free Libraries" that many clubs took home to put in their communities

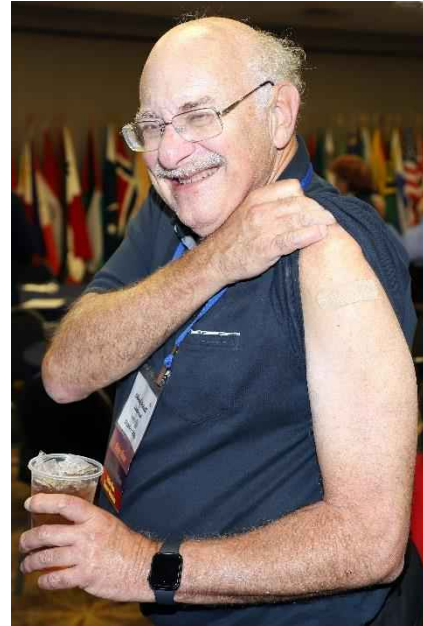


Ice Breaker Event—Rotary Scavenger Hunt

ROTARY
scavenger hunt

Find someone who.....

- ...is wearing a Rotary pin. _____
- ...was raised on a farm. _____
- ...is 10 years older/younger than you. _____
- ...has 5+ kids/grandkids. _____
- ...is a Major Donor. _____
- ...traveled 1 hour+. _____
- ...is wearing Rotary socks. _____
- ...was not born in Kansas. _____
- ...has a toothpick. _____
- ...is a Past District Governor. _____
- ...was in the military. _____
- ...has traveled to at least 10 states. _____
- ...has a bandaid. _____
- ...is an Area Governor. _____
- ...is a current Club President. _____
- ...knows how to play Pickleball. _____
- ...has a drink in their hand. _____
- ...has been a member less than 5 years. _____
- ...has a pair of tweezers. _____
- ...is wearing shoes with laces. _____
- ...has a food allergy. _____
- ...is a Paul Harris Fellow. _____



Visiting DG Chuck Udell from neighboring District 5710 displays his bandaid the filled a line on the scavenger hunt.

Saturday Morning—Opening



Opening Remarks

Rotary International
representative Anne
Marie Kimball



Ann Marie Kimball

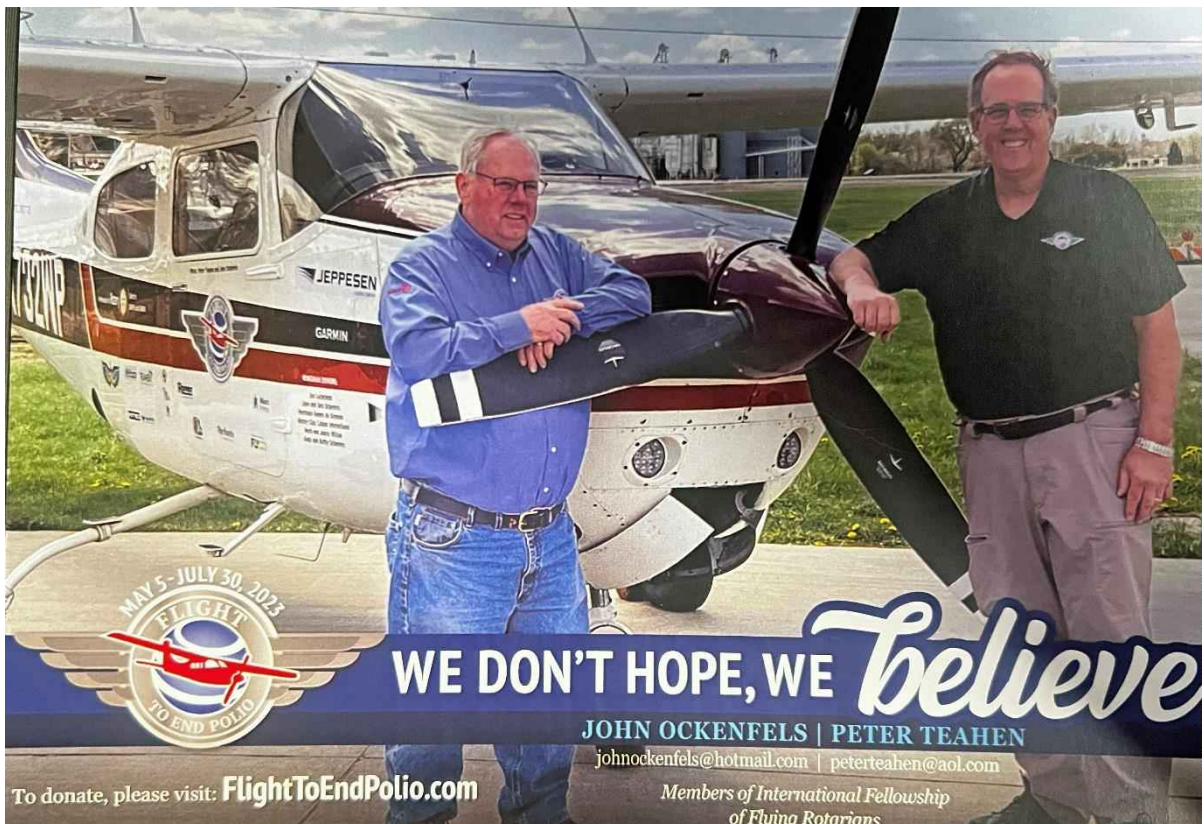
Ann Marie Kimball is a physician and epidemiologist. She is a 26 year Rotarian. She served with the Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisors, and has served as vice chair of the COVID 19 task force. She represents Rotary International on the Research Committee of the Polio initiative (GPEI) with WHO. As President of her club (2023-24), the Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island, she lead an initiative on health care access, and has chaired the World Community Service committee.



ROTARY FOUNDATION COVID-19 TASK FORCE 2021-2022

					
K.R. Ravindran Chairperson <i>Sri Lanka</i>	Ann Marie Kimball Vice Chairperson <i>United States</i>	John F. Germ Liaison <i>United States</i>	Michael McGovern Liaison <i>United States</i>	Michel Zaffran <i>France</i>	David Gibson Moore <i>United Arab Emirates</i>

Flight around the World for PolioPlus



WE DON'T HOPE, WE *believe*

JOHN OCKENFELS | PETER TEAHEN
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To donate, please visit: **FlightToEndPolio.com**

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of Flying Rotarians



John Ockenfels presented info on his flight that raised over 2 million for PolioPlus

FLIGHT BY THE NUMBERS:

90 days on the trip	24+ fundraisers
30,000+ miles will be traveled	2 pilots with 1 engine
37 landings in 19 countries	180+ hours in the air

 **Federation Aeronautique Internationale**
FAI
Circumnavigator Diploma



 **END POLIO NOW**

AROUND THE WORLD: Flight to End Polio www.FlightToEndPolio.com

AIRCRAFT Cessna T210m
N732WP

Flight
May 5, 2023
July 30, 2023

Pilot: Peter Teahen
Pilot: John Ockenfels

Members of International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians





Rotary Action Plan—PDG Andrea Krauss



KEY CHARACTERISTICS

Growing clubs:

- Have an average attraction rate of 25%/year
- Fill key leadership positions
- Set goals in Rotary Club Central
- More Female Members (40%)
- More Members Under 40 (10%)



Membership—Alex Johnson

**GROW ROTARY
THROUGH SERVICE**

1. MEMBERSHIP OLYMPICS
2. INVOLVE YOUR COMMUNITY
3. SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

Alex Johnson
Regional Rotary Coordinator
alex@laurexadvisors.com / 972-740-3202

A circular portrait of Alex Johnson, a Black man with a shaved head, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and patterned tie, smiling.

- MEMBERSHIP OLYMPICS -

Game One – Appoint Club Membership Chair
Appoint a Club Membership Chair.

- • **Game Two – Define Club Membership Goals**
Enter the Club Membership Goals in Rotary Club Central.
- • **Game Three – Survey Your Club**
Conduct a survey of your club using RI assessment tools.
- • **Game Four – Engagement Activity**
Organize a membership engagement event that promotes personal growth, leadership development, community service, and networking opportunities.

Game Five – Retention Workshop
Host a workshop to address your club and member needs.

Bonus Rounds

Game Six - The Club Membership Chair completes the Club Membership Committee' basic learning plan in the Rotary Learning Center.

Game Seven - Sponsor or nurture a new Service Companion Club or Rotary Club.

Emerging Leader Incentive DGE Deb Minkler

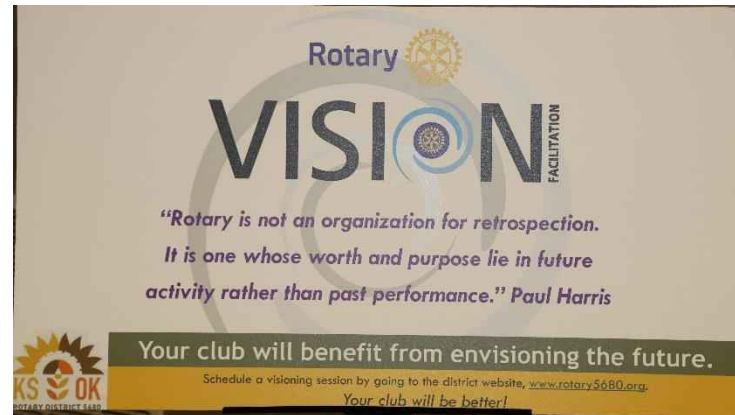


Mental Health—Craig Poe High Plains Mental Health



Break through
treatment for
depression & anxiety

Visioning—PDG Fred Heismeyer



Shelter Box—Kathleen Pierz





District Grant Phillipines



District Awards—PDG Gloria Homemeier

**End Polio Now -
Clubs that gave
at least \$1500
to End Polio Now**

**Abilene
Atwood
Derby
Kinsley
Liberal
Salina
Sublette**



**TRF Rotary Foundation Giving
- Clubs that achieve an
average of \$100 in per
capita giving and 100 percent
participation**

**Russell
Andover
Liberal
Old Town
Wichita
Sublette**

Rotary Foundation Giving the top 3 clubs in average giving -



E-Club - \$294.67
Russell - \$267.78
West Wichita -
\$221.12

International Service Award—Keith Hopper

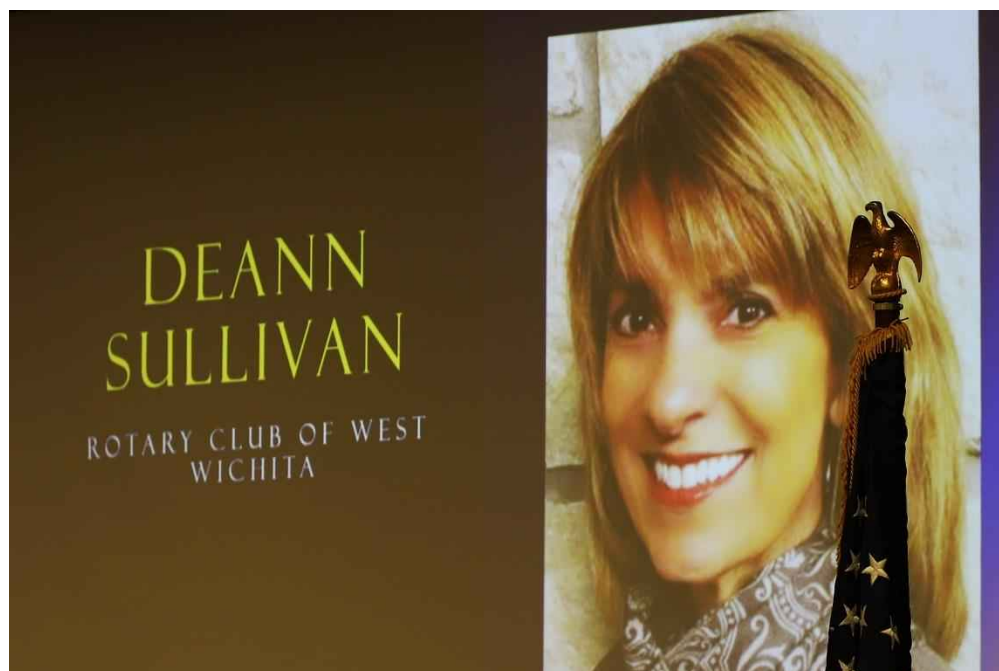


International Service - This award is awarded to one outstanding individual who has made a significant impact on the world with the work that have done internationally. This person has worked to change lives, communities and

left a sustainable and enduring impact on the communities that have benefited from their efforts.

Former Peace Corps Volunteer (1966-68): service in the Philippines shaped his lifelong commitment to poverty alleviation. Established the Help Foundation: (Humanitarian Efforts to Lessen Poverty) a charitable foundation focused on underprivileged children in the Philippines. Created the Bighoop Charitable Institution: a Philippine-based charity ensuring transparency and direct impact, managed by a local board of directors. Commitment to Philanthropy: Covers all administrative costs to ensure every donated dollar goes directly to programs. Spends over \$30,000 annually on foundation expenses. Personally, oversees programs, spending six months each year in the Philippines. Expanding Initiatives: growth over 18+ years, including the expansion of a micro-credit program to Misamis oriental province. Keith hooper's dedication to humanitarian efforts continues to uplift communities in the Philippines, making a lasting impact through education and poverty alleviation.

Rotarian of the Year—Deann Sullivan



Rotarian of the Year - One person in the District is awarded Rotarian of the Year each year. This person has shown their dedication to the mission of Rotary by demonstrating exemplary humanitarian service, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others through Rotary. Consideration is given to contribution of service to their club, to District 5680 or Rotary International. When selecting an individual consideration is given to their commitment to the Five Avenues of Service, the Object of Rotary and their embodiment of the Four Way Test.

Rotary Leadership & Service:
Past President of the Rotary Club of West Wichita.
Chair for International Service.

Awards:

Club's "Service Above Self" Award.

District "Service Above Self" Award (2016-2017).

Wichita Area Governor (2021-2024).

Organized the first Satellite Club (2024), and District Trainer (2020-2021).

Key Projects & Initiatives:

Playground Map Project Coordinator (District-wide & U.S. outreach).

Managed West Wichita's Annual Wine Dinner fundraiser.

Participated in PolioPlus National Immunization Day in India (2017).

Community Involvement:

Former President of AT&T Pioneers, Leadership Wichita board member, and active volunteer in numerous community projects.



Triple Crown Award—Geri Appel

District 5680 presents the Triple Crown Award to an individual who has achieved membership in the Paul Harris Society, Major Donor Level 1 and the Bequest Society Level 1 or higher.



Rotary Club of the year—Honorable mention

Club of the Year - Honorable Mention - This award was given to clubs that were top clubs in the District this year and deserved to be mentioned as a rising star club in our District -

**Clay Center
Derby
Washington**

Rotary Club of the Year

Rotary Club of Pratt



Increased Membership & Community Impact:

Organized impactful projects supporting local schools, community programs, and foundations.

Key Initiatives & Contributions:

Provided funding to USD 382 & 483, District Care Closet, Pratt Childcare Foundation, and Pratt Health Foundation.

Sponsored community events like a Christmas movie for area youth, a skate party, and a facelift for the Pratt Teen Center.

Volunteered at Pratt Oktoberfest, provided meals for Circles of Pratt

County, and celebrated World Polio Day & Paul Harris's Birthday. Supported the Pratt Student of the Month program and Earth Day awareness efforts.

Led by President Robin Waddle, the club had a successful year of growth, service, and engagement.

Friday Social Hour—Dinner—Auction



DGN Isaac McNary made and donated a Rotary podium—Sold for over \$1,000.



Silent Auction - \$1,615.00

Live Auction - \$4,112.00

Donations - \$220.00

Magic Wand - \$263.00

Total raised for Foundation of
\$6,210.00





The story behind the Top ***Magic Wand*** winner explained by PDG Mike Barnes



**DGE Deb Minkler invites you to join us in Hays for District
5680 Conference in 2025**



Editor's note: Special thanks to Bob Obee, Ivanhoe Love & Fred Heismeyer for the additional photos for this Conference edition!

EVERY ROTARIAN should consider attending the 5680 District Conference next October in Hays. Having attended Conferences for many years, I find each a unique experience. Being an active member of your local Club is important. But by attending Conferences, you feel connected to Our District 5680 and to Rotary International. I leave each conference invigorated to be a Rotarian. It makes you proud to be part of an organization that is eliminating Polio, fighting human trafficking and educating people on mental health issues. By attending Conference, you realize that you are a part of an organization that "Walks the Walk" and puts **Service Above Self**. I hope to see you in Hays next year.

Larry D. Stoppel, Newsletter Editor