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Message from District Governor Gloria Homeier



February is World Understanding and Peace month. This month is a good time to emphasize understanding and goodwill that is essential for world peace. Rotary's commitment to peace and conflict resolution dates back to the early 20th century when the organization was founded with a vision of fostering goodwill and understanding. Over the years, Rotary has evolved into a global force, harnessing the collective power of its members to address the root causes of conflict and build sustainable peace.

In a world marked by diverse perspectives and varying ideologies, the pursuit of global harmony is becoming increasingly vital. Rotary International, a beacon of hope and change, stands at the forefront of promoting world peace through innovative conflict resolution strategies. Rotary clubs around the world actively engage in local and international

projects that aim to address underlying issues contributing to conflict. From promoting education and economic development to supporting healthcare initiatives, Rotary's multifaceted approach recognizes that sustainable peace requires a comprehensive strategy.

February is also the anniversary of the founding of Rotary Internation on February 23, 1905. Paul Harris said, "Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves." This holds true today. Rotary members now span the globe, working to solve some of our world's most challenging problems. Rotary is not afraid to dream big and set bold goals. The fight against polio started in 1979 with a project to immunize 6 million children in the Philippines. Today, polio only has a few cases in two countries. We have almost achieved the goal of a polio free world. Help ensure you are part of the effort to end polio by joining District 5680's Polio Plus Charter Society. You can sign up on rotary5680.org.

Let's build young leaders promoting peace. A good way to do this is to sponsor a youth to attend ***RYLA*** Popup Camp in Hutchinson on February 24 or May 28 to May 31 in Winfield. Go to rotary5680.org to sign up your future leaders today.

One of the best ways to ensure that your club has a successful Rotary year in 2024-2025 is to attend ***President Elect Leadership Seminar***. This training is open to all leaders of your club. It is being held March 21-23 in Salina. There is a great lineup of speakers, several coming from Rotary International. Signup today at rotary5680.org.



As I conclude my club visits, I am humbled by all the work Rotarians are doing in our communities and across the world. I have met so many wonderful and dedicated Rotarians. I thank all Rotarians for their commitment and to the time that they donate to make the world a better place.

As we navigate the complexities of the 21st century, Rotary's commitment to world peace remains unwavering. By investing in education, empowering leaders, and fostering collaboration, Rotary stands as a beacon of hope, lighting the path towards a more harmonious and interconnected world. Together, Rotarians worldwide exemplify the spirit of unity, proving that through conflict resolution, we can build a more peaceful and just world for generations to come.

Gloria Homeier

District Governor

2023-2024

District 5680

Club News from around the District

On Wednesday, March 6th, Rotary Club of East Wichita will celebrate its 40th anniversary. A special celebration is being planned for an EVENING event at the Wichita Marriott. Larry Hatteberg, former KAKE news anchor, will be our emcee and speaker!





Had a great time 22 January getting CPR AED certified with Old Town Rotary!!

Cody Scherer and Cohen Flanders, Skyline HS Seniors, were recognized by the Rotary Club of Pratt. The club continues to grow and currently has 70 members. Annually, the club donates over $10,000 in community and/or district grant funds to the community.





The Rotary Club of Andover partnered with Larry Cox of Hope Community Church to purchase and install a water filtration system in rural Cuba. This is the seventh such system that Larry and his team have installed, and the first in several years since Cuba closed their borders due to the Covid-19 pandemic.



Spaghetti, salad, and bread were on the menu at the **Ronald McDonald House** in midtown Wichita. **Sunrise Rotary Club of West Sedgwick County** Rotarians cooked delicious meals for families staying at the facility to give them one less thing to be concerned with as they tend to their hospitalized children.



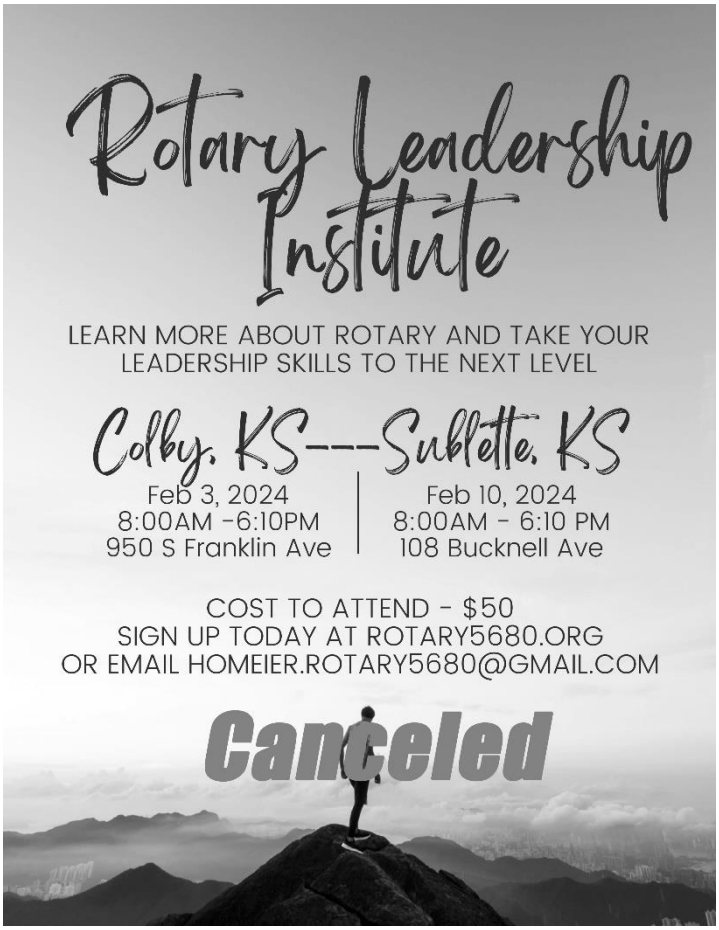
Rotary Club of El Dorado welcomed Rotarian Senator Jerry Moran who addressed their club.



Nathan Haskell presents the TOC All-Academic team with plaques sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Dodge City.**

RITE Visitors from Argentina and Panama presented their flags to **East Wichita Rotary Club.** President Darin Kater, who then gifted them with our club's flag. L to R: Florencia Zappia, Ingrid Villamonte, Darin Kater, Gimena Rios, Ivan Guerra, and Dalia Hale.





Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Colby 2024 (CANCELED)

- **Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Sublette 2024**

(CANCELED)



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ROTARY DISTRICT 5680

CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

RYLA ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS

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 will be 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 January 31, 2024

Club	7/1/2023	1/31/2024	NET GAIN
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2023-2024
Abilene	52	54	2
Andover	25	24	(1)
Arkansas City	66	70	4
Atwood	23	22	(1)
Beaver	18	17	(1)
Beloit	35	36	1
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	68	0
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	33	1
Haskell County (Sublette)	19	15	(4)
Hays	62	57	(5)
Hays Sunrise	9	11	2
Hill City	7	7	0
Howard	9	9	0
Hoxie	17	13	(4)
Hugoton	15	14	(1)
Hutchinson	92	92	0
Johnson	10	10	0

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Larry D. Stoppel, O.D.
District Newsletter Editor

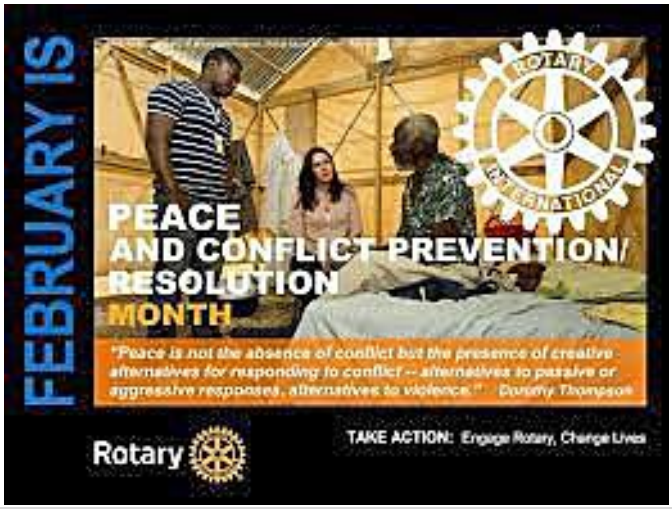
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Kingman	19	21	2
Kinsley	5	5	0
Liberal	40	41	1
Lyons	21	22	1
McPherson	24	26	2
Ness City	23	23	0
Newton	59	64	5
Norton	11	10	(1)
Oberlin	30	29	(1)
Osborne	10	11	1
Phillipsburg	32	32	0
Pratt	67	69	2
Russell	36	41	5
Salina	103	96	(7)
Sharon Springs	5	5	0
Sterling	20	18	(2)
Syracuse	19	19	0
Texhoma	12	12	0
Ulysses	24	21	(3)
Washington	33	33	0
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	38	38	0
West Wichita	58	62	4
Wichita-Downtown	363	347	(16)
Wichita-Old Town	9	10	1
Winfield	67	62	(5)
TOTALS	**2104**	**2075**	**(29)**





President Elect Learning Seminar (PELS)	Mar 21, 2024 – Mar 23, 2024
Rotary International Convention-Singapore	May 24, 2024 – May 29, 2024

District 5680 – A Challenge Project To Help

Ukraine





Ukrainian military medics treat their wounded at a filed hospital near Bakhmut, Ukraine, Wednesday, March 1, 2023 (AP Photo/Evgeniy 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.

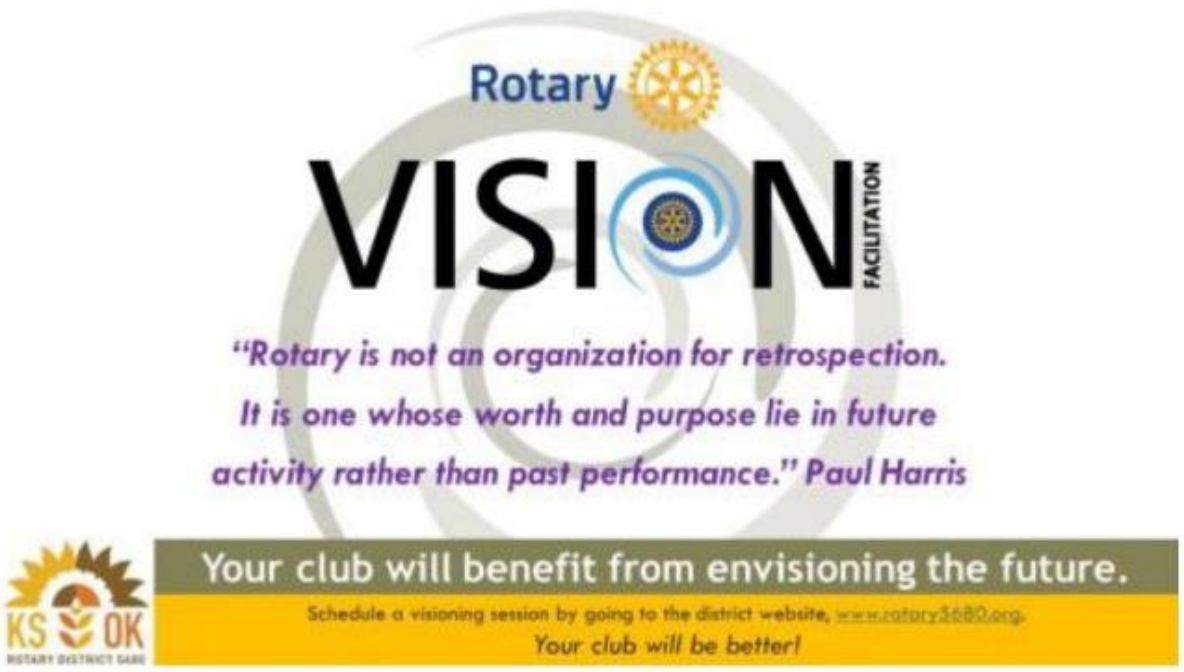
Will your Club join us in this project?

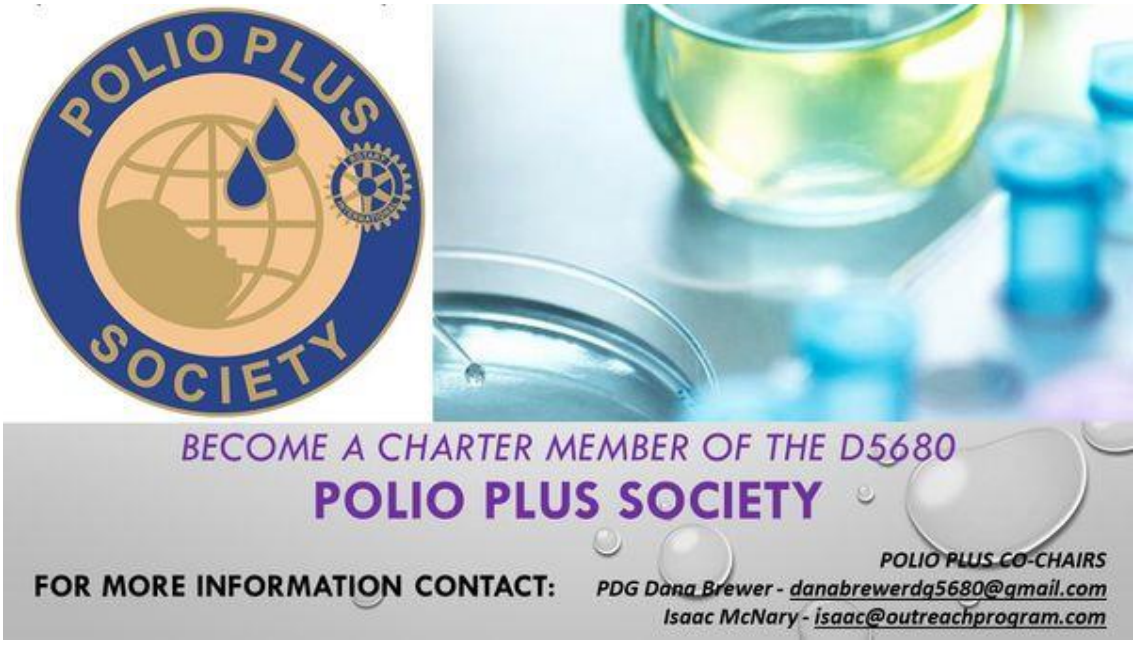
- We are asking each Rotary Club in District 5680 to consider purchasing one or more Ultrasound Kits to send to Ukraine.
- Each kit costs approximately $2,500. This includes a Butterfly Ultrasound Probe and an iPad.
- Our goal is 50 Ultrasound kits for Ukraine.



For more information or to participate, contact:
Arlen K. Honts, D5680 Learning Facilitator
316-648-7484
akhonts@att.net

CREATE HOPE in the WORLD


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
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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!


POLIO PLUS SOCIETY
BECOME A CHARTER MEMBER OF THE D5680
POLIO PLUS SOCIETY
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
POLIO PLUS CO-CHAIRS
PDG Dana Brewer - danabrewerdg5680@gmail.com
Isaac McNary - isaac@outreachprogram.com

Thanks to Our Heroes, the End of Polio is Nearer

Become a PolioPlus Society Founder by pledging and giving at least $100 per year, by June 30,2024. The application form is below. Or organize a PolioPlus Project before then, to raise awareness of how PolioPlus is protecting all of us, especially the kids. Match others' contributions or get them a Jonas Salk polio vaccine Commemorative Dollar for each $50 donated, you will find that most will give easily for such a crucial cause. There were only 12 reported cases of wild polio virus in 2023, and they were concentrated to the countries where polio remains endemic. Afghanistan and Pakistan. We are up to 77 members in the PPS, a little over ¾ of the way to our goal. Every member that we get will help provide 300 vaccinations to vulnerable people around the world.

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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danabrewerdg5680@gmail.com

Isaac McNary: (316) 461-0512
isaac@outreachprogram.org

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Rotary Club of East Wichita President-Elect Tom Church (L) presents a certificate to Greg Ek, recognizing his charter membership in Rotary District 5680's Polio Plus Society. Around the world, Rotary's End Polio Now campaign has reduced polio cases by 99.9% since Rotary International's first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979.





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/6SZEiqrPddrifrSg7 , 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.

SCAN ME

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 _____