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ROTARY SADDLE SUMMARY OF THE MONTH

Economic and Community Development Month:

A Time for Action and Growth

October is a significant month for Rotary, as we celebrate Economic and Community Development Month. This initiative aligns with Rotary's commitment to creating positive change by enhancing local economies and empowering communities.

In many parts of the world, economic instability and lack of

resources hinder progress. Rotarians play a crucial role in addressing these challenges by fostering sustainable development projects that create jobs, improve infrastructure, and support local entrepreneurs. Through various initiatives, we can help communities build resilience and cultivate a brighter future.

This month, we encourage all Rotary clubs to focus on projects that enhance economic opportunities. Whether it's through vocational training, microfinance programs, or partnerships with local businesses, every effort counts. Engaging with community members to identify their needs is vital, ensuring that our projects are relevant and impactful.

As we reflect on our past achievements, let's also look ahead. Together, we can strengthen our commitment to economic and community development, making a lasting impact on the lives of those we serve. Let's harness our collective energy and creativity to inspire change and uplift our communities.

Join us in this important endeavor throughout October and beyond. Together, we can turn challenges into opportunities and create a better world for all.

Deb Minkler

District Governor, Rotary District 5680

Video Message from District Governor Deb Minkler

Please watch this important video announcement from District Governor Deb. DG Deb's message for our membership/clubs

Club News from around the District--Heart of America Rotary E-Club

It is time to provide the RI District with a quarterly update on the Dental Project for children in Talakag, Bukidnon, Philippines. This is a joint project between the Russell Rotary Club as the financiers and the E-Club serving as the onsite implementers in partnership with The HELP Foundation and BigHoop Charities, Inc. The Founder of HELP and the In Country Director of BigHoop are members of the E-club.

Since the opening of the dental clinic in May, children in three barangays' (villages) have been assessed and treated. BigHoop spends 4 weeks in each village:
Week 1 – Determine the general and dental health of the children. Our public health nurse does an assessment of each child. Mothers receive training about good dental hygiene.
Week 2- Continued education for the mothers and demonstrations on proper dental hygiene, distribution of toothbrushes and toothpaste.
Week 3 – Transportation of children and their mothers to the dental clinic for tooth cleaning, restoration, and/or extraction. Distribution of pain medicine and vitamins.
Week 4 - Follow up on the children by the Public Health Nurse. Prepare for the assessment of the next target village. We have treated more than 100 children since May!

One of the keys "lessons learned" is that both mothers and children need more than just Dental Care – they need to learn the basics of nutrition and general health care, however their ability to feed their family is limited because of poverty. Our Public Health Nurse is now providing nutrition and health classes to overcome the barrier of poverty. **However, I need your help! We need Children's Chewable and Prenatal Vitamins!!** In previous years, a Rotarian pharmacist provided 10,000 Children and Prenatal vitamins but unfortunately he retired. **The vitamins are urgently needed so I am appealing to your club to donate several Bottles of Children's Chewable vitamins and bring them to the District Conference. I will hand carry them when I return to the Philippines on October 24.**

Keith W. Hooper PDG 5670

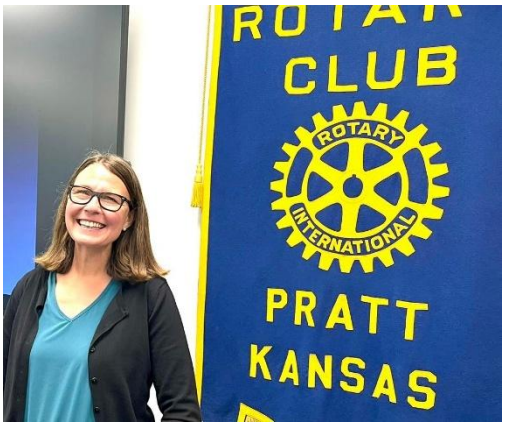
While running the Ferris wheel at the Decatur County Fair is probably the most noticeable thing the Rotary Club of Oberlin does every year, there are lots of small jobs and a few large projects to take up the members' time, talents and cash. Last year, Rotarians not only manned (and womaned), the ride but also provided cupcakes and free rides on the first night of the fair, including paying the Amusement Authority $600 for tickets not sold, to celebrate the club's 100th birthday.

The Rotary Club of Oberlin has done highway cleanup along U.S. 83 for many years. Six to eight club members took Rotary trash bags and cleaned both sides of the highway two miles twice a year.

Rotary Club of Oberlin Rotarian Ralph Unger handed dictionaries to Oberlin Elementary School students while project leader John Sater read off their names. Later, students enjoy checking out their new treasures.

On 11 September, the Rotary Club of Russell and Russell Interact placed flags remembering the lives lost and forever changed on September 11, 2001.

Rotary District Governor Deb Minkler gave an inspiring talk to the Rotary Club of Russell about Uniting for Good and spreading kindness in the world.



Brittany Novotny, Executive Director of the Vernon Filley Art Museum presented to the Rotary Club of Pratt. The community is so fortunate to have the Vernon Filley Art Museum, your leadership, the amazing Filley team, and artists. For more information https://www.vernonfilleyartmuseum.org Vernon Filley Art Museum

A big thank-you to Joey Timmer, Randy Bowles, Paul Blissett, Ed Frey, Colin McKenney, Misty Jack and her husband, Dennis — along with 6 Interact students — for repainting the map at Caldwell Elementary! Your time and effort will make a big difference for the students. Rotary Club of West Wichita

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District 5680 sadly announces the death of the widow of past RI Director Basil C. Marhofer

Cecilia Marhofer passed away on 16 September 2025; she is the widow of Basil C Marhofer – Director for Rotary International 1987-89 & Vice President of Rotary International 1988-89. Cecilia's passion for music touched countless lives as she taught in schools across Kansas, including Paradise, Russell, Kensington, McCracken, Lacosse. She concluded her career in Ness City. Her creativity extended to painting, and after retirement, she traveled the world with her husband, Basil, through Rotary International.

Share Your Voice: Shape Our Future!

Your insights are vital to making Rotary even better! Both your Rotary club and District 5680 want your honest feedback on your day-to-day experiences and the district.

This survey is your chance to highlight what's working and where we can improve. Your input will directly guide the future of your club and our district.

Ready to make a difference? Clink the link below.

Thank you for helping us build a stronger Rotary!

Satisfaction survey: Satisfaction Survey

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we need volunteers

FOR THE FOOLLOWING COMMITTEES

- Membership
- Action Plan/Strategic Planning
- Polio Plus

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

We encourage all to step up and lead with purpose and inspire others to follow. Your leadership can light the path for those around you.

DISTRICT 5680 GOVERNOR CLUB VISITS 2025-2026

Abilene	Video	Noon	Friday
Andover	Video	Noon	Thursday
Arkansas City	Video	11:45 a.m.	Monday
Atwood	June 13	6:00 p.m.	Friday
Beaver, Oklahoma	Video	Noon	Thursday
Beloit	Video	Noon	Tuesday
Boise City, Oklahoma	Video	Noon	Wednesday
Cimarron	Video	Noon	Tuesday
Clay Center	Video	Noon	Thursday
Colby	August 19	Noon	Tuesday
Concordia	September 11	Noon	Thursday
Derby	Video	Noon	Friday
Dodge City	September 22	Noon	Monday
Downs	Video	Noon	Tuesday
East Wichita	Video	Noon	Wednesday
El Dorado	Video	Noon	Wednesday
Ellinwood	Video	Noon	Tuesday
Ellis	September 10	Noon	Wednesday
Garden City	September 24	Noon	Wednesday
Goodland	August 20	MT 9:00 a.m.	Wednesday
Great Bend	August 11	Noon	Monday
Guymon, Oklahoma	Video	Noon	Wednesday
Haskell County (Sublette)	Video	Noon	Wednesday
Hays	September 15	Noon	Monday
Hays Sunrise	TBD	Noon	Wednesday
Heart of America E-Club – evening	Video	Noon	Sunday
Hill City	December 9	Noon	Tuesday
Howard	Video	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday
Hugoton	Video	Noon	Thursday
Hutchinson	Video	11:45	Monday
Kingman	November 18	Noon	Tuesday
Kinsley	Video	6:00 p.m.	Monday

DISTRICT 5680 GOVERNOR CLUB VISITS

2025-2026

Liberal	Video	Noon	Tuesday
Lyons	Video	Noon	Tuesday
McPherson	Video	Noon	Tuesday
Ness City	Video	Noon	Tuesday
Newton	Video	5:45 p.m.	Tuesday
Norton	September 17	1 & 3 Noon	Wednesday
Oberlin	October 14	Noon	Tuesday
Osborne	Video	Noon	Thursday
Phillipsburg	August 28	Noon	Thursday
Pratt	Video	Noon	Thursday
Russell	September 9	Noon	Tuesday
Salina	October 6	Noon	Monday
Sterling	Video	Noon	Monday
Syracuse	Video	MST Noon	Thursday
Texhoma, Oklahoma	Video	Noon	Tuesday
Ulysses	Video	Noon	Tuesday
Washington	Video	Noon	Monday
West Wichita	Video	Noon	Tuesday
Wichita – Old Town Wichita	Video	5:30 p.m.	Monday
Wichita – West Sedgwick County Sunrise	Video	7:00 a.m.	Thursday
Wichita Downtown	Video	Noon	Monday
Winfield	Video	11:45 a.m.	Wednesday

A video DG program will be provided to each club in lieu of an in-person DG visit.

CONFIRMED VISIT AS OF August 29, 2025.

If your club would like to request an in-person visit, please contact Joyce Heismeyer by e-mailing her at 5680ExecSec@gmail.com

Join Us for the 2025 District Conference: Wild West Connection!

We hope to have as many Rotarians as possible attend the Conference in Hays, October 17-18, 2025. Attached are links for your registration and hotel reservations. Remember, the District pays for the registration of your Club's assigned electors. If you have been assigned to be an elector, check with your President to find out the promo code. The number of electors for each Club is determined by the number of members in your Club as described in the Bylaws, Article 8, Section 1 (see below).

Also, we ask that each Club bring an auction item valued at $100 or more that will be a part of either the live or silent auctions. Proceeds from the auctions go to the Rotary International Foundation. Members who "win" an auction item will receive credit for the donation from RI.

Please plan to attend we know you will have a great time and will meet many fellow District 5680 Rotarians and Rotary leaders. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Registration link:
Hotel link: ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE

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EVENT SCHEDULE

Wild West Connection

FRIDAY

4:00-6:30 PM	REGISTRATION
5:30-6:30PM	HAPPY HOUR THIRSTY'S BREW PUB AND GRILL 2704 VINE STREET HAYS
6:30 PM-10:00PM	APPITIZERS PROVIDED. ATTENDEES ARE WELCOME TO ORDER OFF THE MENU, INCLUDING DRINKS, AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE

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EVENT SCHEDULE

Wild West Connection

SATURDAY MORNING

7:00-8:00	BREAKFAST
7:30-8:30	REGISTRATION
8:00-8:30	OPENING SESSION - DISTRICT GOVERNOR DEB MINKLER
8:30-9:30	RICHARD BUERRY - ANTI BULLYING
9:30-10:30	FORT HAYS INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS
10:30-10:50	BREAK
10:50-11:45	KELLY ATKINSON - MEMBERSHIP
11:45-1:00	LUNCH

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Wild West Connection

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

1:00-1:45	KALEY CONNER - MENTAL HEALTH
1:45-2:45	BREAK OUT SESSION
2:45-3:00	BREAK
3:00-3:45	FRED WORKS - ROTARY HELPING
3:45-4:15	AWARDS PDG JEFF HORLACHER
4;15 - 4:30	DECEASED ROTARIANS
4:30-5:00	BUSINESS MEETING
5:30-6:00	HAPPY HOUR
6:00:-7:30	DINNER - KEYNOTE SPEAKER TROOPER BEN - MOTIVATIONAL
7:30	AUCTION
8:00-10:00	ENTERTAINMENT -FAIRCHILDS BAND

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District 5680 Membership Report As Of September 30, 2025

Club	7/1/2024	9/30/2025	NET GAIN
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2025-2026
Abilene	53	51	(2)
Andover	18	20	2
Arkansas City	68	64	(4)
Atwood	24	24	0
Beaver	16	16	0
Beloit	30	30	0
Boise City	22	23	1
Cimarron	17	17	0
Clay Center	64	62	(2)
Colby	35	35	0
Concordia	26	26	0
Derby	55	59	4
Dodge City	30	31	1
Downs	7	7	0
East Wichita	67	65	(2)
E-Club	16	16	0
El Dorado	31	30	(1)
Ellinwood	13	13	0
Ellis	10	10	0
Garden City	22	22	0
Goodland	13	13	0
Great Bend	28	28	0
Guymon	23	24	1
Haskell County (Sublette)	16	16	0
Hays	52	53	1

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Hays Sunrise	12	12	0
Hill City	7	7	0
Howard	10	10	0
Hugoton	13	13	0
Hutchinson	86	87	1
Kingman	21	21	0
Kinsley	5	5	0
Liberal	32	32	0
Lyons	21	21	0
McPherson	27	25	(2)
Ness City	21	19	(2)
Newton	55	60	5
Norton	11	11	0
Oberlin	29	30	1
Osborne	9	9	0
Phillipsburg	44	40	(4)
Pratt	72	73	1
Russell	39	37	(2)
Salina	96	93	(3)
Sterling	13	12	(1)
Syracuse	18	16	(2)
Texhoma	8	9	1
Ulysses	16	20	4
Washington	31	31	0
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	36	36	0
West Wichita	70	72	2
Wichita-Downtown	347	361	14
Wichita-Old Town	8	8	0
Winfield	60	58	(2)
TOTALS	**1973**	**1983**	**10**

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End Polio Now

Fellow Rotarians,

World Polio Day is Oct. 24. We would encourage your clubs to do something special at your club meetings. Big or small, the world deserves to know the impact that we as Rotarians have had on the children of the world. Billions of children have been touched over the years because of us! For additional resources you can always visit https://www.endpolio.org/ or reach out for ideas on what your club can do! Let us continue to fight to End Polio once and for all!

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