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Message from District Governor

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Sue Pearce





In Memory

Our District was saddened to learn of the death of Ken Lerman, husband of Geri Appel, on May 5, 2014. PDG Geri sent this note:

Thank you, D5690 Rotarians, for your cards, calls and messages , etc. during and following Ken's all-tooshort illness. Each act was given and accepted with love. Thank you for bearing with me as I focused on Ken the past two months. After I return from the RI International Convention in Sydney, I'll be ready to get back to work for Rotary and our great District. -Geri Appel-



Ken was a member of the RC Wichita for 27 years. He was a Paul Harris Fellow, a Benefactor, a Bequest Society Member and a Major Donor to The Rotary Foun-

dation. Click here to read his obituary: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/kansas/ obituary.aspx?n=kenneth-blerman&pid=170938211&fhid=4860

Sept. 7, 2014 Statewide Rotary Day at the Kansas State Fair in **Hutchinson**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sept. 10-14, 2014 **Rotary Institute** Denver, CO

Oct. 17-19, 2014 **District Conference—Wichita** Details to follow soon

District Service Above Self Awarded to Bob Goebel (W. Wichita)

District Leaders honored Bob Goebel with the District Service Above Self award. Bob is a Charter Member of the Rotary Club of West Wichita, serving as Club President in 1991-92, Sergeant at Arms and International Service Chair for 3 years.

Bob supplies materials and the facility for club members to build bookshelves for the 1st graders at Lawrence & Benton Elementary. He has participated in the Salvation Army Bell Ringing, built bunk beds for a family in need as part of the club's Holiday Family project and donated materials and built a supply shed for the club's Outdoor Classroom at Lawrence Elementary.

Bob is a Paul Harris Fellow +5 and a Rotary Foundation Benefactor and Bequest Society Member. He hosts International guests through the club's projects (GSE, RITE). He served as Dis-

trict 5690 Chairman for International Service and traveled to Panama as chaperone for Interact students. Bob has hosted Fireside meetings at his business, spoken to students at several high schools about his vocation and to Elementary students about how sod houses were built using a model he created. Bob has served on the board for a number of community organizations. He was Wichita Festivals, Inc. Admiral Windwagon Smith #22.

Congratulations Bob!

A Note from Nass

Barry Hamadoun, known in the district as "Nass" recently sent an update and greeting to District 5690. Nass was our District Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar to France during the 2011-12 school year and spoke at many of our clubs after he returned to the U.S. and before he returned home to Burkina Faso.

I passed the teaching entrance exam that leads to a permanent teaching post in professional schools. I am really very happy. I am planning to get married (traditional

wedding) at the end of Ramadan (end of July). I am really very excited. I was tired of living alone.

As you may know, we are going to have presidential election in 2015. It will be a turning point for the future of our country. Personally I worried a lot. People are tired of the actual president who came to power since 1987. Before 2015 we might have a referendum to decide whether or not he may run in 2015.

If things go wrong we might have a serious crisis. Right now I think about the possibilities of talking to people by making small conferences to invite them to tolerance. We need to learn to respect each other's choice. Here we have the majority and the opposition. The so-called majority wants the president to stay in power eternally and the opposition wants a change. I do agree with the opposition, but I don't want a change at

any price. What we need is a change in a peaceful transition, not a change that will lead our beloved country into a civil war or other crisis.

Please pray for us. My best regards to the D5690. Sincerely, Nass

RYLA—May 24-28, 2014

Submitted by Dean Kennedy (Winfield)

The theme this year is "United We Stand". We will be putting out flags on Memorial Day and the work day will be at the Kansas Veterans Home with our Veterans. We hope that all the clubs have recruited their students. It will be another great, patriotic year!









Club News from around the District

Rotary Club of West Wichita: Past President Jack Flesher was awarded our club's Service Above Self Award by PDG Phil Michel. He has been a Rotarian for 23 years.



Rotary Club of El Dorado: March 5, 2014 we were led in an amazing demonstration of Genealogy research skills during the program "Harry Fitzgerald Ancestry: 200 Years in 20 Minutes" by Lora Nakaten and Marsha Dekker. And several of us spent an evening at the Country Club for "Harry's KU Watch Party". Harry Fitzgerald has been an active member since 1952, and we'll be celebrating him all year long in El Dorado. On March 12, John Blazek spoke as we welcomed back a favorite coach, returning to El Dorado High School. On March 19, Rtn. Dave Stewart introduced retired Judge Sanders & Mary Gaffey who decided to treat us to Courtroom (A)musings. Finally, on March 26, Rtn. David Coryell arranged for our meal and meeting at the Butler Community College Art Department's E. White Art Gallery. Special guests were Coach Melcher and the El Dorado HS Senior Basketball Players

Rotary Club of Newton: Club past president Kim Manring was named Newton 2014 Woman of the Year. *The Newton Kansas* published the announcement, which said to look for future issues which will have a full-length profile. *Congratulations, Kim!*

Rotary Club of W. Sedgwick Co. Sunrise : President Dalia Hale accepted this *Good Apple Award* on behalf of our club upon nomination by Kensler Elementary. The Kensler principal shared a note: "*Please let the Sunrise*



Rotary Club know how much we appreciate our relationship and are thankful for all that you do for us."

Rotary Club of East Wichita : Our 2nd Annual Fun(d) raiser raised a record \$12,000 last week at Don Baxter's financial planning business, Baxter & Associates. The funds will go to our charities. We sold 69 tickets at \$40 each. The door prize was a gift basket filled with many goodies. And the wine tasting was tasty.

Rotary Club of Wellington : Wellington Rotary Club held its annual fundraiser - Rotary Radio Days - on April 26th. For this event, the club partners with a local radio station to sell ads to local businesses and individuals. This year club members sold 540 spots to 62 sponsors and earned

Rotaract Serves in Panama



The Interact Club of West Wichita is a service club for our area high school students founded in 2002 and sponsored by our two west side Rotary clubs—Rotary Club of West Wichita and Rotary Club Sunrise. The club meets bimonthly throughout the school year and participates in various community service projects.

Every other year, the group travels to Panama as an international service project. The trip gives them the opportunity to provide **Service Above Self** to the very poor, learn firsthand about a culture outside the US, learn Spanish through an immersion experience, work alongside adult Rotarians in a meaningful work project and an opportunity to build long-lasting friendships with those who make the trip and those they meet. This year, 21 Interact students and 7 adult sponsors went to Panama during Spring break, March 15 – 20, 2014. They visited several schools and an orphanage to deliver the tubs of supplies they took with them.

This trip was made possible in part through fundraising efforts and support from the two west side Rotary clubs

a total of \$1900 for our scholarship fund. Scholarships are awarded each year to local students at the club's scholarship banquet.

Rotary Club of Ulysses : We will sponsor a hole for the CIS golf tournament in June. We are considering providing breakfast during the fair in July.

Rotary Club of W. Sedgwick Co. Sunrise : Our club took a road trip to Riordan Clinic for our club meeting. Marci Barragan and Chris Bennett presented our club's Extra Effort Awards to the Pre-Kindergarten students at Kensler Elementary. Several students from our Interact Club made a presentation to our club about their trip to Panama over Spring Break. We inducted 3 new members this month!

April & May 2014

MORE News from around the District

District Assembly & Pin Passing

DGE Martin Bauer reports: We held our District Assembly on Friday and Saturday. We had 46 Rotarians in attendance which for not having had an Assembly in the District for 4 years was great. We used the Assembly to focus on membership efforts, Foundation giving and most importantly putting together our unified District grant application since it is due May 8th.



The Clubs were excited to hear about the Kansas state wide Rotary Day on September 7th.



PDG Larry Rumburg reports: On Friday evening, those attending the District Assembly witnessed the Passing of the Pin. Incoming District Governor, Martin Bauer acknowledged Sue

Pearce's year of the service to the District and Sue in turn welcomed Martin to his year ahead.



It was the beginning of a great District Assembly with an excellent speaker and discussion about membership, Ms Lewis speaking about her experiences as a Rotary Peace Fellow and finally Dona Meier Pheifer

bringing us up to date on District Grants and the immediacy for action!

Martin, Sue, David--thanks for making this happen!

Rotary Club of El Dorado: The club heari the following speakers through the month: Janett Jacob —Tri-County CASA; Scott Rickard—City of El Dorado Update; Will Carpenter—Legislative Update; Dr. Larry Shank—Bluestem Orthopedics; and Dr. Dalia Gutierrez Hale—Wichita's Multilingual Education Services. Isaac Johnson was our El Dorado High School Junior Rotarian. The club also presented two David Shirk Memorial Rotary Scholarships of \$2000 each to El Dorado High School graduates.

Rotary Club of West Wichita : Jack Flesher was this year's recipient of our club's Service Above Self Award.

Wichita Wingnuts Family Outing

Join the Sunrise and West Wichita Rotary Family Wingnuts Outing on Tuesday, May 27!



Contact either club for reservations. Cost is \$14. Reservations made and not kept will be charged.

RC West Wichita (cont'd)...Bob Goebel was this year's recipient of the District's Service Above Self Award. A group of our club members delivered books to the Kinder-gartners at three area elementary schools. Several of our members, along with Interact students, purchased and delivered groceries to needy families for the Easter holiday. We presented our "David Weber Extra Effort Awards" to three students from Lawrence Elementary at our club meeting.

Rotary Club of Greensburg : The 5th Wednesday is our Lunch & Learn meeting. Prospective members were invited to hear speaker on entrepreneurship.

Rotary Club of Newton: Our membership drive has been quite successful as we gained 3 new members: Nina Carr, Pam Stevens and Chris Francois. Welcome to Rotary. Speakers were Dwight Keen, former president of KS Independent Oil & Gas Producers, and Paul D. Fiebich who shared his love of flying.

Rotary Club of W. Wichita : We received 29 applications for this year's scholarship from 7 area high schools. Our committee selected



Becca Andrus, Maize High School and Baylee Eck, Bishop Carroll, pictured above with Terry Finger, Vocational Service Chair. The girls read their essay on "The Rotary 4-Way Test" at a recent meeting. Each will received \$1,000 for tuition at Kansas State University.

Rotary Club of W. Sedgwick Co. Sunrise : We had nearly 30 members and volunteers help with our Spring Playscape Clean-up.





Rotary Announces New Member Sponsor Recognition Program

Receive a special Rotary pin for sponsoring new members.



Have you sponsored a new member recently? Any sponsor of a new Rotary member will receive a special Rotary pin with a color-coded backer denoting the number of new members you've sponsored. Pins are sent to club presidents, who present them during a club meeting.

To receive a pin, simply enter new members into your club's records and identify yourself as the sponsor. You can keep track of your sponsorships by checking your profile page on Rotary's website. Read more at https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/rotary-announces-new-member-sponsor-recognition-program



Hot Dog Feed

The **Rotary Club of W. Wichita** hosted its annual Hotdog Feed at Lawrence Elementary. Brian Goudie organized it and Bob Goebel & Mike Sullentrop manned the grill. Twenty club members attended to help.



April was Magazine Month in Rotary



Did your club plan meetings and activities to observe Magazine Month? It's never too late! Encourage club members to promote your <u>Rotary regional magazine</u> or <u>The Rotarian</u>. Discuss how to use these resources for project ideas, to recruit new members, and to renew excitement about Rotary.

Did you know?

Rotarians publish more than 30 independent regional magazines. They are distributed in more than 130 countries and published in 24 languages

For *Magazine Month*, check out the latest news online or request sample copies by emailing rwmp@rotary.org. You can also visit www.rotary.org for a demonstration of *The Rotarian's* multimedia digital edition.. Source: RI and RGHF "Our Foundation" newsletter

Derby Rotarian Betty Wilken Recognized

Mayor Dion Avello is pleased to announce that **Betty Wilken** is the recipient of the 2014 Mayor's Award of Excellence. The award was established in 2002 as a way to honor an individual, family, organization, or business that has contributed significantly to the Derby community. The award was presented at the May 13 City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Derby City Hall, 611 Mulberry Rd.

Betty is a long-time resident of Derby and has been continuously involved in the community. She has volunteered in various facets of philanthropy in the City. Her involvement includes program director for the **Rotary Club of Derby**, treasurer of the Friends of the Derby Public



Library, and active board member of the Derby Community Foundation. Betty led development of Library2Go, a joint project of the Rotary Club and library to deliver library materials to homebound Derby residents. She volunteers four hours every week at the Derby Senior Center and has been actively involved in the Derby Chamber of Commerce since 1976. She credits her volunteerism to her mother's example.

"If a service organization exists in Derby that Betty is not actively involved in, I'd be surprised," said Mayor Dion Avello. "Recognizing the love and care that Betty Wilken shows her home city since 1967 is exactly the purpose of this award. Derby would not be Derby without Betty Wilken."

Interact in the News in Ulysses

The week of March 31st began the Kepley Middle School **Interact Club's Purple Pinkie campaign**. Rotary International (sponsors of Interact clubs for children 12-18) has led the world in an effort to rid our communities of the polio virus. When a child is vaccinated, they put a purple stamp on their little finger – that is the origin of this fund-raiser to eradicate polio done by Interact students around the world. The Interact club members have visited Ulysses High School, Sullivan Elementary, Hickok Elementary,

Pioneer Communication, Pioneer Electric and Kepley Middle School to paint pinkies for \$1.00 a digit.

Polio is a virus, highly infectious, passed from person to person that result in childhood paralysis if it enters the central nervous system. The last cases of naturally occurring paralytic polio in the United States were in 1979. President Roosevelt actually contracted polio while in Canada when he was 39 years old, 12 years before he became president. Within 2 days of the exposure he was paralyzed in both legs. Adults are not immune to this virus if they have not received the vaccine. In 2010, there were 1292 reported cases of polio in 4 endemic countries...but this year we received and announcement on End Polio Now's Facebook page from Bill Gates that India, one of those four endemic countries, was certified polio free:

"Eliminating polio in India is one of the most impressive accomplishments in global health ever. Because of India's success the entire southeast region of the WHO has been certified polio free. The credit for this belongs to governments throughout the region and to key partners like Rotary International. 144,000 Rotarians in the region worked tirelessly to secure the political commitment and the money needed to reach hundreds of millions of children with the polio vaccine. Thanks to these efforts, Rotary is helping to make global polio eradication a reality. I hope you take a moment to feel pride in your success. But there is more work to

do. We have stopped endemic polio in all but three countries. Until polio is stopped in these countries too it is still a threat in every country. We need you to keep up the good work until we can certify that the whole world is polio free; so that no child anywhere will ever suffer from this terrible disease again."



It is with these exciting results that your middle school leaders entered into this year's fundraiser with a goal of \$1000.00. This money will vaccinate 2500 children. We are really just "this close." If you can contribute still today, please donate to Interact KMS, PO Box 232, Ulysses, KS 67880 or drop of your donation c/o KMS Interact at Pioneer Communications.

This is an exciting time and our children will change the world.

Submitted by Rotary Club of Ulysses & published in Ulysses News

EDITOR'S NOTE: The total raised by Interact was \$1,054. The club recognized Juan Perez, the principal of Kepley Middle School and Ken Warner, principal of Hickok Elementary since their donation and participation was so much more than all the other schools. **Great job!**

Thank you—Donation Appreciated

Dear friends, with your generous support now this apartment feels like home! The huge thank you goes from us to you and Rotary club! May God bless you. Hope someday we will be able to do something for you in return. Hugs and best wishes, Oksana, Denys & little Mariia

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The **Rotary Club of W. Wichita** hosted Oksana Kovalendo through the Open World Program 2 years go. She and her husband, Denys, and their little daughter, Maria moved to the U.S. (KC area) last month with nothing but their suitcases. Due to generous donations from club mem-



bers, Oksana and family received a \$1,500 gift card to help set up their new apartment. Other contributions of household items from club members were also made.





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Rotary Foundation News

Polio & Rotary in the News

Rotary is receiving significant international media recently for its role in the historic polio-free certification of the World Health Organization's South-East Asia region.

Highlights include:

- CNN International: India beats the odds, beats polio
- BBC.com : <u>World now 80% polio free</u>, <u>World Health Or-</u> ganization says
- The Guardian: India may be free of polio but the disease hasn't been eradicated yet (op-ed by Archie Panjabi)
- Reuters: Q+A: India at risk until polio is eradicated globally-Rotary
- The Wall Street Journal Online: <u>Q&A: India Eliminates</u> <u>Polio</u>
- HuffPost Live: Violinist & Conductor Itzhak Perlman LIVE
- Forbes.com: John Hewko explains polio's legacy

Please share the good news with others.

I am also pleased to report that Rotary received extensive media coverage throughout 2013, with more than 626 news organizations in 35 countries featuring our humanitarian efforts. Of those, 58 stories appeared in top tier international news organizations, including nine out of the 10 most influential ranked by Forbes, including the **Associated Press**, *The New York Times*, **BBC**, **Agence France Presse**, *The Washington Post* and the *Wall Street Journal*.

Rotary's role in the fight to end polio was highlighted in toplevel, global media at unprecedented levels last year. And Rotary's partnership with its celebrity ambassadors for polio eradication helped raise our digital visibility to new audiences via posts on <u>www.endpolio.org</u> and celebrity social media channels.

Enclosed are a <u>report</u> and summary of Rotary's 2013 media coverage and a sharable compilation of the highlights with links to the coverage <u>here.</u> To view full articles, click on the headlines.

Best regards, John Hewko, General Secretary Rotary International

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Area	# of cases <u>YTD 2014</u>	# of cases <u>YTD 2013</u> *		
Afghanistan	4	1		
India	0	0		
Nigeria	3	22		
Pakistan	66	8		
Non-endemic countries	9	2		
Total Worldwide	82	34		
*Data as of 21 May 2014 / World Health Organization Go to <u>www.polioeradication.org/</u> <u>Dataandmonitoring/Poliothisweek.aspx</u> for more information				

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Peace Corps & Rotary kickoff historic collaboration

In an effort to promote global development and volunteer service, Rotary and Peace Corps have agreed to participate in a one-year pilot program in the Philippines, Thailand, and Togo. Under the agreement, Rotary clubs and Peace Corps volunteers are encouraged to share their resources and knowledge to boost the impact of development projects in these three countries. <u>Read more here https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/peace-corpsand-rotary-kickoff-historic-collaboration</u>

And here <u>http://blog.rotary.org/2014/05/05/</u> peacecorps_rotary/

Ambassadorial Scholar Selected

District Scholarship Chair, **PDG Phil Michel** announced that the committee has selected **Andrew Hawkins** of Garden City to study at Upsala University (Sweden) as a District Ambassadorial Scholar. Andrew will continue his studies towards a Master's Degree in Security Studies through Charles University in Prague as an exchange student through Charles University and then complete his studies in Prague next spring.

Andrew is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Garden City and is fluent in Swedish and other languages. Watch for more news on our scholar this school year!

Congratulations, Andrew & RC Garden City!

April & May 2014

District 5690	ME	EMBERSHIP & A	TTENDANC	E	As of	March 31, 20
When in YELLOW	club did not sub	mit their month	ly numbers.	Last month's	numbers are	used.
	7/1/2013	3/31/2014	NET GAIN	ATTENDANCE	Goal Total	YTD
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2013/14	%	2013-2014	to Goal
Andover	24	26	2	75.00%	28	-2
Arkansas City	51	56	5	51.00%	100	-44
Beaver	26	24	-2	58.00%	32	-8
Boise City	16	14	-2	78.73%	16	-2
Cimarron	26	30	4	72.91%	30	0
Derby	64	67	3	66.54%	70	-3
Dodge City	38	37	-1	60.00%	45	-8
East Wichita	123	124	1	56.16%	140	-16
El Dorado	48	51	3	56.00%	50	1
Garden City	45	41	-4	46.67%	47	-6
Greensburg	10	12	2	61.00%	15	-3
Guymon	29	29	0	48.00%	30	-1
Hugoton	25	27	2	70.00%	29	-2
Hutchinson	118	128	10	55.00%	119	9
Johnson	18	17	-1	48.00%	20	-3
Kingman	34	34	0	51.00%	35	-1
Kinsley	13	14	1	76.00%	20	-6
Larned	22	22	0	40.00%	26	-4
Liberal	48	46	-2	49.00%	48	-2
Newton	51	50	-1	74.00%	60	-10
Pratt	69	70	1	54.00%	74	-4
Sublette	16	17	1	87.00%	17	0
Syracuse	22	22	0	65.00%	20	2
Texhoma	18	19	1	80.20%	23	-4
Ulysses	41	40	-1	56.29%	39	1
Wellington	20	19	-1	70.00%	28	-9
W. Sedgwick Co	42	43	1	57.00%	50	-7
West Wichita	66	64	-2	56.00%	70	-6
Wichita-DT	378	389	11	42.20%	400	-11
Wichita-Old Town	18	17	-1	48.53%	30	-13
Winfield	77	84	7	49.41%	80	4
TOTALS	1596	1633	37		1791	-158

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Derby	64	68	4	67.42%	70	-2
Dodge City	38	37	-1	68.00%	45	-8
East Wichita	123	125	2	55.32%	140	-15
El Dorado	48	50	2	61.00%	50	0
Garden City	45	42	-3	44.95%	47	-5
Greensburg	10	12	2	63.00%	15	-3
Guymon	29	29	0	48.00%	30	-1
Hugoton	25	27	2	66.00%	29	-2
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Wichita-Old Town	18	17	-1	50.00%	30	-13
Winfield	77	85	8	46.47%	80	5
TOTALS	1596	1637	41		1791	-154



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