

District 5680 News

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The month of May is a time of renewal and growth, both in nature and in Rotary. As we see the flowers bloom and the weather warm



up, we see more people working on the yards and in their communities. It is a reminder of the great work Rotarians are doing in their communities. While our membership numbers may not have increased this year, the dedication and hard work of our Rotarians can be seen in the progress our clubs have made in enhancing their presence within the community and developing stronger leadership.

This month, Rotary's theme is You Service, highlighting the importance of empowering the next generation of leaders. Programs like Interact and RYLA provide valuable opportunities for young people to develop their leadership skills and become future Rotarians. If your club has not yet signed up for RYLA, now is the perfect time to do so.

It is also important for clubs to start planning for the upcoming year by updating their officers and setting goals for the Rotary Citation. The Citation is a prestigious award that recognizes clubs for their excellence and adherence to Rotary's high standards. If your club needs assistance with updating offers of filing for the Rotary Citation, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at homeier.rotary5680@gmail.com. I would be more than happy to help you with this process.

For President Elects, now is the time to start setting goals for the upcoming year and envisioning what great achievements can be made with Rotary. Current Presidents should also take this opportunity to evaluate their goals from the past year and look for ways to support the incoming President Elect in achieving their goals.

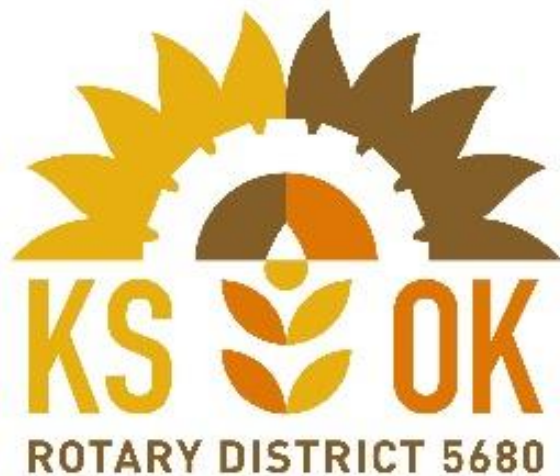
Let's make the month of May a time of growth, both personally and within our clubs, as we continue to strive for excellence in Rotary. Together we can achieve great things and make a positive impact in our communities. Thank you for your dedication to Rotary and for all that you do to make a difference.

Gloria Homeier

District Governor

2023-2024

District 5680



Club News from around the District

On March 6, 2024, exactly 40 years after [East Wichita Rotary](#) was chartered on March 6, 1984, a Ruby Jubilee celebration was held to celebrate the Club's 40th Anniversary! With over 90 people attending, a great group of current members, former members, and spouses enjoyed a wonderful evening of fun, friendship, nostalgia, and memories of the past forty years.



Sixteen past-presidents attended, as shown in the picture.



Additionally, three charter members, Marc Campbell, Larry McNeil and Dave Sproul (as shown in the picture), are still very active in Cheers to [East Wichita Rotary](#).

Following a fantastic "walk-down-memory-lane" video that showcased 40 years of meetings, Service Above Self, and Rotary activities, Larry Hatteberg, former KAKE news anchor, was the keynote speaker, who entertained the crowd with a wonderful story about a Kansas man he met years ago. Cheers to [East Wichita Rotary](#) for another 40 years!



Widows of three of our charter members (Connie Roark, Brenda Fulmer and DeAnne Fahnstock).

[Rotary Club of Andover](#) sponsored food packing at Christ Church - East in partnership with the Outreach Program. Club members, along with volunteers from the church, Boy Scouts of America, and National Honors Society, participated in this community service project. The boxes of non-perishable food will be donated to the

Andover Community Food Pantry, Butler Community College Food Pantry, and Christ Church's own ministry with North High School.



Congrats to Todd Carter! Winner of our Rotary March Madness for the [Rotary Club of El Dorado](#). Although she is smiling, Rotarian Mandi Hursh is extremely sad to give up her trophy from winning last year. Congrats to TC! 🏆🏆



One of Rotary's missions is Ending Hunger; Enriching Lives! Here in Phillipsburg, the [Rotary Club of Phillipsburg](#) members are packing meals which go to the local Food Bank!



Many, many thanks to The [Rotary Club of Pratt](#) for their generous donation used to purchase the projector for the North Gallery at the Vernon Filley Art Museum.



The [Rotary Club of Salina](#) presented to Mac Steele the Paul Harris Fellow Major Donor Award.

Congratulations to the Rotary Scholarship recipients from the [Rotary Club of Salina](#).



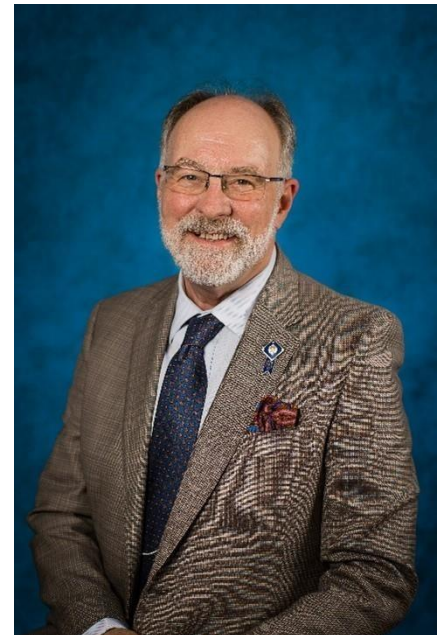
The Rotary Club of Washington held their 36th annual Rotary Radio Day taking over the KCLY airways. With their ads and auction, the Club raised over \$9,000 for "Community Projects and Scholarships"!



District 5680 Clubs: I have received emails from Rotary International that they do not have officers from many of our District clubs to record in their database. This database is the source we use on a district level to communicate to the local clubs and officers. So, please, get your information submitted to Rotary International. It will help me a great deal as I prepare for my term as District Governor, and as I begin my term.

Thank you,
DGE Jeff Horlacher

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Rotary Service project in Guatemala



Rotarians from District 5680 recently embarked on a life-changing journey to Guatemala with the mission of making a positive impact on the lives of Indigenous Indians in Panatantic. The team, consisting of dedicated members including Pete Sherlock, Bill Bryant, Scott Bryant, Shirley Black, Bob Black, Olivia Chaffin, Sarah Atha, myself, and members of District 5710 dedicated their time and efforts to bring much-needed assistance to the community.

During their time in Panatantic, the team installed 25 water filters and 9 cook stoves to improve the villagers' access to clean water and safe cooking facilities. They also painted the entire medical clinic and two school kitchens, enhancing the overall hygiene and aesthetics of the facilities. Additionally, the team purchased and distributed 753 medical supplies, 531 school supplies, 228 items of clothing, 25 water filtration systems, 9 cook stoves and purchased an additional \$900 in medical supplies.



In addition to these tangible contributions, the Rotarians conducted newborn baby checks and elderly health assessments as well as clinics on diabetes and high blood pressure. These initiatives aimed to raise awareness about the importance of regular health screenings and treatment for prevalent health conditions in the village, such as diabetes, intestinal diseases, and high blood pressure, which are leading causes of death in the community.

Throughout their time in Guatemala, the Rotarians were deeply touched by the warmth and kindness of villagers, who welcomed them with open arms and genuine appreciation. The children, in particular, showered the team with hugs and smiles, creating lasting memories of joy and connection.



Reflecting on their experience, the Rotarians emphasized the transformative power of participating in global grants and encouraged fellow members to seize similar opportunities to make a difference in the world. They returned home with a heart full of blessings and newfound perspectives, recognizing the profound impact of their humanitarian efforts on the lives of those they served.

The Rotarians in District 5680 and 5710 exemplify the spirit of service and compassion that defines Rotary, demonstrating the profound impact that collective action and dedication can have in changing lives and fostering positive change in communities around the world.





ROTARY
YOUTH
LEADERSHIP
AWARDS

REGISTER A STUDENT TODAY

Registration is available at www.sckans.edu/activities/leadership/rotary-camp
 For questions, contact Dean Kennedy at dean.kennedy@communitynational.net



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive youth leadership experience organized by our Rotary Clubs and district to develop leadership skills for youth while having fun and making connections.

RYLA for District 5680 will be held May 28 to 31, 2024 at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas and is open for high school Freshmen, Sophomores, or Juniors. Students are selected and sponsored by a Rotary Club but may also be sponsored by a family Rotarian since it is open to Rotarian family members. Do you have a family member, neighbor, or friend that will benefit from this experience? Each Rotary Club in the District has one partial student scholarship of \$100.00 (full registration is \$400.00) from District 5680.

NOW is the time to submit those applications.

All information is available at www.sckans.edu/leadership and then service outreach/Rotary Camp.

For more information please contact Dean Kennedy at dean.kennedy@communitynational.net.

District 5680 Membership Report As Of April 30, 2024

Club	7/1/2023	4/30/2024	NET GAIN
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2023- 2024
Abilene	52	55	3
Andover	25	23	(2)
Arkansas City	66	69	3
Atwood	23	24	1
Beaver	18	17	(1)
Beloit	35	37	2
Boise City	19	18	(1)
Cimarron	20	17	(3)
Clay Center	62	65	3
Colby	44	44	0
Concordia	30	25	(5)
Derby	54	60	6
Dodge City	38	32	(6)
Downs	9	9	0
East Wichita	68	69	1
E-Club	15	16	1
El Dorado	32	30	(2)
Ellinwood	18	17	(1)
Ellis	10	10	0
Garden City	26	29	3
Goodland	13	13	0
Great Bend	27	26	(1)
Guymon	32	34	2
Haskell County (Sublette)	19	17	(2)
Hays	62	57	(5)
Hays Sunrise	9	11	2
Hill City	7	7	0
Howard	9	9	0
Hugoton	15	14	(1)
Hutchinson	92	91	(1)



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and newsletters**

APRIL DISTRICT 5680 NEWS

Johnson	10	10	0
Kingman	19	21	2
Kinsley	5	5	0
Liberal	40	41	1
Lyons	21	21	0
McPherson	24	27	3
Ness City	23	23	0
Newton	59	59	0
Norton	11	10	(1)
Oberlin	30	30	0
Osborne	10	11	1
Phillipsburg	32	33	1
Pratt	67	68	1
Russell	36	38	2
Salina	103	98	(5)
Sharon Springs	5	5	0
Sterling	20	19	(1)
Syracuse	19	19	0
Texhoma	12	12	0
Ulysses	24	18	(6)
Washington	33	33	0
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	38	37	(1)
West Wichita	58	63	5
Wichita-Downtown	363	348	(15)
Wichita-Old Town	9	10	1
Winfield	67	59	(8)
TOTALS	2087	2063	(24)



**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**



**KANSAS
LEADERSHIP
CENTER**

District 5680 Leadership Transformation Grants

District 5680 has been awarded 25 grants to participate in the programs of the Kansas Leadership Center. The Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) is a non-profit organization committed to fostering leadership for stronger, healthier and more prosperous Kansas communities.

The KLC offers three programs that build on each other:

- **When Everyone Leads** is the introductory one-day program that focuses on personal leadership competencies. It focuses on leadership as an activity – recognizing that every individual has the capacity to lead. It helps participants stretch and grow their leadership while addressing their toughest challenges. When Everyone Leads is valued at \$149.
- **Your Leadership Edge** is the seminal, two-day deep dive into individual leadership for those who have completed When Everyone Leads. It focuses on helping leaders understand how to move out of their comfort zone and engage in meaningful leadership. It centers on the KLC's leadership framework based on Five Guiding Principles and Four Proufound Competencies. Your Leadership Edge is valued at \$399.
- **Lead For Change** is reserved for teams who have already completed the other two KLC courses. It is an immersive, three-day training that must be experienced in a team. Lead For Change is valued at \$799 per individual.

Who Should Attend?

Each club should consider sending up and coming leaders from their club and community. The virtual sessions are ideal for clubs in western Kansas. Leaders who have done the first program should consider the second program.

How To Register

To Sign Up for When Everyone Leads or Your Leadership Edge, we ask that you do two things:

1. Visit the KLC website at: www.kansasleadershipcenter.org. Create a personal account and register using the code **Rotary2024** to waive the tuition fee.
2. Notify District 5680's Learning Facilitator, Arlen Honts, of your interest in order that we might track Rotarians who are taking advantage of this grant. Arlen Honts' contact is:

akhonts@att.net 316-648-7484

Those interested in Lead For Change must make arrangements through District Learning Facilitator, Arlen Honts.



KANSAS LEADERSHIP CENTER

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Virtual Program Dates

March 5 | August 20 | October 2-3 (Evenings) | December 10

In Person Program Dates - Wichita

April 16 | June 18 | July 23 | September 12 | November 12

In Person Program Date – Kansas City

May 23

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Virtual Program Dates

February 27-28 | May 21-22 | September 24-25 | November 19-20

In Person Program Dates - Wichita

March 19-20 | April 23-24 | June 25-26 | October 22-23

In Person Program Date – Kansas City

July 17-18

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In Person Program Dates - Wichita

March 26-28 | August 6-8 | October 15-17

Registration for all programs closes two weeks before the program.



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 match 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 Chair of the District's PolioPlus Committee: isaac@outreachprogram.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 isaac@outreachprogram.org. You can also fill out the form online at: <https://forms.gle/6SZEiqrPddrfrSg7> or by scanning the QR code with your smart phone! You can also send a copy to Isaac at 5266 NW 20th St, El Dorado, KS 67042

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 Isaac 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 _____