



District 5680 News



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Message from

District Governor Dana Brewer

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Rotarians, WE are The People Who Have Persevered. When the World stood down, Rotarians Stepped Up, as RI President Nominee Jennifer Jones has proclaimed!

It has been very challenging, but as RI President Holger Knaack has shown us, Rotary Opens Opportunities!

WE have kept Rotary alive and serving, in OUR Communities and OUR World! WE have raised funds and provided Food for OUR Neighbors, twice. We are providing trusted information about the safety of anti-Covid vaccines and encouraging the rollout of vaccinations.

Although it's still not easy to do hands-on Service projects, Rotary once again provides us with an incredible Opportunity to make a huge impact in OUR World, to Push to End Polio Now! We are nearly halfway to OUR District's \$1 Million Dollar Goal by June 30th, 2021. The Power of US can get this done!

Share this message with ALL Club Rotarians with the 2-page flyer following this message which shows two very sim-



ple and easy ways WE can redouble OUR gifts to PolioPlus. If someone else has the address list, ask them to forward.

View my messages on the attached video and share it with your

Club! <https://youtu.be/bEMtQnm6j88> and <https://youtu.be/c7cdT35F-8o>

Then challenge each other to give and to ask community members to match portions of your gift.

Doing so, redoubles the 6 to 1 Matches from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation & Rotary Foundation World Fund to 12 to 1! \$100 BECOMES \$1,200 or 400 kids vaccinated at \$3 each.

Things have been difficult for many people but most still want to give. Matching \$10 or \$25 of a \$50 or \$100 gift from a Rotarian, is still doable. It will make them feel good about helping with important work to save and protect the lives of children everywhere.

Rotary International informs me that Tina and I should not meet in person with OUR Clubs through June 30, to protect YOU. I will be available to meet with your Club virtually to address Club needs and



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DG Dana Brewer (cont'd)

how you can further OUR PolioPlus Push and the Vaccinations Rollout.

Call me: 785-614-1089 (leave voicemail, if not available) or email: danabrewrrdg5680@gmail.com to make those arrangements.

Thanks for all the good you will continue to do in the World, through your Rotary Service,

Dana & Tina Brewer

District Governor & Governess
District Governor, 2020-21
District 5680

Joined by Fred Heismeyer District Governor Elect and the District Leadership Team
PUSH TO END POLIO NOW COMMITTEE:
Donna Meier Pfeifer, Dave Abbott, Lisa Perez Miller, Lindsy Berry, Isaac McNary & Dana Brewer



Year-end Giving Deadlines for The Rotary Foundation

Plan NOW: The Rotary Foundation (TRF) 2021 Fiscal Year-end Deadlines

Please note the following for Rotary Foundation (TRF) Contributions:

- **Credit Cards:** Online via www.rotary.org – must be authorized prior to 30 June 2020, midnight (CST). Phone (866-976-8279) contributions will be accepted through 5:00PM CST on 30 June 2021.
- **Checks:** Both the postmark and the date written on the check must be no later than **June 30, 2021** and received by The Rotary Foundation by July 7, 2021.
- **Wire transfers:** Must be initiated prior to Wednesday, June 30, 2021 and received by Wednesday, July 1, 2021.

Please do NOT send in checks for the 2021-22 Rotary year until July 1, 2021. All checks received with June postmarks go toward 2020-21 contributions.

RC Great Bend Hosts Special Program

A 20-minute clinic will discuss how a business can save thousands of dollars by hiring the right employee at its noon meeting on May 24. The special meeting will be held in the spacious dining room of Encounter Church, 601 S. Patton Road (use the east entrance).

Rtn. Bob Broeckelman (RC W Wichita), a retired Farm Credit Association executive, will present 'How to Match People Up With the Right Jobs.'

Rotary Assistant Governor Lee Musil says "This is a can't miss it opportunity" for community business leaders, school and hospital administrators, etc.

Using proper interview techniques and his "Predictive Index," Broeckelman says that employers were able to match applicants with the right jobs 92% of the time. Mr. Broeckelman says, "Businesses often think turnover is a cost of doing business. It doesn't have to be that way."

Guests are welcome to attend both the 12 p.m. catered lunch (at their own expense) and presentation, but it is essential that they **RSVP no later than Wednesday, May 19**, to club treasurer **Devin McMillen (620.792.2588)**. RSVPs for lunch (Rotarians and guests) will be limited to 150. The Powerpoint program will begin about 12:20 p.m.

May is Youth Service Month

Throughout the month of May, Rotarians and younger members of the Rotary family, including Interactors and RYLA and Rotary Youth Exchange participants, celebrate the service, development, connections, and fun of Rotary's programs for young leaders.



[Check out these ideas](#) to celebrate during COVID-19.

[Read More](#)

Presidents-elect Training in Review

A new Rotary year is just around the corner and club Presidents-elect were busy in March educating themselves on all the puzzle pieces that make up Rotary. Heartland PETS, our multi-district training program for incoming presidents, covered topics ranging from being a good leader to navigating and learning all the resources located on the Rotary International website. PETS participants had the opportunity to hear from RI President-Elect Shekhar Mehta, RI Director Suzi Howe, RI Professional Staff member John Hannes, nationally recognized engagement speaker Rob Pennington, and numerous other zone and district level leaders. Attendees were able to ask questions, share experiences, and learn from other PEs. Topping off the multi-session virtual training was an opportunity for a virtual social and entertainment by East Wichita Rotarian Sarah Wine. Comments came stream-



ing in how useful the information was and how engaging the sessions were.

NOTE: PETS sessions and other vital resources for club leadership, project ideas, news and general information regarding our district can be found at www.rotary5680.org. Also, information regarding "all things Rotary" can be found on the RI website at www.rotary.org.

Thanks to all the presenters for giving our incoming Presidents-elect a strong foundation for engaging fellow Rotarians, growing, and improving clubs, and most important, providing ideas on how we can "SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES".



Remembering PDG Bob Steimel



Our district was saddened to learn of the death of PDG Bob Steimel, a member of the Rotary Club of Concordia, on April 23, 2021.

Bob was active in Rotary for many years, having served as club president and as District Governor 2007-08. His community service was extensive and he served in the Army as a Specialist 5th Class from 1968-1971 in Turkey (NATO) and Washington State. Read his [obituary here](#).

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family—wife Lorene, and his four children.

FYI—Prince Philip who recently died was an active Rotarian and wrote many items for Rotary In Britain. Here is an example from 1984:

Foreword

by H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh

The sheer size of Rotary International in 1984 is impressive. Almost 1 million members in 158 countries are awesome statistics, but they really mean nothing at all unless the members are inspired by Rotary's challenging philosophy, expressed by its splendidly simple motto "Service Above Self". The motto would be irrelevant if there were no selfishness in the world, but the temptation to cheat, to exploit and to dominate for the sake of personal wealth and power has always been a feature of human existence and the chances are that it always will be.

The significance of Rotary is that it has become one of the most active and effective lay forces on the side of righteousness, co-operation and goodwill. It provides, therefore, a most powerful encouragement of the potential for good that is in all men and by so doing it also acts as a severe restraint on what is evil and corrupt. It is no coincidence that Rotary flourishes in the free and open societies of this world while it is ruthlessly suppressed under ideological dictatorships.

This book may not be the only history of Rotary to be written but it is probably the first to trace the course of events and to follow the development of an idea at the same time. What comes through is that while fashions and attitudes may vary between countries and over periods of time, the central principle and philosophy of Rotary runs through the whole story as if it were the track of the Golden Wheel.

Rotary Vision Statement

**TOGETHER, WE SEE A WORLD WHERE
PEOPLE UNITE AND TAKE ACTION TO
CREATE LASTING CHANGE ACROSS
THE GLOBE, IN OUR COMMUNITIES,
AND IN OURSELVES.**



OUR END POLIO NOW \$1 MILLION CAMPAIGN

- + **Who:** Rotary District 5680 Clubs & Individual Members
- + **What:** 2020-2021 PolioPlus \$1 Million Goal & Local Club Fundraising for PolioPlus Fund's End Polio Now Campaign!
- + **Where:** Throughout Kansas & Oklahoma Rotary District 5680
- + **When:** Now through June 30, 2021!
- + **Why Donate to the End Polio Now Campaign?**
 - Eradicate Polio
 - Preventing other Diseases, like Killer Measles
 - Improving Health Care
 - Providing Clean Water
 - Creating Jobs



- + **How Can We Do This?** By designating your Foundation Gift to PolioPlus!

ReDouble OUR End Polio Now IMPACT with a 12 to 1 MATCH

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation + RI Matches: \$1 becomes \$6

Redouble Your gifts by Matches from Others: \$1 becomes \$12

OUR \$10 + THEIR \$10 = \$20 X 6 becomes \$120

OUR \$50 + ALL of THEIR \$50 = \$100 X 6 becomes \$600

OUR \$100 + ALL of THEIR \$100 = \$200 X 6 becomes \$1,200

Nearing Halfway to OUR JUNE 30 Goal: \$1 Million Impact to End Polio Now!

How to create a MyRotary account and access Direct Giving:

<https://youtu.be/c7cdT35F-8o>

Helping/Becoming a Paul Harris Fellow is a Win - Win - Win

Paul Harris donations create Opportunities to End Polio Now

Paul Harris Recognition Points can be shared with other Rotarians to complete their Paul Harris Fellow. If you share 500 points and they donate \$500 to the PolioPlus Fund, that Rotarian achieves their Paul Harris Fellow Award.

If that Rotarian gives to PolioPlus, the 6 to 1 Matches from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the RI World Fund turns that generous act into \$3,000 for the eradication of crippling Polio, protection against killer Measles outbreaks and more.

A \$750 cash donation would swell to a magnificent donation of \$4,500, which at only \$3 per child, would vaccinate 1,500 young children against Polio, killer Measles and other dreaded diseases.

If that Rotarian was willing to take the additional Service Above Self step of getting Community Matches for their gift, the impact would **ReDouble** - to 2,000 and 3,000 children saved from polio forever.

How could we ignore such a life changing Opportunity opened to US by Rotary?

It's a Win for the Rotarian donating the Paul Harris Points, a Win for the Rotarians and Community Members giving the money and a Win for the World and Our Children!

RI President Holger Knaack tells us ending Polio is the commitment WE Rotarians must finish and is our highest priority!

**DO IT FOR THOSE UNABLE TO DO IT FOR THEMSELVES -
TOGETHER, LET'S HELP END POLIO NOW!**



District 5680 Renews Partnership with India D3250 Global Grant to Provide Dialysis Center

PDG Curtis Dick is pleased to announce that our district received news on April 9, 2021 that a joint Global Grant Application between our district and the Rotary Club of Jamshedpur in District 3250 for the purpose of equipping and setting up a two bed dialysis center has been approved by The Rotary Foundation in the amount of \$30,750. District 5680's portion of the grant is \$8,000 and will be funded through District Designated Funds that come back to our district three years post giving to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation.



Our district has enjoyed a long partnership with District 3250, a very poor area that covers two states in the north-east portion of India. Previous matching grants have provided clean drinking water to 48 schools throughout the district, rainwater harvesting at a small village, a transportation bus for children at the Jeevan Jyoti School in Dhanbad for mentally and physically challenged students, toilets and sanitary water for 30 girl schools in the district, and a previous dialysis center in Jamshedpur. The total amount of 7 grants from 2005 - 2021 is \$195,164.

"I am excited that we are continuing our partnership with our friends in District 3250" said PDG Dick. "The needs are great in India, and our Rotary partners there have a proven track record of providing needed assistance in so many areas such as water and sanitation, literacy, vocational training for women, medical facilities, and more. It is

my hope that we can continue to assist them long into the future."

Rotary Club of Jamshedpur has partnered with St. Joseph Hospital to provide the space

necessary to equip the two bed dialysis center. Along with the previous dialysis center at Tata Tinplate Hospital completed in 2015, they will bring increased subsidized services to economically compromised patients, as well as promoting awareness on causes of renal failure, proper dietary habits, educating care givers, and improving the quality of life for patients. Jamshedpur is a city of 1.5 million.



PDG Curtis Dick and PDG Rod Kreie visited District 3250 in April and May, 2008 via a Rotary Foundation Volunteer Service Grant to view previous water projects and to plan partnership projects for the future. "We are pleased and thankful that The Rotary Foundation agreed that the need is real and immediate", said Dick. "I also want to thank District 5680 Rotarians who generously give to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation. Your contributions make a huge difference in the lives of those who have many needs, and you are making the world a better place to live – one project at a time."

RYLA—Pop-Up Camp (1 day only-Two Locations)

Rotarians, it is with great joy that we are able to announce the continuation of our District's tradition of providing face-to-face Leadership Training for our young people!



RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy) provides attendees the opportunity to improve their abilities to lead and serve others, with training from some of the top students from Southwestern College's nationally recognized Leadership Studies Program!

A Flyer with details and information on the District's RYLA Scholarships, was sent via email to club presidents. In short, each of our 60 Rotary Clubs will receive one (1) free scholarship, if claimed by the May 8 deadline! Any unclaimed Scholarships will be available to be divided up among the Clubs who request an additional scholarship.

This information is also available on our district website at

[RYLA | District 5680 \(rotary5680.org\)](https://rotary5680.org) or from [Campus Activities - Leadership - Southwestern College \(sckans.edu\)](https://sckans.edu)

Since the two in-person camps will be one jam packed day and evening, tuition has been reduced from \$300 to \$120. Scholarships are \$100, so you may be able to afford sending two lucky students to either Guymon, Oklahoma (June 3) or Wichita, Kansas (June 1). To reserve your scholarship, contact Dean Kennedy by May 8 directly at Dean.Kennedy@communitynational.net.

Jump on this before it gets away! Many high school students will be excited for a getaway. Use this Opportunity to get the word out to your young folks about what a challenging but fun experience RYLA is!

Dana Brewer
Co-Director .

Dean Kennedy
Co-Director

Club News from around the District

Rotary Club Andover: Our Inaugural Andover Club Pickleball Tournament (Pickelmania MMXXI) will happen on Saturday, May 15, 2021! Participate in a fun social or competitive pickleball tournament in the morning or afternoon and complete skills challenges during the lunch break. [Click here](#) or [here](#) for more information.



Rotary Club W Sedgwick Co. Sunrise: We have been collecting many items for the Ronald McDonald House all month using a list provided to us. It's been very successful!



Rotary Club Clay Center: The city of Clay Center held a Mural Dedication ceremony in celebration of the Flag Raising at Iwo Jima 76 years ago on 3/29/1945. Representatives of the Marine Heritage Foundation and the Marine Corp National Museum were on hand to thank us and the Clay Center Mural Committee for memorializing the historic event with a mural, "Freedom Isn't Free," depicting the flag raising. View a [short video of the event here](#). Congratulations to the RC Clay Center for spearheading this project.



Rotary Club W Wichita: Our grocery shopping crew purchased and delivered groceries to 4 families in need for Easter. L-R: Bob Nelson, Rod Brown, Wade West, Jacob Beckman & Mark Hansen



#RotarySharingSmiles

#Rotary5680

Please use the hashtags when posting photos to social media!

Visit our website www.rotary5680.org & the hashtag [#RotarySharingSmiles](#) for more photos!

We ARE People of Action!

Rotary Club Wichita DT: We brought a smile not only to PDG Dick Hartwell, but to his neighbors, too. Dick is homebound now, but his daughter sent us this note:

Dad and his neighbors love the cheery smiley faces to support Rotary and vaccinations! Thank you to whoever took the time to do this. He will enjoy them all week!! The hospice nurses loved them, too. He could share with them about Rotary and their support for polio around the world.

Thanks again, Jane



Rotary Club Kinsley: New location of the Rotary Covid Vaccine Program signage is at of home on one of the business streets in Kinsley. We are proud to be able to share this great program with everyone cruising by on a perfect day. (Thanks to Bob Obee)



Rotary Club Washington: We held our annual Radio Days earlier this month and the results were outstanding. Club members served as disc jockeys for KCLY and teams organized and moved the auction items to Washington Bowl, where the event was held. Proceeds will benefit [KSDS Assistance Dogs](#), PolioPlus and support for club projects. In its over 30 years, KSDS has placed over 600 dogs as guide dogs, service dogs or facility dogs. Rain moved us inside, but we put our Smileys to work!



Rotary Club E Wichita: Visiting Rotarian PDG Stu Palmer from Jackson Hole, WY, enjoyed having smiles in his yard during his visit. Stu is a frequent visitor of both the E Wichita and DT Wichita clubs.



Paxton's Blessing Box



Rotary Club of West Wichita:

Paxton's Blessing Box (PBB) started from a simple idea that Maggie Ballard saw on social media back in August 2016. She shared the photo with her son,

Paxton, then age six, and they both felt that their house would be the perfect place for a Blessing Box to fill with non-perishable food and hygiene products for those in need.

Shortly afterwards they enlisted the skills of a handy friend who built the first Blessing Box. Maggie and Paxton placed it in their front yard and painted it bright crimson red, their favorite color. Next, they filled it with food and personal hygiene products, it's been stocked by donations ever since. That was October 2016.

Fast forward to 2021, there are now over 80 Blessing

Boxes scattered throughout the Wichita area, Kansas towns, and other states!

Maggie and Paxton's goal continues to be adding new PBB locations across the United States. All that is needed is the same passion and love to help feed those in need, via sponsorship of a Blessing Box.

OUR CLUB'S INVOLVEMENT...

Our club sponsored the installation of a Blessing Box at Lawrence Elementary. While it will provide food for needy families at the school (many of the families our club serves through our Monthly Grocery project and Holiday Groceries) it is open to anyone in the community who is in need. The box provides primarily non-perishable items such as canned goods, dry goods and packaged snacks. We may check in on the box but the Lawrence staff will be in charge of overseeing it. You are welcome at any time to stock it with food donations.

Thanks to Diane Walker, Editor, Western Flyer, 4/13/21

\$15.5 Million Pledge to The Rotary Foundation for Peace Center

An extraordinary gift — a pledge of \$15.5 million — from the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation was made to The Rotary Foundation so that Rotary can establish one of our Rotary Peace Centers in the Middle East or North Africa.

It's long been a stated desire of many Rotarians to establish a peace center in this region. Mainly because of three elements — water, oil, and religion — the Middle East has often been a cauldron of conflict. We believe that with social understanding and political goodwill, there's still hope for peace and harmony in the Middle East. This is one way that Rotary can make a tangible contribution.

TRF Chair, K R Ravindran shared the story of Otto and



Fran Walter, the extraordinary people whose generosity made this possible [here](#).

The new center will be named the Otto and Fran Walter Rotary Peace Center. The new center will offer a [professional development certificate program](#) focused on peacebuilding and development issues in the region. The gift will fund the center's startup costs and operating expenses, as well as an endowment that will provide peace fellowships in perpetuity for up to 40 students to

study there each year. The Rotary Foundation will select a partner institution to host the Otto and Fran Walter Rotary Peace Center in 2024, and the first Rotary Peace Fellows are expected to start studying there in January 2026.

Upcoming Events

May 14-16, 2021

Presidential Conference-USA

[Click here for info](#)

June 1, 2021

RYLA Pop-Up Camp, Wichita

June 3, 2021

RYLA Pop-Up Camp, Guymon, OK

June 12-16, 2021

RI Virtual Convention

June 30, 2021

District Governor Pin Passing

RC East Wichita

July 31, 2021

District Grant Application Deadline

Sept. 7-12, 2021

Zones 25B & 29 Institute

Houston, TX

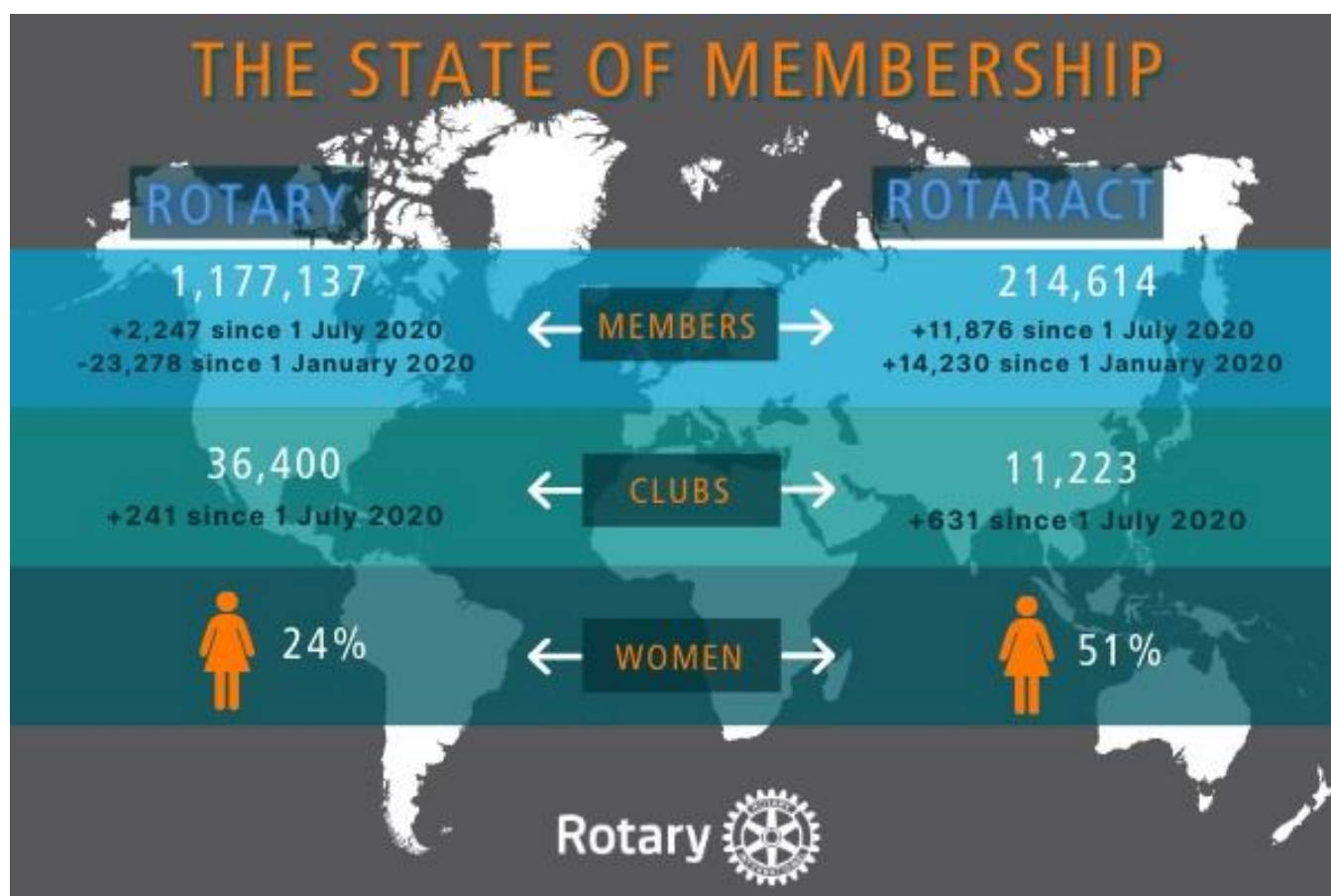
[Register here](#)

October 29-30, 2021

District Conference

Wichita Marriott

Understanding Rotary Members' Needs—the Key to ENGAGED Members



What do members want from their Rotary experience? And why do some members leave? Our research shows that members value local community service, friendship, and fellowship most. They cite time and cost, the club environment, and unmet expectations as reasons for leaving.

The key to engaging members is providing an experience that meets their needs and expectations. Learn more in the newly revised presentation [The State of Rotary Membership](#) which contains membership data and trends for the first half of the 2020-21 Rotary year. In it, you'll also find ways to address membership challenges so you can finish the year strong. The 12-slide PowerPoint presentation can easily be customized to meet your club or area needs. Consider showing and discussing it at your next meeting or event.

Don't Miss This Year's Virtual RI Convention—only \$49

Mark your calendars for an exciting opportunity to connect with Rotary members worldwide at the [2021 Virtual Convention: Rotary Opens Opportunities](#), June 12-16. **Registration is open** at a special rate of \$49 through May 7. After May 7, the registration fee is \$65.



You can also join us early at a preconvention for intercountry committees, Rotaract, and Rotary Youth Exchange officers, 10-11 June. Each preconvention costs an additional \$20.

The 2021 Virtual Rotary Convention and preconvention events are open to all Rotary members and participants. Both the convention and preconvention fees include access to the virtual House of Friendship.

Don't forget to visit the [convention event page](#) on Facebook to connect with others and stay up-to-date on event news and

program highlights!

[Learn more](#) and [Register today and save!](#)

District 5680 Membership Report As Of March 31, 2021

Club	7/1/2020	3/31/2021	NET GAIN
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2020-2021
Abilene	59	49	(10)
Andover	26	26	0
Arkansas City	59	58	(1)
Atwood	23	24	1
Beaver	15	15	0
Beloit	40	39	(1)
Boise City	20	20	0
Cimarron	20	20	0
Clay Center	47	53	6
Colby	54	54	0
Concordia	31	35	4
Derby	70	59	(11)
Dodge City	38	36	(2)
Downs	9	10	1
East Wichita	87	81	(6)
E-Club	20	17	(3)
El Dorado	36	33	(3)
Ellinwood	20	19	(1)
Ellis	9	9	0
Garden City	45	40	(5)
Goodland	36	21	(15)
Great Bend	46	42	(4)
Guymon	26	32	6
Hays	64	62	(2)
Hays Sunrise	15	15	0
Hill City	13	15	2
Howard	13	12	(1)
Hoxie	20	20	0
Hugoton	15	16	1
Hutchinson	100	95	(5)
Johnson	15	15	0
Kingman	25	23	(2)
Kinsley	15	6	(9)
Larned	16	16	0
Liberal	43	42	(1)
Lindsborg	8	8	0
Lyons	23	23	0
McPherson	39	35	(4)
Ness City	21	24	3
Newton	53	58	5
Norton	13	14	1
Oberlin	33	31	(2)
Osborne	14	11	(3)
Phillipsburg	49	48	(1)
Pratt	53	50	(3)
Russell	39	39	0
Salina	123	121	(2)
Sharon Springs	10	6	(4)
Sterling	20	19	(1)
Sublette	18	18	0
Syracuse	16	17	1
Texhoma	15	13	(2)
Ulysses	28	27	(1)
Washington	35	33	(2)
Wellington	12	10	(2)
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	38	36	(2)
West Wichita	61	59	(2)
Wichita-Downtown	410	376	(34)
Wichita-Old Town	9	13	4
Winfield	74	76	2
TOTALS	2404	2294	(110)



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This is your newsletter!
Send your articles and
club information to:

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2020-21 RI President
Holger Knaack
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Mölln Germany



June 12–June 16, 2021
Visit convention.rotary.org

Did You Know?

We have a link on YouTube!

