

District 5680 News

Latest News and Bulletin Updates

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September is Basic Education and Literacy Month for Rotary. This is one of Rotary's six areas of focus. I commend those clubs that have provided dictionaries to area school children, provide after school reading programs and provided support to local libraries to obtain needed books.

Kansas was just recognized by Dolly Parton's Imagination Library for have over 52,200 children enrolled in the program and gifting over 3.8 million books to children since 2005. We have several Rotary Clubs that have helped implement this program in their communities.

September 11-17 is Rotary's Celebrate Community Week. Many clubs are partnering with other service organizations in their communities to complete joint community projects this week. Don't forget to post these projects on your Facebook page and send them to our newsletter editor Larry Stoppel at ldstoppel@gmail.com. We would all like to see all the great projects that have been completed. Like or follow Rotary District 5680's Facebook page so you can stay up to date on Club and Rotary International happenings.



We are gearing up for the District Conference November 3 and 4 in Russell. This is a convention to die for!! We are having a murder mystery on November 3 and dueling pianos on November 4. We have a great line up of speakers which include Russ Tuttle, Founder of the Stop Trafficking Project, Jennifer Montgomery, Uganda Magenta Girls Initiative, and Karl Monger Founder of Gallant Few on Mental Health. We have lots of other great speakers on the agenda as well. Go to rotary5680.org -click on the 2023 District Conference on the left-hand side of the page – then click on registration to register today. You will need to call the Hotel of your choice directly to make room reservations. Under District Conference Information you will find a printable program for the convention.

As I travel around the District, I am amazed to see all the community service projects our clubs have completed in the communities. Just remember when you complete a project put the Rotary logo on it so that community members are reminded of how much their local club does for their community. When you work on a project wear your Rotary shirts so when community members see these shirts, they know that there is a great group of local Rotarians making their community better. If I have not been to your club yet I will see you soon.

Gloria Homeier

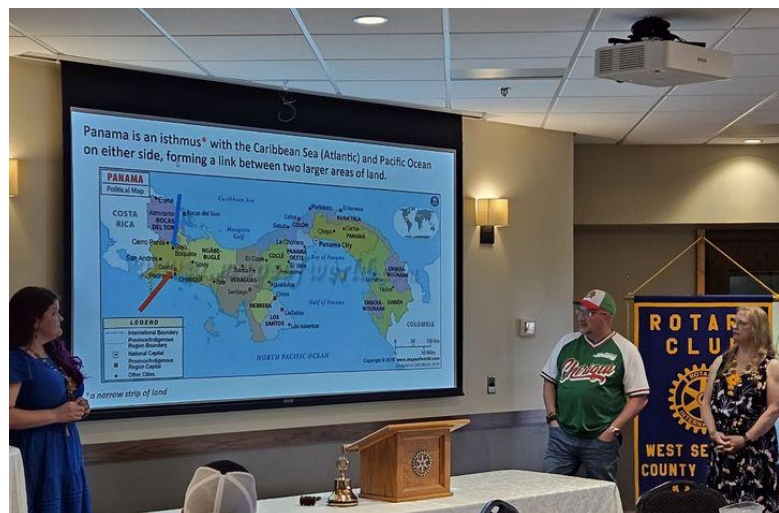
District Governor

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Club News from around the District

For many years, Rotary Clubs have sponsored the RITE Program, which is the Rotary Intercountry Teacher Exchange which sends local teachers to Panama and receives teachers from there as well. *The Sunrise Rotary Club of West Sedgwick* County is a sponsor of this exchange program. Recently three teachers who just returned from Panama shared their cultural and educational experiences with the club.





The *Rotary Club of El Dorado* was able to (finally) wrap up our fence project! It seems to be doing its job in keeping the area a little cleaner, and we appreciate anyone and everyone that's helping to pick up the trash!



Rotary Club of Liberal at Liberal Rotary Park.

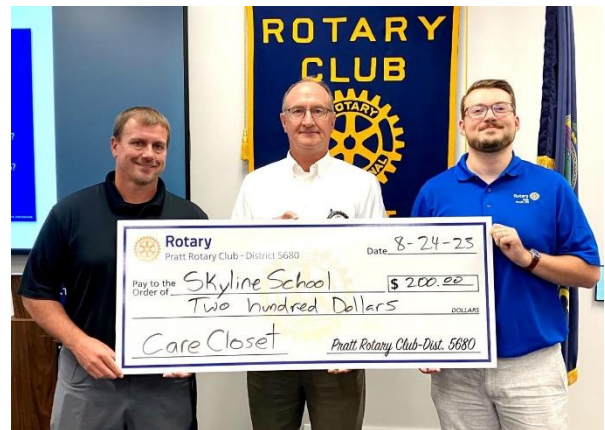


Rotary Club of East Wichita with a community project painting courts at Urban Preparatory Academy.



Donation checks were presented to USD 382 and USD 438 at the *Rotary Club of Pratt* meeting. The money will be used for each District's Care Closet. USD 382 representatives: LMS Principal Stephanie Thompson, Nurse Jen Sowards, and Superintendent and Rotarian Tony Helfrich.

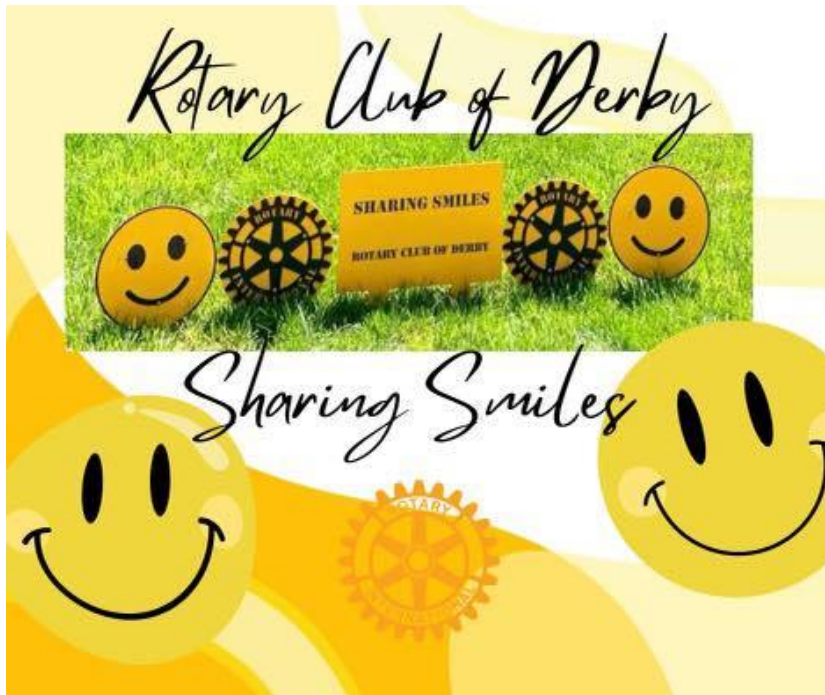
USD 438: Superintendent Morgan Ballard. Presenting the checks were Rotarians Jack Galle & Ian Hampton



Kinsley Rotary Club showed their appreciation to Danica Floyd and William Zink for helping repaint the US Map at the KINSLEY-OFFERLE Schools playground by buying them pizza. Thanks, We Appreciate It!!!

Tickets to Haus of Brews on September 16, 2023 are available now. Purchase them at <http://www.hausofbrews.org>. *Rotary Club of Andover*





[Derby KS Rotary Club](#) sharing smiles across the City of Derby be on the lookout for our sign. Great way to promote your club!

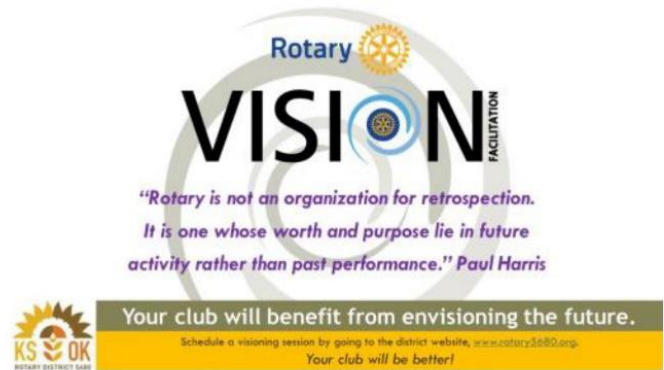
A delegation of 4 Rotarians from the [Rotary Club of Washington](#) attended a meeting of the SW Rotary Club of Las Vegas on a goodwill mission from District 5680. President Pete Sherlock presented a Club banner.



District 5680 Club Visioning

Thank you, [Rotary Club of El Dorado](#), for participating in the Club Visioning process. We know great service and member engagement will come from your work.

The visioning process gives a club the opportunity to look at what the club could look like in three years and mapping how to get there. If you are interested in a visioning session, go to the District 5680 webpages to learn how to bring this process to your club.



Paul Harris Fellows/Major Donor Recognition

Paul Harris Fellow Award 3+ - John Smith. Congrats John on this award!! [Rotary Club of Liberal](#)





Joyce and Fred Heismeyer, both of the [Rotary Club of East Wichita](#), were presented with Rotary Foundation's major donor recognition. Presenting the pins and crystal were Dave Sproul, RC of East Wichita's foundation chair and Donna Meier-Pfiefer, district 5680's foundation chair.

District 5680 Convention—Russell

There is an outstanding program planned. See you there!!

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Nov 03, 2023 – Nov 04, 2023

Elks Lodge
510 S. Front Street
Russell, KS 67665
United States of America



+ PRICING:

\$120 Rotary Member (Includes all meals and Programming)
\$25 - Reception and Entrainment Friday Night only (Reception is Cash Bar)
\$50 - Dinner Fee - Saturday Night Only (Reception is Cash Bar)
\$25 Interactors and Rotaractors

+ HOTEL ROOMS:

\$89.99 per night at Fossil Creek Hotel • 1430 S Fossil Street • Russell • 785-483-4200
\$89.00 per night at Quality Inn • 1405 S Fossil Street • Russell • 785-483-2488
When you call tell them you are booking with Rotary so you get the correct rate.
In order to receive the discounted rate you must book by October 6, 2023

+ REGISTRATION:

Register at the District 5680 Website. Each Club has one or more free registrations as electors depending on club size.

<https://rotary5680.org/event/district-conference-2/>

+ SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Friday - November 3, 2023

4:00 - 6:00 pm • Registration
4:00 • Executive Board Meeting
4:00 - 5:30 pm • Tour of Historical Society and Deines Cultural Center - providing wine and cheeses
6:00 - 8:00 pm • Reception - Light d 'Oeuvres charcuterie tray
7:00 • Entertainment - Murder Party to Die For
8:00 • Auction Hour

Saturday - November 4, 2023

Breakfast on your own (some hotels provide breakfast where you are staying)
7:00 - 8:00 am • Registration
8:00 - 9:00 am • Opening Session
9:15 - 10:15 am • Karl Monger - Mental Health
10:15 - 10:30 am • Break
10:30 - 10:50 • Donna Meier Pfeifer - Foundation
10:50 - 11:10 • Angie Davenport - Membership
11:10 - 11:30 • Mark Koch - Interact
11:30 - 11:50 • Ed Frey - Shelter Box
11:50 am - 12:00 pm • Break for lunch
12:00 - 1:00 pm • Lunch - taco bar with gluten free tacos and fish tacos
1:00 - 1:30 pm • Awards presentation PDG Ivanhoe Love

1:30 - 2:30 pm • Jennifer Montgomery - Restoring Hope. Rebuilding Lives. Gender Violence Uganda
 2:30 - 2:45 pm • Break
 2:45 - 4:15 pm • RI Speaker Russ Tuttle Human - Trafficking
 4:15 - 4:30 pm • Dana Brewer - Polio Plus
 4:30 - 4:45 pm • Remembering Deceased Rotarian
 4:45 - 5:00 pm • Business Meeting
 5:00 - 5:30 pm • Break
 5:30 - 6:00 pm • Social Hour
 6:00 - 7:00 • Dinner - Prime Rib or Salmon
 7:00 -10:00 pm • Dueling Piano and Auction on breaks

Sunday November 5, 2023

Breakfast on your own
 Religious Service
 Check out and departure

Please bring an item to contribute to the District Auction suggested value \$100 - \$150. Also please collect items from club members and bring to the conference for Homestead Mission in Salina. This Mission provides a safe environment for survivors to heal from human trafficking. They could use toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent & dryer sheets, Kleenex, tampons, pads and bath towels.



Clubs are asked to submit the name of any Rotarians who died during the year 2022-2023 year to be honored during our conference. Deadline for this is October 6.

The District Conference link is now live on the district website, so hopefully we have something in the newsletter saying that. It is under Upcoming Events on the left navigation menu.

Each club has 1 "free" elector to send to District Conference. When they register, they will use the Promo Code "Elector" at check out. The number of electors each club has is determined by the club membership size.

Attend the RI Convention in Singapore



Join the Rotary family in Sharing Hope With the World as we come together in Singapore for the 2024 Rotary International Convention, 25-29 May.

Visit convention.rotary.org to register and enjoy limited-time savings for Rotary's biggest event of the year.

In Singapore, we'll take ideas built upon hope and turn them into action as we discover new ways to create lasting change in our communities. We'll enjoy opportunities to renew relationships made at previous conventions and create new ones together as we set our course toward a better future.

Next year's RI Convention will be May 25-29 in Singapore. Start planning today to attend!

District 5680 Membership Report As Of August 31, 2023

Club	7/1/2023	8/31/2023	NET GAIN
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2023-2024
Abilene	52	53	1
Andover	25	25	0
Arkansas City	66	70	4
Atwood	23	22	(1)
Beaver	18	18	0
Beloit	35	35	0
Boise City	19	18	(1)
Cimarron	20	20	0
Clay Center	62	65	3
Colby	44	44	0
Concordia	30	30	0
Derby	54	53	(1)
Dodge City	38	38	0
Downs	9	9	0
East Wichita	68	69	1
E-Club	15	15	0
El Dorado	32	32	0
Ellinwood	18	17	(1)
Ellis	10	10	0
Garden City	26	26	0



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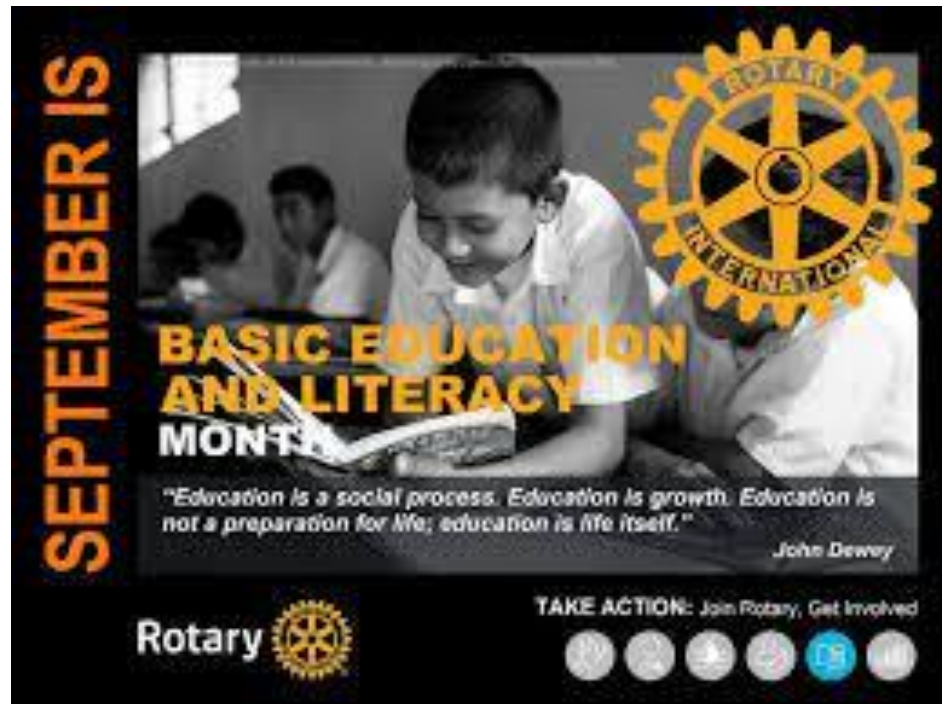
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Goodland	13	13	0
Great Bend	27	26	(1)
Guymon	32	34	2
Hays	62	60	(2)
Hays Sunrise	9	9	0
Hill City	7	7	0
Howard	9	10	1
Hoxie	17	16	(1)
Hugoton	15	15	0
Hutchinson	92	90	(2)
Johnson	10	10	0
Kingman	19	19	0
Kinsley	5	5	0
Liberal	40	42	2
Lyons	21	21	0
McPherson	24	24	0
Ness City	23	23	0
Newton	59	58	(1)
Norton	11	10	(1)
Oberlin	30	30	0
Osborne	10	10	0
Phillipsburg	32	33	1
Pratt	67	68	1
Russell	36	36	0
Salina	103	104	1
Sharon Springs	5	5	0
Sterling	20	20	0
Sublette	19	17	(2)
Syracuse	19	19	0
Texhoma	12	12	0
Ulysses	24	24	0
Washington	33	33	0
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	38	38	0
West Wichita	58	61	3
Wichita-Downtown	363	361	(2)
Wichita-Old Town	9	9	0
Winfield	67	65	(2)
TOTALS	2104	2106	2

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Send me your news and newsletters



Club Runner Integration

With the new Rotary year upon us and changes in occurring, the district office would like to begin sending the Newsletter to the club members directly using ClubRunner's email system. This project began during the merger and recently has been renewed as a priority to complete the integration between the clubs and Rotary International. As a review, the district has purchased a ClubRunner license to be used for the District website, www.rotary5680.org, and with that the ability for each club to turn on the integration button so that the district can pull your club membership information into the district's ClubRunner site. Even if your club is using a different system or none at all, there is no cost to your club to have this integration turned on, it will simply allow the district office to better communicate with you. Over the next month, if your club has not elected to turn this feature on, we will be contacting you to assist in that process. If you have any questions about ClubRunner or this process, please contact me at rotary5680@gmail.com or my cell phone, 316-772-6447. Thank you.

Kent Erb, Executive Secretary/Treasurer.

We are down to a handful of Clubs who are not using Club Runner. If you are one, contact Kent ASAP to update to Club Runner.

Upcoming Events

October 19-22, 2023 (Date change)
Zones 25b-29 Zone Institute
Chicago, IL

November 3-5, 2023 (Date change)
District 5680 Conference
Russell, KS

ROTARY NIGHT AT THE CROWN UPTOWN THEATER *Dream Girls*

September 9, 2023

Join us for this Tony award-winning
musical (Motown groups)

Doors Open 6:30; Dinner until show starts 8:00

Buy tickets now <https://www.crown-arts.org/>

For questions contact DeAnn Sullivan at
316-841-0652 or deann.sullivan@att.net.



[President Elect Training Seminar \(PETS\)](#) Mar 21, 2024 – Mar 23, 2024

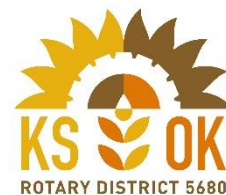
[Rotary International Convention](#) May 24, 2024 – May 29, 2024

Click this link to register for the District 5680 Conference in Russell.

<https://rotary5680.org/event/district-conference-2/>



**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**



**BECOME A CHARTER MEMBER OF THE D5680
POLIO PLUS SOCIETY**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

POLIO PLUS CO-CHAIRS
PDG Dana Brewer - danabrewerdq5680@gmail.com
Isaac McNary - isaac@outreachprogram.com

YES—I want to join the D5680 PolioPlus Society

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 the PolioPlus Society requires you donate ONLY 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 signup from July 1, 2023 until June 30, 2024 will become PolioPlus Charter Members. You will receive a special pin depicting a child receiving the two precious drops and a PolioPlus Certificate proclaiming your charter membership in this unique Society. Plus 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. Or mail to Dana Brewer 613 Washington St. Concordia, KS 66901.

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 (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 _____

