



District 5680 News



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Message from District Governor Fred Heismeyer



... and THANK YOU

RI President Shekhar began the Rotary year by introducing the annual theme of SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES and I used the image of Rotary as a big puzzle. The theme was meaningful for me as I have spent a lifetime focusing my time and energy serving others. The image of the puzzle provided us the connection to emphasize the importance of Rotarians across the district and around the world. The theme and image helped us unite and energize our clubs as we came out of a year of being confined and limited in our service. Finally, this theme and puzzle image gave all Rotarians a clear understanding of what Rotary is all about and the roles each of us play to make Rotary successful.

You, the Rotarians across the district, were active as you SERVED TO CHANGE LIVES. Some of you gave of your time in service to others by reading, hammering, moving, collecting, and/or digging. Others of you gave of your resources to help fund local, district and worldwide projects. While still others gave of your talents as project coordinators, committee members, team/club

leaders, and/or part of the many other roles that make Rotary work. Each of you served unselfishly to help those in need.

Your service through Rotary has had a great impact! We have seen countless examples of your good work. Kids further educated, community beautification, food to the hungry, housing for the homeless, scholarships to needy students, disaster relief, partnerships with international Rotarians, and countless other selfless acts.



It is common to hear that you cannot say THANK YOU enough. This is most definitely true. So as we end another Rotary year and while this column does not give me the space to say thank you to each and every Rotarian who has had an impact on our communities and world, I do want to say thank you to groups of Rotarians.

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Rotary



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

DG Message (cont'd)

THANK YOU to the 60 clubs in our district for your kind hosting of Joyce and me as we visited and learned more about your clubs' service projects and the influence you continue to have in your communities.

THANK YOU to each of the over 2,200 Rotarians in our district for your service to your communities, your outreach and partnerships, your financial support, and your dedication as you SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES.

THANK YOU to all the Rotarians who went above and beyond the boundaries of their clubs to work at the district level to help support programs to grow and improve Rotary.

THANK YOU to the leadership team of D5680 for your vision, time, discernment, counsel, and leadership this past year.

And one last, very personal, THANK YOU to Rotarian Joyce Heismeyer (yes, my spouse) who traveled with me to all 60 club visits, participated in service projects in various communities, and made time to ensure this year was a fun and successful experience. Joyce worked behind the scenes as logistics coordinator – arranging club visits, helping with updating our district directory, being an editor of our newsletter, ensuring expense reporting was accurate, and serving wherever was needed during the district conference and PETS. ***Joyce – thanks for walking with me on this special journey.***

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as the District 5680 Governor. Serving our district has been very meaningful as we have seen the positive impact that each club and every Rotarian is having in their respective communities. We have expanded our group of Rotarian friends and worked with a great team of Rotarian leaders. This has been a wonderful experience!

We now spend the coming Rotary year to IMAGINE ROTARY. Take time to reimagine your club. Take time to reimagine your roles in Rotary. Take time to reimagine how Rotary will best meet the needs of your communities. This coming year can be one of creativity and increased service by Rotary.

Finally, please join me in wishing the best of success to our new Governor, Ivanhoe Love, Jr., and his team as they take on the leadership of our district.



Fred Heismeyer
2021-2022 District Governor
Rotary D5680



Thank you DG Fred & Joyce for a great year!

Welcome 2022-23 District Governor Ivanhoe Love, Jr.



Our 2022-23 District Governor, Ivanhoe Love, Jr. (RC Liberal) is ready to begin his year of leadership of D5680.

He has been organizing and preparing over many months and we look forward to his leadership.

He has scheduled club visits to our 59 clubs. See the schedule elsewhere in the newsletter.

The Rotary International President, Jennifer Jones has selected the theme "Imagine Rotary" and we know that as RI's first woman president that she will be an inspiring leader for all of us, including DG Ivanhoe.

We extend our best wishes to Ivanhoe as he begins his year as our DG!



**IMAGINE
ROTARY**

Did You Know?

- Rotarians, you can track your giving to The Rotary Foundation by viewing your Donor History Report at Empower members to track their giving on [My Rotary](#). Learn how close you are to achieving your next Paul Harris Fellowship; see what your total giving over the course of your Rotary membership is. Check it out!
- Is your club logo up-to-date? Look at the RI logo on page 1 and ask if this is the ONLY logo being used by your club—on sign at the edge of your town, on your club website, on your letterhead and club brochures? If not, Rotary has provided many reference and amazing resources [Use these tips](#) to create a club logo for your website, social media accounts, and other marketing materials.
- **Rotary Responds to crisis in Ukraine**—In response to the humanitarian crisis caused by the war in Ukraine, The Rotary Foundation has designated the Disaster Response Fund as the main avenue for contributions. It has also invited districts to apply for disaster response grants to help people who have been affected. *The Foundation received more than \$13.1 million in contributions through 30 April, and so far, 74 grants totaling \$2.1 million have been awarded.* Districts can apply for disaster response grants through 30 June. Learn more about [Rotary's response to the Ukraine crisis](#) and about how to apply for a grant.
- Rotary members in Ukraine are distributing supplies from other countries, organizing long-term aid, and helping their neighbors settle back into their homes – despite being affected by the war themselves. Ukraine District 2232 has received four disaster response grants of \$50,000 each from The Rotary Foundation, which together will fund nearly 50 relief projects across Ukraine. [Read more about their efforts](#) in the face of adversity.

Year-end Giving Deadlines for The Rotary Foundation

Plan now—TRF 2022 Fiscal Year Deadlines

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

- **Credit Cards: Online** via www.rotary.org – must be authorized prior to 30 June 2022, midnight (CST). **Phone (866-976-8279)** contributions will be accepted through 5:00PM CST on 30 June 2022.
- **Checks:** Both the postmark and the date written on the check must be no later than **June 30, 2022** and received by The Rotary Foundation by July 7, 2022.
- **Wire transfers:** Must be initiated prior to Thursday, June 30, 2022 and received by Thursday, July 6, 2022.

Please do NOT send in checks for the 2022-23 Rotary year until July 1, 2022. All checks received with June postmarks go toward 2021-22 contributions.

June is Rotary Fellowships Month



Next month's newsletter will include highlights and photos of the 2022 RI Convention! Several D5680 members will be in attendance to celebrate the highlights of our year and prepare for next year as we "Imagine Rotary."

Upcoming Events

June 4-8, 2022

Rotary International Convention
Houston, TX

June 21, 2022

DG Passing of the PIN
Liberal, KS

Sept. 15-18, 2022

Zone Institute
[Info & Register here](#)
Bloomington, MN

October 21-23, 2022

District Conference
Liberal, KS

Sept. 17, 2022

Haus of Brews
Treescapas-Andover

May 27-31, 2023

Rotary International Convention
Melbourne, Australia

Club News from around the District

Rotary Club E Wichita: We helped build a Habitat For Humanity house for the first time in April!

Rotary Club Old Town Wichita:

We found a good home for our boxes of meals packaged at the Outreach packaging event! We made a special delivery to the United Methodist Open Door Warehouse which served nearly 21,000 food boxes to those in need in 2021.



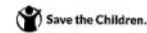
Lindsborg has new meeting place & meeting day

2nd & 4th Wednesday @ 6:15 pm
The Hungry Swede, 435 E McPherson



Rotary Club Old Town Wichita: Before we started sorting and organizing donated items, we received an overview of the United Way Give Items of Value

(GIV) Program.



100 DAYS OF READING CHALLENGE KICKOFF PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, academic studies show that engaging in at least 20 minutes of daily reading practice can prevent the loss of critical literacy skills; and

WHEREAS, children read more when they're having fun, when they see others reading, and when they can choose their own reading material; and

WHEREAS, parents of children participating in summer reading programs increase the time they spend reading with or to their children; and

WHEREAS, teachers report that summer reading program participants perform at or above grade level in word recognition, reading vocabulary, and reading comprehension; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM CARLSON, Mayor of the City of Kinsley, do hereby proclaim May 20, 2022 as

KICKOFF DAY FOR THE 100 DAYS OF READING CHALLENGE

in the City of Kinsley, and encourage all citizens to join Save the Children, the Kinsley Library and the Kinsley Rotary Club in support of summer reading.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Kinsley, Kansas, to be affixed this 20th day of May, 2022.

MAYOR

Rotary Club Phillipsburg: Our club had fun completing a "hometown" puzzle as part of a challenge to attend meetings, bringing a guest(s), being program chair, nominating potential members and if the nominee becomes a member, bonus pieces for both the member and new member. Members picked up their pieces and wrote their name on the back, and then laid the piece into the puzzle. A tally sheet was designed to track points and the member with the most points won! Club President Criquet Cole was inspired by the "missing piece" to the puzzle promoted by DG Fred at District Conference. It was fun and every member was involved!



The winner!

Rotary Club Pratt: Our club conducted a month-long service project for the Pratt County Food Bank. Members were asked to donate designated food items which were collected at each weekly meeting. They could also make a donation to the project. We donated 167 pounds of food and \$402 to the Food Bank.



Rotary Club Dodge City: Jan Scoggins presented a \$400 check to Meadowlark House Child Advocacy Center on behalf of our club, who was grateful for the assistance to be used for technical needs.



Rotary Club Russell: Russell Rotary Interact students did an amazing job hosting Relay for Life. They raised over \$10,000 for Relay for Live and are proof of the great youth leadership in our community.



Russell Interact Committee



More Club News

Rotary Club W Wichita: Connie Palacioz, 97 years old, shared her story about being a "Rosie the Riveter" in 1943. She was recently recognized by Spirit Aerosystems as a Kansas Women in Aviation Wall of Honor inductee.



Rotary Club W Wichita: We painted a map at McCollom Elementary. For more information on this project, go to the district website at [this link](#).



Rotary Club Colby: We packaged over 8,000 meals which will go to



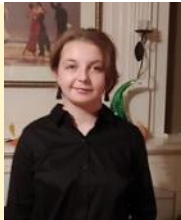
Genesis Thomas County and to the Trojan Food Pantry. Boxes will also go to the food banks in Atwood, Oberlin, Hoxie, Goodland, Sharon Springs and Oakley. Thanks, Coby Rotary!

Rotary Club E Wichita: Several members worked in a Habitat For Humanity warehouse helping prepare materials for an upcoming build. Our member, Jim Boone, led the effort.

Rotary Club Colby: Marilyn Unger and Ryan Muhlig introduce the Colby Rotary 2021-22 Students of the Month at the Senior Awards Program on May 9th. Zachary Griffin was awarded the 2022 Colby Rotary Student of the Year Scholarship to the college of his choice.



Rotary Club Kinsley: We are excited that a student who attended the RYLA pop-up in Hutchinson has chosen to attend RYLA at the end of the month! We look forward to hearing from Ivy after her experience.



Rotary Club E Wichita: We presented our donations of socks, puzzles, toiletries, and other needed items to veterans at the Robert J. Dole Veterans' Hospital at a club meeting where we heard from the CEO and Medical Director. Joining her were Jeff Herndon, Public Affairs Officer for the Center.



Just a few of our donations

Upcoming District Governor Visits July 1—August 10

CLUB	DATE
June 21	Liberal
June 29	Guymon
July 5	Oberlin
July 6	Norton
July 7	Atwood
July 11	Salina
July 12++	Beloit
July 13	Abilene
July 14	Clay Center
July 18	Hutchinson
July 19++	Lyons
July 19++	Newton
July 20++	El Dorado
July 20++	Howard
July 25++	Arkansas City
July 26++	Wellington
July 27++	Sublette
August 2++	Kingman
August 3	Winfield
August 4	Pratt
August 8++	Sterling
August 9	McPherson
August 10	Lindsborg

++ Club has NOT confirmed the visit date. If this is your club, please have your 2022-23 President confirm this by responding to ivanhoelovejr1@gmail.com

Rotary Club Andover: Our PickleMania pickle ball tournament was a huge success. Click here to view a video of the event. This was our 2nd year hosting this event and we plan to do it again next year.

https://youtu.be/7T_C50SAhyQ



District 5680 Membership Report As Of April 30, 2022

District 5680


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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



2021-22 RI President
Shekhar Mehta

Calcutta INDIA



DG Fred on June 30, 2022

Thank you, Fred,
for a great year!

Did You Know?

We have a link on YouTube!



Club	7/1/2021 MEMBERSHIP	4/30/2022 MEMBERSHIP	NET GAIN 2021-2022
Abilene	47	53	6
Andover	23	26	3
Arkansas City	58	54	(4)
Atwood	25	24	(1)
Beaver	15	15	0
Beloit	39	39	0
Boise City	20	18	(2)
Cimarron	23	23	0
Clay Center	55	58	3
Colby	46	45	(1)
Concordia	35	30	(5)
Derby	58	57	(1)
Dodge City	38	36	(2)
Downs	10	10	0
East Wichita	67	76	9
E-Club	16	16	0
El Dorado	30	33	3
Ellinwood	16	18	2
Ellis	11	11	0
Garden City	38	35	(3)
Goodland	21	19	(2)
Great Bend	41	37	(4)
Guymon	25	39	14
Hays	61	69	8
Hays Sunrise	15	15	0
Hill City	14	13	(1)
Howard	10	13	3
Hoxie	20	19	(1)
Hugoton	16	16	0
Hutchinson	94	83	(11)
Johnson	13	13	0
Kingman	22	21	(1)
Kinsley	6	5	(1)
Larned	16	9	(7)
Liberal	39	36	(3)
Lindsborg	7	7	0
Lyons	23	21	(2)
McPherson	35	31	(4)
Ness City	23	23	0
Newton	60	64	4
Norton	14	13	(1)
Oberlin	31	28	(3)
Osborne	11	10	(1)
Phillipsburg	48	48	0
Pratt	51	61	10
Russell	37	39	2
Salina	117	112	(5)
Sharon Springs	6	6	0
Sterling	14	19	5
Sublette	17	17	0
Syracuse	13	16	3
Texhoma	12	12	0
Ulysses	25	24	(1)
Washington	33	33	0
Wellington	10	7	(3)
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	34	40	6
West Wichita	59	63	4
Wichita-Downtown	378	378	0
Wichita-Old Town	13	10	(3)
Winfield	74	70	(4)
TOTALS	2228	2236	8