



# District 5680 News



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## Message from

## District Governor Kurt Harper

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

It's here, it's here! It's time for District Conference, October 11-12, 2019. Here is the link for registration, if you have not already found your way to it: <https://rotary5680.org/event/district-conference/>

Registration for Rotarians or their guests is \$100 per person. We have a special, heavily discounted rate for the Interactors and Rotaractors who will be in attendance, as their program is shorter, and includes Saturday lunch only. They will have an opportunity—unless we Rotarians sell out the banquet hall—to opt in to buy dinner as well.

Conference will be a time to get to learn about Foundation issues at a national level, hear ideas on building Public Image at a club, district, and international level; and to learn more about how to Grow Rotary with our connections to our sister organizations Interact and Rotaract, with presentations by participants who have come up through the ranks in this way. If your club has not already committed to a Project Fair display, it is not too late — let me know, and we will get you set



up. In addition, if your club intends to contribute an auction item, we would like to know in advance so we can allocate items between silent and live auction.

Remember—every club's dues included an assessment for conference based on the

number of electors; this is generally a minimum of 1 per club, or 1 per 25 members (rounded). We would love to see someone from every club!

In the meantime, while others have been at work on the logistics to be sure the conference is both informative and FUN, Kelly and I have continued our sojourn to the clubs—by the time of the conference, we will have visited 35 of the 60 clubs, with more on the schedule in October and November. I have to say that these visits have been indescribably rewarding to us, and I hope the clubs have enjoyed the process as well.

In the rest of the Rotary world, what are things we can be doing NOW, and what is on the horizon for the district? First, all of you are aware of the tragedy of the hurricane damage in the Bahamas; several clubs and districts are working to fund needs there, or to work



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## DG Kurt Harper (cont'd)

with Shelterbox to send help. If you would like a list of clubs and districts coordinating these efforts let us know at the District and we will send you contact information. It will be a long-term need, and the sooner some of their needs can be addressed, the better. World Polio Day is October 24—perhaps your club is among the many with events planned. If so, share the news with others in the Newsletter. And, the President Elect Training Seminar will be upon us before you know it—so make an effort to identify next year's leadership before the end of the year, and report the information so Heartland Pets can be sure to get information out to your incoming presidents. In fact, if you are in a club that has a form of succession plan that allows you to know your 2021-22 President, it is well worth the time and expense to have that person attend, as well.

To stay connected with the District, don't forget to visit the website, [www.rotary5680.org](http://www.rotary5680.org), often; and be sure to like, follow, and share posts on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/District5680/>.

*Kurt A. Harper*

District Governor, 2019-20—District 5680

Follow DG Kurt's "road trips" to our district clubs at <https://www.facebook.com/District5680/>

You'll meet the club presidents and something about each community visited!

Here are a few selected photos of recent visits



Sublette

Kinsley

You can win this quilt at District Conference if your \$5 raffle ticket is chosen!



Garden City

Syracuse



**October 11-12, 2019 | Wichita**  
**DISTRICT 5680 CONFERENCE**  
**Wichita Marriott - 9100 E Corporate Hills Dr.**  
**Wichita, KS**

### WHY COME?

District Conferences are a great way to energize your Rotary spirit by listening to inspiring speakers, engaging in thought-provoking panel discussions/breakouts, and visiting with Rotary friends.

- Motivational Speakers
- Great Entertainment
- Thought-provoking Sessions
- Rotary Auction to benefit TRF
- Interactive Dialogue
- Food & Fellowship
- Focus on Interact & Rotaract

**[Click here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rotary-district-5680-conference-registration-72166430737) for tentative agenda and to register today!**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rotary-district-5680-conference-registration-72166430737>

**Reserve your room @ \$109 per night** (includes one breakfast buffet (\$20 for additional person))

Room rate guaranteed through September 26.

Mention Rotary District Conference.

Marriott Corporate Hills—316-651-9333

## September is Basic Education & Literacy Month

Worldwide, 67 million children have no access to education, and more than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. That's 17 percent of the world's adult population. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. We support education for all children and literacy for children and adults.



### PDG Andrea Krauss joins PHS

Congratulations to PDG Andrea Krauss (RC McPherson) who recently joined the Paul Harris Society!



The Paul Harris Society recognizes Rotary members and friends of The Rotary Foundation who elect to contribute \$1,000 or more each year to the



Annual Fund, PolioPlus Fund, or approved global grants. Members of the *Paul Harris Society* participate because they care. Contributions demonstrate our commitment to serve others, so join today. Contact District Paul Harris Society Chair Randy Krug for more information. [randyk48@yahoo.com](mailto:randyk48@yahoo.com)

### Hurricane Dorian Relief



Rotary clubs are taking action to provide immediate relief to those affected by Hurricane Dorian. By mobilizing Rotary's vast global network, members are able

to raise funds, collect essential items, and work with other agencies to meet urgent needs.

Our disaster relief partner ShelterBox is sending a team to the Bahamas to assess damage and evaluate recovery options. Rotary also has a Disaster Response Fund that helps clubs support rebuilding efforts where the need is greatest. Learn more about the fund, and follow updates on [Rotary's Facebook page](#).

Read more about this and other disasters and how to help here: [Disaster Response](#).

Our members support educational projects that provide technology, teacher training, vocational training teams, student meal programs, and low-cost textbooks to communities. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.

### Attention Presidents: Annual Giving Rotary Foundation Goals NEEDED!

#### Attention: Club Presidents and Rotary Foundation Chairs

Have you set your Rotary Foundation giving goals in My Rotary yet? If not, please do it today!

If you have a goal it is likely you will achieve it—as I'm sure you all know. Now is the time to set your goal and enter it in Rotary Club Central so we can track district progress towards achieving a record for giving in District 5680!

Go to Rotary Club Central and visit the "Goal Center" to enter not only your Foundation Giving Goal, but you Membership Goal.

If you have questions on how to do this, contact your Assistant Governor or the District Annual Giving Goal Chair, PDG [Geri Appel](#). Thanks!

### Get Ready for World Polio Day

Rotary clubs all over the world will be raising awareness about polio and our efforts to eradicate the disease during World Polio Day 24 October.

What is your club planning to do?

Download a toolkit that will help you plan an event in your community, and RSVP today to be notified in advance of Rotary's World Polio Day Online Global Update at <https://www.endpolio.org/world-polio-day> on October 24.



### Nigeria Polio-Free for 3 years

It's been three years since health officials last reported a case of polio caused by the wild poliovirus in Nigeria. The milestone, reached on 21 August, means that it's possible for the entire World Health Organization African region to be certified wild poliovirus-free next year. [Read more](#)



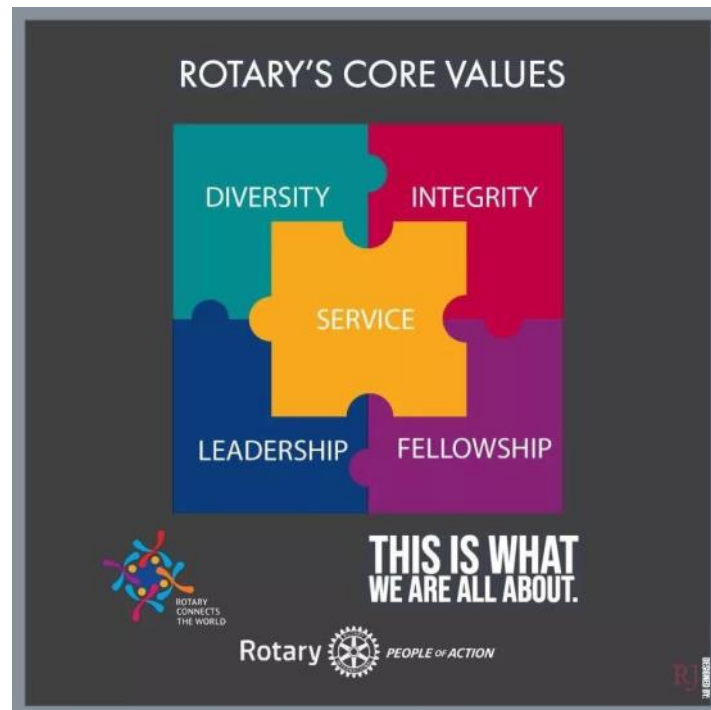
## Notes from the Presidents' Webinar

In our most recent webinar, Club Presidents were invited to hear from a couple of past presidents and district leadership for a question/answer session about how to be a successful club president. Our two past president panelists were Ivanhoe Love from RC Liberal and Misty Miller from RC Old Town (Wichita). Below are a few key points that were brought out during the webinar. Contact DGN Fred Heismeyer for the full list. If you want to hear the entire recorded version of the webinar, go to:

<https://youtu.be/88iw7QjxJD8>.

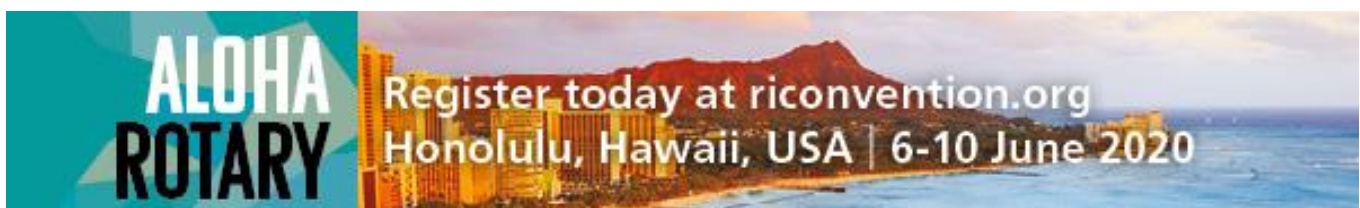
- PETS was a vital benefit to understanding the role of the Club President and giving information and resources that are proving valuable. NOTE: It was strongly recommended that all current presidents encourage their PEs to attend PETS in March. If your club has a President-Nominee, encourage that Rotarian to attend as well.
- Be aware of the influence of the older members of the club. They can have silent, but forceful impact on the club's direction and decisions.
- Be personal with fellow club members. Get to know them and interact with them often – outside of the formal role behind the podium.
- It was highly encouraged for club presidents to attend other club's activities and bring your club Rotarians to those events as well.
- Consider planning for more than just "your year". Long-range planning with sustainable projects, provide your community with meaningful service and a better respect for Rotary.

*Thanks to DGN & District Trainer Fred Heismeyer*



## Rotary's 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.”**



# Club News from around the District

## Rotary Club W Sedgwick Co.

**Sunrise:** In preparation for our Ribbon-Cutting for the additions to our Boundless Playscape went smoothly even as extensive as it was compared to previous work events. A huge thanks to everyone! Our group included a few spouses, and a handful of our McConnell AFB friends. All focused on the tasks needed: from the overgrowth of weeds in the maze to the opposite end of the playground covered in sand, and everything in between, including a few trees that were trimmed and sidewalks swept. In the end, (especially to all the kids playing at the time), the Playscape looked as good as new!



**Rotary Club Beloit:** For a change of pace, our club recently met at St. John's Catholic School for lunch and a tour of the school by principal Marcy Kee.

**Rotary Club East Wichita:** We have been meeting our Rotary Scholarship Students. Elda Santos (Wichita North to WSU), Autumn Crafton (Derby to KU) Rogelio Martinez (Newman University) were introduced and letters from 2 other scholars who were unable to attend were read at one meeting.



At another meeting, we met Jorge Godinez (WSU) and Fatima Ortiz (North High to Newman).



**Rotary Club Derby:** We presented a check for \$4,300 to [Derby Public Schools](#)

for the Feed a Hungry Child Program. Fundraisers and private donors enabled this donation, but it is not enough to fund the whole school year. Contact PDG Robert Mendoza if you want more info or want to help.

**Rotary Club E Wichita:** We will be volunteering at the Hygiene Pantry in September. Our members love this fun, very rewarding service project.

## Rotary Club Kinsley:

The Kinsley Rotary Club is now selling \$5.00 tickets and during the **District Conference** as a fund raiser. This beautiful quilt was made by Jeana Padgham, wife of Mike Padgham, our club's secretary treasurer.



**Rotary Club Old Town:** We had tried to paint a map at Swaney Elementary but the time wasn't right. Finally,

weather permitted and we got it done! Photos with captions with step-by-step instructions show how



we did it—and how easy it is for your club to paint a map at your local school!

[https://www.facebook.com/pg/RotaryWichitaOT/photos/?tab=album&album\\_id=2287386687977222](https://www.facebook.com/pg/RotaryWichitaOT/photos/?tab=album&album_id=2287386687977222)

## Polio Update @ 9/18/19

*This year:* Total wild polio cases for 2019: **78**

*Last year:* Total wild polio cases in 2018: **33**

**AFGHANISTAN:** The total number of officially reported WPV1 cases in Afghanistan in 2019 is 16.

**PAKISTAN:** The total number of officially reported WPV1 cases in Pakistan in 2019 is 62.

### NIGERIA and THE LAKE CHAD BASIN:

No new cases of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) since 21 August 2016.

More details at <http://www.polioeradication.org>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sept. 24-29, 2019**  
Zone Institute  
Overland Park, KS

**Oct. 11-13, 2019**  
D5680 District  
Conference  
Wichita, KS



# More Club News

## Rotary Club of Salina—International Service Project



The Rotary Club of Salina has matched funds (\$1,000 local funds with \$1,000 District Funds) to improve food supply in a tiny village in Honduras. Fellow Man International

Mission of Honduras started about 14 years ago and now has two full-time physicians and a dentist, all Honduran. Besides medical service, the Mission has provided tools and knowledge to assist local villagers raise their own food. That includes growing vegetables and raising chickens and pigs. This outreach into Blanco Rio started two years ago and has been enhanced with the addition of funds from Rotary. The pictures show preparation of the chicken house and the delivery of baby chicks.

Fellow Man International Mission of Honduras is the outgrowth of Lisa Armstrong's compassion who was serving as a surgical nurse in Salina in 1998 when a Hurricane swept across Honduras. She went to help serve the needs of the destitute, but discovered a segment of Honduras

was virtually without medical service. She began imagining what could be done to serve the underserved or never-served and then set about doing it.

Lisa's dedication, imagination, energy, intelligence and skill formed the foundation of a remarkable mission. The Mission receives a small amount of money from patrons whose services they use, but most are nearly penniless, so the basic support comes from patrons who share the compassion with Lisa. Salina Rotary Club has supported the Mission for several years. In addition, many Rotarians individually support the Mission. The agricultural project featured upholds the concept of helping people learn how to help themselves.

Thanks Rotarians. Marshall Stanton, President, Fellow Man International Foundation (other members are Doug Stein, Don Schroeder and Richard Morrison from Salina Rotary Club.)



## Rotary Club of W Sedgwick County Sunrise Expands Boundless Playscape



It was a great day for our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Sedgwick County Boundless

Playscape. Dignitaries from Sedgwick County and Wichita including Mayer Jeff Longwell (a member of the club) thanked us and the many donors who made the improvements happen.



The Sunrise Boundless Playscape is a 1.5 acre outdoor, inclusive playground nestled in the middle of the park where everyone can play regardless of physical mobility.

The new improvements to the playground include a wheelchair accessible maze, Sound Play Garden, and a new children's area. In addition to the new improvements, the playground also includes separate swing bays for babies and toddlers, high back swings for children with spinal challenges, and a Sway Fun swing for those high who use wheelchairs, and much more.



## District 5680 Membership Report As Of August 31, 2019

Club	7/1/2019 MEMBERSHIP	8/31/2019 MEMBERSHIP	NET GAIN 2019-2020
Abilene	56	58	2
Andover	32	32	0
Arkansas City	68	69	1
Atwood	26	26	0
Beaver	19	19	0
Beloit	43	43	0
Boise City	20	20	0
Cimarron	22	20	-2
Clay Center	45	45	0
Colby	57	56	-1
Concordia	31	31	0
Derby	67	67	0
Dodge City	38	40	2
Downs	7	8	1
East Wichita	102	96	-6
E-Club	18	18	0
El Dorado	41	37	-4
Ellinwood	20	20	0
Ellis	9	9	0
Garden City	47	47	0
Goodland	37	37	0
Great Bend	38	40	2
Guymon	25	25	0
Hays	63	63	0
Hays Sunrise	17	17	0
Hill City	10	11	1
Howard	14	14	0
Hoxie	20	20	0
Hugoton	16	16	0
Hutchinson	100	97	-3
Johnson	16	16	0
Kingman	24	24	0
Kinsley	8	8	0
Larned	17	17	0
Liberal	54	54	0
Lindsborg	9	9	0
Lyons	22	24	2
McPherson	45	44	-1
Ness City	17	17	0
Newton	57	53	-4
Norton	13	13	0
Oberlin	37	37	0
Osborne	13	16	3
Phillipsburg	49	49	0
Pratt	56	56	0
Russell	37	37	0
Salina	139	139	0
Sharon Springs	10	10	0
Sterling	17	19	2
Sublette	18	17	-1
Syracuse	18	18	0
Texoma	15	15	0
Ulysses	30	30	0
Washington	36	37	1
Wellington	12	12	0
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	43	42	-1
West Wichita	61	60	-1
Wichita-Downtown	412	411	-1
Wichita-Old Town	8	8	0
Winfield	84	82	-2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2485</b>	<b>2475</b>	<b>-10</b>

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2019-20 RI President  
Mark D. Maloney  
Decatur, Alabama USA



On to Honolulu  
Rotary International Convention  
June 6-10, 2020  
Register NOW!  
[www.riconvention.org](http://www.riconvention.org)



Join us at District Conference!  
October 11-12, 2019

See District Conference Flyer on  
the next 2 pages for registration &  
agenda

[Click here](#) to register today!



# JOIN US IN WICHITA

**ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE 5680**

**OCTOBER 11-12, 2019**



Here's your chance to kick off our newly combined region at this inaugural District Conference. Network with fellow Rotary and Rotaract members in our District. Hear stimulating speakers and presentations to help your club grow.

Wichita natives have been referring to our community as "Doo-Dah" since a newspaper columnist gave us that nickname in the 1970s. In addition to the meeting and networking opportunities, come party with us at some of our favorite places.

## REGISTER NOW

### REGISTRATION FEE

\$100 per member, \$25 for student Rotaract members  
Register online at [districtconference.eventbrite.com](https://districtconference.eventbrite.com) or  
at <https://rotary5680.org>

### MARRIOTT ROOMS

\$109 per night, including one breakfast buffet  
(additional breakfast attendees, \$20)  
Contact Reservations, Marriott Corporate Hills: 316.651.0333  
Marriott Corporate Hills  
9100 E. Corporate Hills Drive  
Wichita, KS

### REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 4, 2019.

Room rates with Marriott guaranteed only through September 26, 2019.



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## TENTATIVE AGENDA

### FRIDAY, 10/11

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**3:00-6:00**

Registration

**5:30-8:30**

Cocktail Mingle & Foundation Benefit Auction  
Heavy hors d'oeuvres and cash bar

**8:45-11:00**



Come party Wichita-style! Transportation to three Old Town gathering spots for Cash Bar events hosted by Wichita-area Rotary Clubs. Transportation will be available to all three venues, with rides back to the hotel at 10:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.

### SATURDAY, 10/12

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**8:00-9:15**

Opening Session  
Speaker: Edina Mehovic, Annual Giving Officer

**9:15-10:15**

Business Meeting

**10:15-10:30**

Break

**10:30-12:00**

Interact and Rotaract Sessions  
Various Rotary Break Out Sessions

**12:00-1:00**

Luncheon  
Speaker: Rotary International President's Representative Alex Wilkins

**1:00-1:30**

Break

**1:30-4:00**

Interact and Rotaract Break Out Sessions  
Various Rotary Break Out Sessions

**4:00-5:00**

Break

**5:00-6:00**

Cocktail Reception

**6:00-10:00**

Dinner



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