

District 5680 News

Latest News and Bulletin Updates

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**September
2025:**

**Basic
Education
and Literacy
Month**



As we step into September, Rotary International emphasizes the critical importance of Basic Education and Literacy Month. This month serves as a reminder of our commitment to ensuring that everyone, regardless of age or background, has access to quality education and the ability to read and write.

Education is a powerful tool for personal and community development. It opens doors to opportunities, fosters understanding, and promotes peace. Rotary clubs around the world are actively engaged in projects that improve educational resources, train teachers, and support literacy programs in underserved communities.

This month, let's reflect on our role in combating illiteracy and promoting education. Whether it's through organizing reading programs, donating books, or funding scholarships, every effort counts. Together, we can empower individuals and transform lives through the gift of education. Join us in making a difference this September!

Deb Minkler

District Governor, Rotary District 5680



Club News from around the District

At the [Abilene Rotary Club](#), outgoing president Jenny Richardson (left in photo) presents the gavel to Mary Jean Eisenhower, who is now serving as club president for 2025-2026.



The club presented Jenny Richardson with a Paul Harris Fellow award for her double duty this past year as she served with distinction as both president and secretary. Mary Jean Eisenhower places the PHF pin.



[Rotary Club of Pratt](#) in action! Rotary volunteers helped members of the Pratt Elks Lodge hand out summer sack lunches at the Bookworm Bistro. The event was sponsored by the Pratt Elk's Lodge in partnership with the Pratt Public Library and provided a free lunch and story time to children.





Rotary Club of Liberal 2025 Service Project is complete! What a great addition for the dogs at the Liberal Animal Shelter to get some exercise and fresh air in a safe dog run while they are waiting to get adopted! Thank you to the City of Liberal for partnering to get this project completed!



The **Rotary Club of Wichita** met at the Great Grounds Coffee Shop for a social event and meeting.

Let's hear a round of applause & Cheers for the [Rotary Club of Phillipsburg](#) Volunteers who "Spun" just over 2,000 cones of Cotton Candy at this year's Kansas Biggest Rodeo Event July 31 - Aug. 2nd! Okay,... there were a few Spins that didn't qualify!



The [Rotary Club of Abilene](#) invited new faculty members of U.S.D. 435 Abilene School District to attend the August 8th meeting as guests. The thirteen new teachers each introduced themselves, sharing their hometown, subject area they were teaching and the school building to which they were assigned. The superintendent and assistant superintendent also attended the luncheon meeting. Abilene Rotary plans to make this a tradition as the school begins each year.



Deb Minkler, Rotary's new District 5680 Governor visited the [Rotary Club of Great Bend](#). She brought greetings from Rotary International and shared her platform for our district this year. She is focusing on anti-bullying campaigns and encouraged us to get involved with her in these efforts. Pictured is our club president Tory Blew accepting a Rotary banner from DG Deb Minkler.



[The Rotary Club of Salina](#) helped assemble Birthday in a Box kits for the local Food Bank. We appreciated your service!



Congratulations to past-president Kyle Smith for receiving the Cliff Dochterman Award recognizing distinguished service as a Scouting Rotarian. [Rotary Club of Salina](#)

[Rotary Club of Andover](#)

Past club president Pam Chambers receives a gavel plaque from current club president Angela Sader.



Rotary Club of West Wichita SATELLITE SERVICE PROJECTS

From Paige Koeppen, Chair

The Satellite club started "Monday Marbles" at Ascension Via Christi. We had 10 residents and 8 Satellite members participate.



Our Satellite Rotarians had a beauty spa day at Lake Point Assisted Living. It was a wonderful afternoon doing nails, facials, hair, make up and an abundance of camaraderie.

Rotary Club of Ellinwood was honored to receive the official Rotary International banner for the 2025-26 year! Assistant District Governor Lee Sankey presented the banner, featuring this year's Presidential Theme: "Unite for Good."



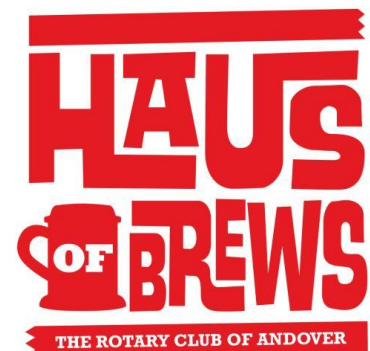
Rotary Club of Norton, rain or shine we get it done. Another highway clean up in the books!



Rotary Club of Andover presents the Haus of Brews, an Oktoberfest-style event hosted in Andover. The experience includes:

- Local craft beer tasting
- Local wine sampling
- All-you-can-eat buffet
- Live jazz music
- Mingling with friends and making new ones

Join us on September 13, 2025 for a one-of-a-kind event in the beautiful and unique patio and landscape settings at Treescapes, located at 1202 N Andover Road, Andover, KS 67002.



<http://hausofbrews.org/>



District Governor Deb Minkler with Club President Josh Ryan from the [Rotary Club of Colby](#).

DGE Isaac McNary reports from Africa; after watching a World Cup game take place on a dirt field, we loaded up and headed to Daranjani where we installed a system sponsored by [Rotary Club of West Wichita](#). We were even faster this time around and I credited it to the kids singing and dancing outside preparing for a graduation ceremony. Another soccer ball and another barely contained riot and 545 students have safe water.





The [Rotary Club of Arkansas City](#) completed their first U.S. map for [USD 470 - Arkansas City Public Schools](#) on Saturday. The large-scale map is a fun way for the students of Frances Willard Elementary School to learn concepts such as geography and State capitals. This will be one of several maps the club hopes to paint for elementary schools throughout the district. The U.S. map project was made possible through [Rotary District 5680](#) and the [Rotary Club of West Wichita](#).



Rotarians and Students Unite to Support ICT SOS

In a powerful display of community care, Wichita-area Rotarians, ICT SOS staff, and students from Maize schools came together for a volunteer workday—transforming the ICT SOS facility through fresh coats of paint across the main client space, doors, and offices. This client space serves as a vital refuge—a welcoming, secure environment where survivors of exploitation can seek support and begin to heal.



The Rotarians Against Human Trafficking Committee (RAHT) and other activities have included

participation from [Andover, Derby, East Wichita, West Sedgwick County Sunrise, West Wichita, West Wichita Satellite Club, West Wichita Interact Club, Wichita Downtown, and Wichita Old Town Clubs](#).

Donations/grants raised to date are just over \$461,000 of the \$5,000,000 goal. ictsos.org/give/our-place



Larry A. Lunsford selected to be 2027-28 Rotary International president

By **Etelka Lehoczky**

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Lunsford attended Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri, on an academic scholarship, earning bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting. He first encountered Rotary when he received a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship to spend the 1981-82 academic year at the University of Newcastle in Australia.

A certified public accountant, Lunsford spent seven years working for Ernst & Young before joining a family-owned business, Bernstein-Rein Advertising, in 1990. He is currently executive vice president and chief financial officer for the Bernstein group of companies. He has held positions on the boards of the Kansas City Spirit Festival and the Variety Club as well as serving as director of a local bank and treasurer of the Epilepsy Foundation for the Heart of America. He has also served on Truman State University's alumni and foundation boards and received the university's Distinguished Service Award.

Lunsford joined the Rotary Club of Kansas City-Plaza in 1991 and has since served as district governor (2001-02), RI director (2013-15), and trustee of The Rotary Foundation (2021-25, vice chair 2024-25). He has been a member of RI committees, including the Executive Committee (chair 2014-15), Membership Growth Committee (chair 2016-18), and



Nominating Committee for President of RI (chair 2023-24). He also has served on The Rotary Foundation's Executive Committee (chair 2023-24), Finance Committee (chair 2022-23 and 2024-25), and Participant Experience Committee (chair 2023-24).

Lunsford has been awarded The Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award, The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service, and the RI Service Above Self Award. He and his wife, Jill Lunsford, have two children and one grandchild. They are Major Donors, Bequest Society members, multiple Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation, and Sustaining Members.

Share Your Voice: Shape Our Future!

Your insights are vital to making Rotary even better! Both your Rotary club and District 5680 want your honest feedback on your day-to-day experiences and the district.

This survey is your chance to highlight what's working and where we can improve. Your input will directly guide the future of your club and our district.

Ready to make a difference? [Click here to take the anonymous survey.](#)

Thank you for helping us build a stronger Rotary!

Satisfaction survey: <https://forms.gle/AnxyGgaA7gjnzipYAl'd>





we need volunteers

FOR THE FOOLLOWING COMMITTEES

- Membership
- Public Image
- Action Plan
- PETS

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We encourage all to step up and lead with purpose and inspire others to follow. Your leadership can light the path for those around you.

DISTRICT 5680 GOVERNOR CLUB VISITS 2025-2026

Abilene	Video	Noon	Friday
Andover	Video	Noon	Thursday
Arkansas City	Video	11:45 a.m.	Monday
Atwood	June 13	6:00 p.m.	Friday
Beaver, Oklahoma	Video	Noon	Thursday
Beloit	Video	Noon	Tuesday
Boise City, Oklahoma	Video	Noon	Wednesday
Cimarron	Video	Noon	Tuesday
Clay Center	Video	Noon	Thursday
Colby	August 19	Noon	Tuesday
Concordia	September 11	Noon	Thursday
Derby	Video	Noon	Friday
Dodge City	September 22	Noon	Monday
Downs	Video	Noon	Tuesday
East Wichita	Video	Noon	Wednesday
El Dorado	Video	Noon	Wednesday
Ellinwood	Video	Noon	Tuesday
Ellis	September 10	Noon	Wednesday
Garden City	September 24	Noon	Wednesday
Goodland	August 20	MT 9:00 a.m.	Wednesday
Great Bend	August 11	Noon	Monday
Guymon, Oklahoma	Video	Noon	Wednesday
Haskell County (Sublette)	Video	Noon	Wednesday
Hays	September 15	Noon	Monday
Hays Sunrise	TBD	Noon	Wednesday
Heart of America E-Club – evening	Video	Noon	Sunday
Hill City	December 9	Noon	Tuesday
Howard	Video	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday
Hugoton	Video	Noon	Thursday
Hutchinson	Video	11:45	Monday
Kingman	November 18	Noon	Tuesday
Kinsley	Video	6:00 p.m.	Monday

DISTRICT 5680 GOVERNOR CLUB VISITS**2025-2026**

Liberal	Video	Noon	Tuesday
Lyons	Video	Noon	Tuesday
McPherson	Video	Noon	Tuesday
Ness City	Video	Noon	Tuesday
Newton	Video	5:45 p.m.	Tuesday
Norton	September 17	1 & 3 Noon	Wednesday
Oberlin	October 14	Noon	Tuesday
Osborne	Video	Noon	Thursday
Phillipsburg	August 28	Noon	Thursday
Pratt	Video	Noon	Thursday
Russell	September 9	Noon	Tuesday
Salina	October 6	Noon	Monday
Sterling	Video	Noon	Monday
Syracuse	Video	MST Noon	Thursday
Texhoma, Oklahoma	Video	Noon	Tuesday
Ulysses	Video	Noon	Tuesday
Washington	Video	Noon	Monday
West Wichita	Video	Noon	Tuesday
Wichita – Old Town Wichita	Video	5:30 p.m.	Monday
Wichita – West Sedgwick County Sunrise	Video	7:00 a.m.	Thursday
Wichita Downtown	Video	Noon	Monday
Winfield	Video	11:45 a.m.	Wednesday

A video DG program will be provided to each club in lieu of an in-person DG visit.

CONFIRMED VISIT AS OF August 29, 2025.

If your club would like to request an in-person visit, please contact Joyce Heismeyer by e-mailing her at 5680ExecSec@gmail.com

Join Us for the 2025 District Conference: Wild West Connection!

We hope to have as many Rotarians as possible attend the Conference in Hays, October 17-18, 2025. Attached are links for your registration and hotel reservations. Remember, the District pays for the registration of your Club's assigned electors. If you have been assigned to be an elector, check with your President to find out the promo code. The number of electors for each Club is determined by the number of members in your Club as described in the Bylaws, Article 8, Section 1 (see below).

Also, we ask that each Club bring an auction item valued at \$100 or more that will be a part of either the live or silent auctions. Proceeds from the auctions go to the Rotary International Foundation. Members who "win" an auction item will receive credit for the donation from RI.

Please plan to attend we know you will have a great time and will meet many fellow District 5680 Rotarians and Rotary leaders. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Registration link: [Rotary District 5680 Conference 2025 Registration, Fri, Oct 17, 2025 at 4:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Hotel link: [ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE](#)



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EVENT SCHEDULE

Wild West Connection

FRIDAY

4:00-6:30 PM REGISTRATION

5:30-6:30PM HAPPY HOUR
THIRSTY'S BREW PUB AND GRILL
2704 VINE STREET HAYS

6:30 PM-10:00PM APPITIZERS PROVIDED.
ATTENDEES ARE WELCOME TO
ORDER OFF THE MENU,
INCLUDING DRINKS, AT THEIR
OWN EXPENSE



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EVENT SCHEDULE

Wild West Connection

SATURDAY MORNING

7:00-8:00 BREAKFAST

7:30-8:30 REGISTRATION

8:00-8:30 OPENING SESSION - DISTRICT GOVERNOR
DEB MINKLER

8:30-9:30 RICHARD BUERRY - ANTI BULLYING

FORT HAYS INTERNATIONAL
9:30-10:30 EXCHANGE STUDENTS

10:30-10:50 BREAK

10:50-11:45 KELLY ATKINSON - MEMBERSHIP

11:45-1:00 LUNCH



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EVENT SCHEDULE

Wild West Connection

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

1:00-1:45 KALEY CONNER - MENTAL HEALTH

1:45-2:45 BREAK OUT SESSION

2:45-3:00 BREAK

3:00-3:45 FRED WORKS - ROTARY HELPING

3:45-4:15 AWARDS PDG JEFF HORLACHER

4:15 - 4:30 DECEASED ROTARIANS

4:30-5:00 BUSINESS MEETING

5:30-6:00 HAPPY HOUR

6:00-7:30 DINNER - KEYNOTE SPEAKER TROOPER BEN -
MOTIVATIONAL

7:30 AUCTION

8:00-10:00 ENTERTAINMENT -FAIRCHILDS BAND



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District 5680 Membership Report As Of August 31, 2025

Club	7/1/2024	8/31/2025	NET GAIN
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2025- 2026
Abilene	53	50	(3)
Andover	18	20	2
Arkansas City	68	65	(3)
Atwood	24	24	0
Beaver	16	16	0
Beloit	30	30	0
Boise City	22	23	1
Cimarron	17	17	0
Clay Center	64	63	(1)
Colby	35	35	0
Concordia	26	26	0
Derby	55	55	0
Dodge City	30	31	1
Downs	7	7	0
East Wichita	67	65	(2)
E-Club	16	16	0
El Dorado	31	30	(1)
Ellinwood	13	13	0
Ellis	10	10	0
Garden City	22	22	0
Goodland	13	13	0
Great Bend	28	28	0
Guymon	23	24	1
Haskell County (Sublette)	16	16	0
Hays	52	53	1
Hays Sunrise	12	12	0
Hill City	7	7	0
Howard	10	10	0
Hugoton	13	13	0



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Hutchinson	86	89	3
Kingman	21	21	0
Kinsley	5	5	0
Liberal	32	32	0
Lyons	21	21	0
McPherson	27	28	1
Ness City	21	21	0
Newton	55	59	4
Norton	11	11	0
Oberlin	29	29	0
Osborne	9	9	0
Phillipsburg	44	40	(4)
Pratt	72	73	1
Russell	39	39	0
Salina	96	96	0
Sterling	13	12	(1)
Syracuse	18	17	(1)
Texhoma	8	8	0
Ulysses	16	19	3
Washington	31	31	0
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	36	36	0
West Wichita	70	70	0
Wichita-Downtown	347	353	6
Wichita-Old Town	8	8	0
Winfield	60	60	0
TOTALS	1973	1981	8



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End Polio Now

Wild Poliovirus Updates as of 27 August, 2025

One more WPV1 case was reported this week from Farah in Afghanistan

More news at <https://polioeradication.org/about-polio/polio-this-week/>

2025 - 24 (Pakistan 21, Afghanistan 3)

2024 - 99 (Pakistan 74, Afghanistan 25)

2023 - 12 (Pakistan 6, Afghanistan: 6)

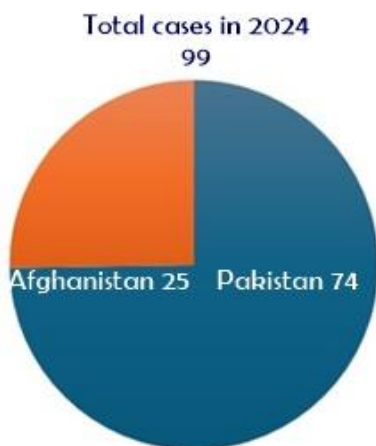
2022 - 30 (Afghanistan 2, Mozambique 8, Pakistan 20)

2021 - 06 (Afghanistan: 4, Pakistan: 1, Malawi: 1)

2020 - 140 (Afghanistan: 56, Pakistan: 84) in Pakistan

Wild Poliovirus updates as of 27 August 2025

One WPV case was reported this week from Farah in Afghanistan



Total cases in 2025 - 24
Total cases in 2024 - 99
Total cases in 2023 - 12
Total cases in 2022 - 30
Total cases in 2021 - 06
Total cases in 2020 - 140

