



District 5680 News



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Message from

District Governor Dana Brewer

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

How much is expected of us?



William Gates Sr. passed on this month. You may know that he was the co-CEO of the Bill and Melinda

Gates Foundation. He was described as "a good man with a big heart [and] generous public spirit", with core values of "social justice and economic opportunity".

William Senior, though less known than his ultra-famous son, who cofounded Microsoft, the third business to become worth over 1 trillion dollars, was very successful himself. He served in World War II and was on a troop ship headed for Japan when the war ended following the delivery of two nuclear bombs, which although horrific in its effects, saved the lives of an estimated ten million Allied troops, as well as Japanese military and civilians.

William then earned his law degree and became a founding partner in the firm that became K&K Gates, one of the largest in the world. That firm specialized in representing technology companies. Being in the Seattle area was ideal for that type of legal practice. But Senior was not only interested in the practice of law, at which everyone seems to agree that he was very skilled. He also made the time to work extensively on causes such as United Way and was known for always being on the

lookout for someone that needed a little help.

Bill Gates was influenced to do charity work by both of his parents. It is less well known that his late mother, Mary Gates, was the person who first urged Bill to start a charitable foundation. She had been involved in charity work for many years (including the Board of the Seattle Children's Hospital Foundation, Chairperson of United States United Way, and a long time Regent of the University of Washington).

One evening, while standing in line to go to the movies with Bill and Melinda, after Bill's mother had passed, Bill was relating and lamenting that he received a great many requests for assistance and he felt inadequate to dealing with those, while still running Microsoft. Bill and Melinda prevailed on William to take that project over, which initially involved cardboard boxes filled with requests, sorted into various categories and worked on in William's basement.

Somewhat later, all of the Gates' charitable efforts were merged into the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. William often quoted from the biblical passage "of whom much is given, much is expected". Melinda Gates has also done far reaching and wide-ranging humanitarian work through the Gates Foundation, which is very worthy of note, as well!

The Gates Foundation joined with Rotary and the World Health Organization to take



Rotary



DG Dana Brewer (cont'd)

on the eradication of polio. William said "When Rotary speaks, people listen." William led the charge for the Gates Foundation during the first decades when the dreaded scourge of polio was reduced by 90+%. When we first formed our alliance, polio was causing paralysis in 1,000 people per day, most of them children, condemned to a life of begging for what meager government programs didn't provide.

That's why we can't let polio come back! How few years would it take to reach those levels of human carnage again? In thanks for his efforts personally, William was named an Honorary Rotarian, by the Rotary Club of Seattle (a high honor your Club could bestow on fine humanitarians in your Club's area).

So how much is expected of us? Obviously, we live in one of the most wealthy countries in the world and have many blessings of which we need to remind each other, often. But, we all have varying degrees of means and resources. **Maybe a better question is, how much do we expect of ourselves?**

I think the main expectation we need to have is that we try. We try to do the best we can with what we have to work with and our circumstances, to responsibly take care of ourselves and our family and help others where we reasonably can.

It may seem limiting to us under these current circum-

stances, as to what we are truly capable of. However, I am firmly convinced that much of that has to do with our attitudes, which may be dimmed by isolation and uncertainty. A good antidote though, is to attend a Rotary meeting. Throughout my time as a Rotarian, I have generally felt it to be quite uplifting to be around my fellow Rotarians. They tend to be upbeat, they are concerned about other people and doesn't that help all of us to minimize obsessing about our own situations?

So we have to try. My father, Dean Brewer, often told we children and his grandchildren to never, never, never, never give up!!! So if we throw one leg out in front of the other (which is what he had to do with withered muscles on his right leg which was attached to a deformed hip that he never complained about), and follow up with the other leg, we will keep moving forward in the direction that we are facing. If that direction is focused on our fellow human beings and better lives for all of us, we will continue to do what is expected of us.

Thanks William Gates Sr. (1925-2020) for a life well lived!



Dana Brewer

District Governor, 2020-21
District 5680



World Polio Day is October 24



Take action on **24 October** for [World Polio Day](#) to raise awareness about our efforts to eradicate polio for good. To get started, download the [World Polio Day Toolkit](#) on EndPolio.org for resources to plan events and promote a polio-free

world.

Last year, members of the Rotary family held more than 5,900 World Polio Day events in 136 countries. This year, online events and activities will allow us to expand our reach even more and inspire others to join us. Be sure to [register your event!](#) Follow us @EndPolioNow to learn more about protecting children across the globe from this paralyzing disease.

October 15 is Global Handwashing Day



The COVID-19 pandemic has brought the importance of handwashing with soap to the attention of the world, but there still is much to do. Many still do not wash with soap and certainly not thoroughly for 20 seconds.

Rotarians can use the many resources available at [GlobalHandwashing.org](#) to emphasize this year's theme "Hand Hygiene for All" in your local area.

Read the article from [Rotary Down Under](#) on the innovative project [Hand Hygiene for Health](#)

Source: [WASH Action Group Newsletter](#), August 2020

Meal Packaging Event October 23 District Conference Service Project

We are excited to announce there will be a Service Above Self Project as part of District Conference!

On the evening of **Friday, October 23rd** we have been invited to participate in a "Million Meal Packing Event" for the Outreach Program, in Newton, Kansas, at the Kansas Electric building, located at 1420 NW 36th St, Newton, KS 67114.

The link to Outreach's Website is:
www.outreachprogram.org .

We have the opportunity to fill two (2) socially distanced shifts of packaging meals on October 23:

- From 5:00 to 7:00 PM and
- From 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

There are 40 slots available for each shift on a first come first served basis. RSVP with BreAnna Monk at:
breannamonk@derbyweb.com - 316-788-0223 ext. 1200

The District Leadership Team, along with the rest of the Executive Committee and District Committee Chairpersons, are being challenged by the District Governor to be present to offer beverages and snacks to the other volunteers.

5680 District Conference

Mark your calendars NOW for these upcoming district events.

Saturday, October 10, 2020

What: How to Hold Effective Meetings, Including Virtual and Hybrid"

When: 8:30—10:00 am

Presenters: District Trainer DeAnn Sullivan and
DGE Fred Heismeyer



Registration is required. RSVP to District Secretary/ Treasurer Kent Erb rotary5680@gmail.com An invitation to the Zoom meeting will be sent via email during the week prior to the event. **REGISTER now!**

Saturday October 24

What: District Conference Virtually
Special Guests from around the District & World of Rotary!

When: 10:00am—12:00 pm
1:00 pm—3:00 pm

Join a Watch Party near you or set one up for your Club!



Details coming soon!

Food For Our Neighbors 2 Project Update

Delivery of Food for Our Neighbors 2 Moved Forward due to Excess Demand

The KS OK District Food for Our Neighbors 2 Project has been slightly delayed. The Outreach Program, which provides the preprocessed meal Pantry Packs, has had excessive demand for their food products, not only because of Covid, but also natural disasters in the Gulf Coast states and Iowa.

Those Pantry Packs are being packaged in Newton and will now be available for pickup there, on or after October 2nd by F&A Food Sales of Concordia. F&A will deliver them to our project distribution points in Concordia, Hays, Great Bend, Sublette and Wichita. Newton and Hutchinson can take delivery of theirs, right in Newton.

All involved Clubs will receive emails, with their contact person and pickup location, ahead of their pickup date, which will be within two (2) weeks after October 2nd.

A Note from E Wichita Rotarian Tom Church

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

*Fellow Eastside Rotarian, Tom Church,
sent this notice to the RC West Wichita to share:*

I was researching a certain charity on the Charity Navigator website and noticed that the Rotary International Foundation was on their "Perfect 100 List" with the following verbiage:

"The exceptional charities on this list execute their mission in a financially responsible way while adhering to good governance and other best practices that

minimize the chance of unethical activities. Each has earned a perfect score for its Financial Health and its Accountability and Transparency. Those two scores then translate into a perfect 100 point overall score. Less than one percent of the thousands of charities rated by Charity Navigators have earned perfect scores."

This is quite an achievement and should give every Rotarian confidence that contributing to the Rotary Foundation is one of the best entities to which anyone could direct one's charitable funds.

District Governor Issues \$100 per member PolioPlus Challenge

As your District Governor, I went way out on a limb this week, with my wife Tina, issuing a PolioPlus challenge to all 60 clubs in our great KS OK Rotary District 5680.. We are challenging each Club to average \$100 per member in PolioPlus donations for this Rotary year, ending June 30, 2021. We are even allowing the Clubs to make gifts from their own treasuries or foundations, as well as including all net proceeds from fundraisers , along with gifts from individual Club Members, in determining whether they have met that \$100 average.

So far, all of the Clubs contacted by us personally, have accepted the challenge. Please reach out to us let us know that your Club is stepping up. You can contact Tina and me at danabrewerdg5680@gmail.com - Phone- (785) 614-1089;

OR

District Secretary/Treasurer Kent Erb at Rotary5680@gmail.com - Phone- (316) 772-6447

Our Rotary Journey is a cherished collection of experiences, shared with our fellow Rotarians! This is an opportunity for all of us to mutually share the experience of giving until it hurts...and as your parents, in their wisdom used to tell you this is going to hurt me far more than it is going to hurt you!

And, when we succeed in meeting our goal, we will have raised a total with all matches (times 2 from RI World Fund, then times 3 from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation = times 6 altogether) of approximately \$1,620,000, plus the matched total of our gift of \$6,000 or \$36,000 = \$1,656,000.

All through the power of US – KS OK Rotarians!

DG Dana Brewer



Our new peer-to-peer fundraising platform, Raise for Rotary, is now live! You can support specific Rotary causes such as our areas of focus, PolioPlus, or the World Fund. Use Raise for Rotary to easily share your fundraiser with friends and family. There are some great benefits to using Raise for Rotary over other fundraising platforms.

Learn about those benefits by clicking [here](#). Visit rotary.org/raise to get started.

Did You Know?

- You can share information about The Rotary Foundation with club members by using this compilation of 52 weekly Foundation messages throughout the year. http://msgfocus.rotary.org/files/amf_highroad_solution/user_470/2020_TRF_52_Week_Message.pdf
- You can conduct points transfer requests by phone and so much more! Learn how this is just one of

many ways that The **Rotary Support Center** can assist club and district leaders. Click below to find out what services the Rotary Support Center can offer. http://msgfocus.rotary.org/files/amf_highroad_solution/user_470/Rotary_Support_Center_Key_Support_Functions.pdf

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

October 10, 2020
Pre-Conference Meeting

October 15, 2020
World Handwashing Day

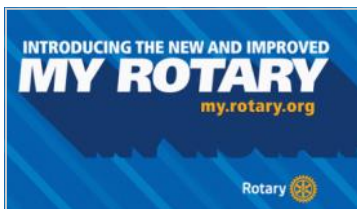
October 24, 2020
Virtual District Conference

October 13, 2020
Virtual WASH Symposium

October 23, 2020
Meal Packaging Event in Newton

October 24, 2020
World Polio Day

A New & Improved "My Rotary" now available!



By David Peterson, Club and District Support Manager, and Victoria Schiffman, Member and Club Management Product Owner, Rotary International

Imagine this: You meet a fellow Rotarian at an event. You are interested in collaborating on a project and promise to follow up. A few days later, you realized you've misplaced their contact information. Now what?

You could search Google or social media. You may even try to call us, hoping Rotary International could help, but we can't share our members' information. So now what?

You go to the newly updated My Rotary website and use the member search function to find that member! You can search by name, location, role or club. And based on that member's privacy settings, you can make an instant connection.

This is just one of the many updates we recently made to My Rotary – our members-only website for Rotarians and Rotaractors. The site has been around for a long time, providing access to resources, tools and information that improve the membership experience. Over the years though, we'd hear that it was too slow, hard to navigate, and difficult to use. Our members were frustrated and My Rotary was no longer meeting their needs.

So, we set out to give you what you asked for. And this month, we launched an improved My Rotary.

Many of the initial changes are focused on functionality for club officers since they are the site's heaviest users. But there are plenty of improvements that all members can benefit from. My Rotary is now faster and easier to use. It's more accessible from mobile devices. It even has an updated look and feel. It also has improved member profiles and security settings so you easily make connections with other members, while also protecting your personal information. No more missed connections!

It's simple:

1. Log in to My Rotary.
2. Complete your member profile by adding your contact information, the Rotary programs you've participated in, and your professional expertise.

3. Set your privacy settings. You control what information you want to share and with whom. You can customize your profile so some information is only visible to your club, while other information is available more broadly (or not at all).

And when you're done, check out the other new features, like the **enhanced club search function**. The old "Club Finder" functionality is being replaced by a simplified club search tool that allows members to look up and filter clubs more easily using a variety of search parameters, including meeting day, time, location, and, brand new in this release, meeting format (online, in-person or both). **Clubs can also now add more than one meeting** to better accommodate the many innovative approaches they are using to address the needs of their members and attract new ones.

We'll be making even more updates in coming months (including improvements to functionality for district officers and fully incorporating Rotaractors and satellite clubs) so the site is continuously being improved to meet your needs. In the meantime, give it a try and let us know what you think!

Virtual WASH Symposium—Oct. 13

The [Rotary District 5450 WASH Committee](#) have once again put together an outstanding WASH Symposium agenda for Saturday, October 3, 2020. This year the program will be virtual so anyone from around the world can attend by registering at [DenverWashSymposium](#).



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) are basic necessities for a healthy environment and a productive life. WASH is the common "blue thread" that runs through all of Rotary's Areas of Focus and helps all development programs become stronger and more sustainable.

Hosted by the [Rotary Club of Evergreen, CO](#) the program includes [breakout sessions](#) and the Main Speakers:

- John Hewko, Rotary International General Secretary
- Carrie Hessler-Radelet, Past Peace Corps Director and Project Concern International, CEO
- Stephanie Ogden, CARE International Water Team

This Symposium has a track record of being exceptional.

Source: [WASH Action Group Newsletter](#), August 2020



Club News from around the District

Rotary Club E Wichita: After hearing the passion DG Dana Brewer has for Polio Eradication, our club has challenged all members to contribute to the cause! Our club will contribute \$1,000 to match member contributions up to that amount through September 30. Goal achieved!



Rotary Club Ulysses: We are preparing for our annual Duck Race on October 3. Adoption of ducks is underway.



Rotary Club Washington: Even during a pandemic, our club finds a way to serve. Rotarians worked the chain



gang at a received Washington High School game.

Rotary Club W Wichita Sunrise: We held our 19th Annual Golf Tournament this month. We had 17 members involved with



the tournament, 15 teams, 12 volunteers, 8 Raffle Baskets and 1 perfect day of weather!



Rotary Club E Wichita: Our club foundation awarded \$14,000 in scholarships to 13 Sedgwick County students attending Kansas universities for the 2020-21 academic year. At the end of the school year, each student will visit our club to share their experience at school. Rtn Kelly Dandurand wrote, "Thank you to all who helped in the selection process! When I was a high school administrator, I would tell kids that education will give them freedom. Out of all of the great things we do for our community, helping students earn their education changes the world the most!"



Rotary Club _____: Your club news could appear here!

We need to hear from YOUR club to know what is happening in your "neck of the woods"!!

If you post a story on Facebook or other Social Media—PLEASE send an email to newsletter editor [Geri Appel](#) so she can include it in the newsletter. (We have 61 clubs and it is impossible to go to each club's page hoping to find something to include.)

If you have a club email list, add Geri to your distribution list especially if that list is used to share your club newsletter or bulletin.

Grow Rotary by Starting New Clubs

By Kurt Harper, Assistant Rotary Coordinator



Recent studies show the best way to Grow Rotary is by starting new clubs—irrespective of whether those

clubs are wholly new clubs, or cause-based, or satellite, or Rotaract clubs. There is a great new tool—and a special team—set up to help you if your club wants to get engaged in the process.

Our Rotary "Region" has initiated a program called **Project Phoenix 223**. Its name derives from the mythical Phoenix, as a symbol of new growth, and 223—signifying the date that Rotary was born (February 23, 1905), and the fact that our Region has 2 zones, each with 23 districts.

A special team has been formed to help clubs walk

through the process and the paperwork that goes with starting new clubs, and the entire program is easily accessed at our Region/Zone website: <https://zones25b-29.org/>. The landing page has a bold area with links both to the program and to an initial inquiry that will let our Regional team know you are ready to discuss ideas. It will also take you to a registration link for an online workshop scheduled for **October 3, 2020, at 9:30 AM CDT** where participants can learn more about the benefits offered by this focused approach. Be one of our "new club champions", and sign up today!

There are plenty of clubs in our District that are looking at the vitality a new Rotaract club, a cause-based club, or a satellite club can bring, and the new opportunities these clubs bring to share our common purpose in Rotary in new ways, or at new times. Join them, and take advantage of this great new resource!

District 5680 Membership Report As Of August 31, 2020

Club	7/1/2020	8/31/2020	NET GAIN
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2020-2021
Abilene	59	59	0
Andover	26	26	0
Arkansas City	59	59	0
Atwood	23	23	0
Beaver	15	15	0
Beloit	40	40	0
Boise City	20	20	0
Cimarron	20	20	0
Clay Center	47	47	0
Colby	54	54	0
Concordia	31	31	0
Derby	70	69	(1)
Dodge City	38	37	(1)
Downs	9	9	0
East Wichita	87	89	2
E-Club	20	20	0
El Dorado	36	36	0
Ellinwood	20	20	0
Ellis	9	9	0
Garden City	45	44	(1)
Goodland	36	27	(9)
Great Bend	46	46	0
Guymon	26	26	0
Hays	64	62	(2)
Hays Sunrise	15	15	0
Hill City	13	12	(1)
Howard	13	13	0
Hoxie	20	20	0
Hugoton	15	15	0
Hutchinson	100	101	1
Johnson	15	15	0
Kingman	25	25	0
Kinsley	15	13	(2)
Larned	16	16	0
Liberal	43	45	2
Lindsborg	8	8	0
Lyons	23	23	0
McPherson	39	36	(3)
Ness City	21	21	0
Newton	53	54	1
Norton	13	14	1
Oberlin	33	33	0
Osborne	14	14	0
Phillipsburg	49	48	(1)
Pratt	53	53	0
Russell	39	39	0
Salina	123	123	0
Sharon Springs	10	10	0
Sterling	20	20	0
Sublette	18	16	(2)
Syracuse	16	17	1
Texhoma	15	13	(2)
Ulysses	28	26	(2)
Washington	35	35	0
Wellington	12	12	0
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	38	38	0
West Wichita	61	60	(1)
Wichita-Downtown	410	403	(7)
Wichita-Old Town	9	9	0
Winfield	74	74	0
TOTALS	2404	2377	(27)



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Rotary International Convention
Taipei, Taiwan
June 12-16, 2021
www.rotary.org/convention
Register today!

