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District Governor

Jeff Horlacher's Letter



As I write this, polio has increased in the world. Because of the war in Gaza, the children there have experienced a resurgence in the disease because vaccinations have not been allowed. Lately, there has been a declaration that they can resume. I certainly hope an aggressive campaign can be waged, and we can push to the finish line and extinguish polio. Let's keep polio awareness in our own minds, and help others be aware of polio also. Many young people do not know what polio is. Donate to Polio plus and let's celebrate the win when we achieve it. World Polio Day is October 24th. Let's hold events to raise awareness in our communities and claim Rotary's part in combating this disease.

This is basic education and literacy month. How will you use this theme? I am working on bringing Little Free Libraries to each club. Where will you put yours? Who will be the Steward? I encourage each club to create a flyer to include with the books talking about your Rotary club. It may be a source for new members. A guest book in the library might also be fun.

I am going to the Zone meeting in San Antonio this week. I anticipate much of what we will discuss is engaging members and increasing membership. How do you make your club inspiring? Is the Magic of Rotary alive in your club? I am finding it is important to not discount the value of friendship in our clubs and district. There have been articles in Rotary magazine about the value of friendship. I encourage you to read them and build your friendships in Rotary.

We are seeking some committee chairs in the district, and committee members. If you are interested in participating on the district level, please let us know. District work does not have to involve a lot of travel or time, although some offices do. We are eager to expand participation on the district level and share the magic with all of you.

I continue to enjoy visiting clubs and am inspired by the history of clubs in our district, and the many projects they continue to do. I have noticed many vehicles seem to be low on blinker fluid. Perhaps there is a service project in that. (wink)

I think our society is suffering from a post pandemic slump in many ways. Let's recall what we used to do, and see if we want to renew those activities, or create new ones. Let's have fun together and re-imagine what our clubs and district are. Have fun together. Be aware of the powerful leadership Rotarians have provided in the world. Rotary has often been in the background, encouraging a resolution of conflict and moving toward a better world. That was brought to my attention, and I realized "He's right – that was Rotary involvement."

Jeff Horlacher

District Governor 2024-2025

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Club News from around the District



First, it's County Fair...then it's Kansas Biggest Rodeo - That's when Rotary Club of Phillipsburg - breaks out the Cotton Candy machines and "Spins the nights away"! Look at these Rotarians GO! Let's give our Spinners a Big Hand! It takes a team (7) to keep our crowds happy! Thank you to our Rotaract Volunteers Jayne Jarvis & Rodney Wright for pitching in! And then there's our Cutest Rodeo Fan, who upon arriving made a bee line to the counter! That's what it's ALL About! Thank you to Each of our Rotarians for their time! Rest those hands, Spinners.... we need you next year!!





The Rotary Club of Hays was proud to help with the Feeding Hays event during the month of August! Thank you to all that volunteered!



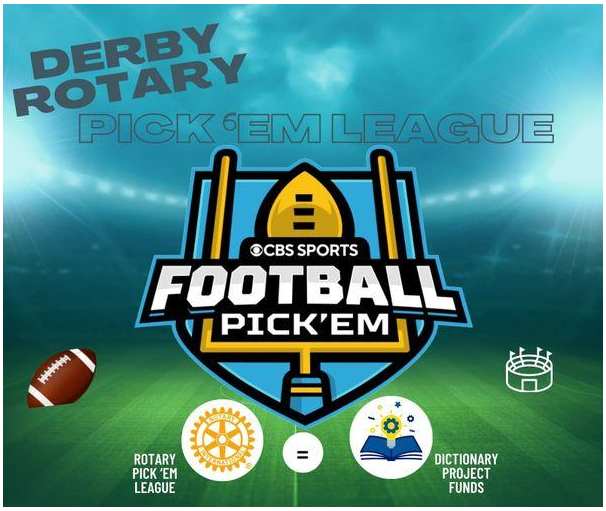


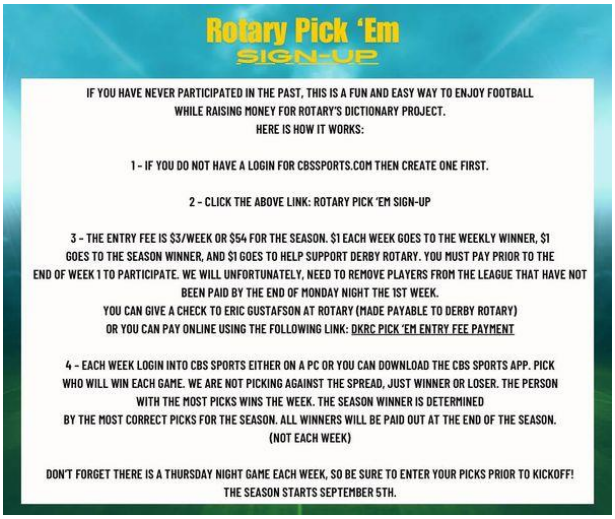
Rotary Club of Newton Welcomes Ecuadorian Exchange Student

On Saturday 8/17, the first exchange student to be hosted by District 5680 in various years arrived. His name is Emilio and he is from Ecuador. He is being hosted by the Newton Rotary Club. Emilio is 17 years old and a senior at Newton High School. He has already become a member of the soccer team and is really looking forward to the spring when he can play tennis. A special thanks to Rod and Dana Kreie who welcomed him into their home to start off his exchange. Is your club interested in hosting or sending out exchange students? Contact District Youth Exchange Chair Alisa Johnsrud at alisajohnsrud@gmail.com or 507-450-2497.



🏈Ready for some football fun? Join us in the Rotary Club of Derby Pick 'Em League! It's a great way to enjoy the game, test your football knowledge, and raise funds for a fantastic cause – providing dictionaries to all Derby Third Grade Students. 📚Every pick you make helps support education in our community. Don't miss out – sign up today and make a difference!
Derby Pick 'Em League Sign-Up: https://picks.cbssports.com/.../kbxw63b2geytimrzg.../join...
Derby Rotary Entry Payment Link:
https://checkout.square.site/.../RJ6V7OIGI5IW4NFGQMFKWNA3







Tickets are now available for Rotary Club of Andover 2024 Haus of Brews!

Visit hausofbrews.org for more info.

The Rotary Club of Winfield presented Perfect Attendance for the 2023-2023 year.
Laura Bradbury 5 yrs, Treasure Wehner 12 yrs, Sandi Hower 5 yrs, Paul Jeffries 6 yrs, Jim Gaddie 18yrs, Allan Norton 17yrs, Chris Wilson 18 yrs, and not pictured are Cindy Goertz 16 yrs and Dean Kennedy 30 yrs!





Rotary Club of Winfield

Well done, Kelle Thompson, on earning your Paul Harris +2! Your generosity, and care for the betterment of the world is commendable!

Rotary Club of West Wichita Annual Wine Dinner, Saturday, September 21, 6:30 pm
Reserve your spot today. Contact Diane Walker: email: dwalkr@sbcglobal.net





Rotary Club of Russell Car Show on 5 October 2024.

World Polio Day – 24 October

Each year on 24 October, Rotary joins with our partners, global health organizations, and public health advocates to mark **World Polio Day**. Rotary clubs have a critical role in World Polio Day by hosting events and activities to increase awareness about polio and raise funds toward eradicating it. To build on the success of last year, we need your help!



PLAN:

If you haven't started planning your World Polio Day event or action, now is the time! The Rotary Brand Center has a **guide to help clubs plan successful events**. Need help deciding what kind of event to have? Here are some ideas to explore with your club:

- **Host a club presentation**: Bring in doctors or health experts who can speak to your club members about the importance of polio eradication at the meeting nearest to 24 October.
- **Organize a light show in your city**: Raise awareness by projecting the End Polio Now logo on buildings, theaters, or other landmarks in your area.
- **Set up a booth** in a market, shopping mall, or public square where members wear End Polio Now shirts or hold banners. You could also organize a walk or bike ride with other clubs, districts, or local organizations.
- **Establish a fundraiser for PolioPlus**: Hold a dinner or a concert. Use **Raise for Rotary**, or start a **fundraiser on Facebook**. You can also make a club **donation** directly to PolioPlus. Booths, shows, and sporting events are other good ways to raise funds.

Promote:

Partner on a social media campaign: Work with other Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs in your area on a campaign to share engaging content on social media about the vital role that Rotary plays in the fight against polio.

World Polio Day is a unique opportunity to raise awareness in your local community about Rotary and our main humanitarian initiative. Whether you want to promote your event specifically or World Polio Day in general, you have access to a wide selection of graphics, videos, public relations templates, and more in the **Rotary Brand Center**.

Register:

Last year, **10% of Rotary and Rotaract clubs** worldwide registered World Polio Day events. Help us show Rotary's continued commitment to polio eradication by registering your club's World Polio Day event or action before 24 October





Want to Energize your Club?



Rotary

"A Training Program Like No Other"

The **Rotary Leadership Institute** is being offered in conjunction with the District Conference, November 2-3, 2024.

Who should attend? – Young Rotarians, up-and-coming leaders, any Rotarian interested in becoming a better Rotarian! Every club should consider sending one, two, or more to RLI. RLI is great for preparing Rotarians to be Presidents or Board Members.

When is RLI? – RLI will be held the same weekend as the District Conference. Rotarians can attend both. RLI will meet for two hours on Saturday, then again Sunday morning. We will complete the RLI training with a short series of video-conference sessions following the District Conference.

What does RLI cost? – RLI costs $45/person. District 5680 is offering every club in the district a scholarship to send at least one member to RLI.

How do we sign up for RLI? – Go to the District 5680 website and follow the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) link.

THE ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Use this Use this direct link to sign up for RLI
https://rotary5680.org/event/rotary-leadership-institute-(rli)-colby-november-2024/

WE DESPERATELY NEED YOUR SERVICE!

Rotary AT THE FAIR

We are still short of volunteers

to help at our booth at the Kansas State Fair.

YOUR HELP AND SERVICE IS NEEDED!

If you can volunteer for two hours (or more) during the State Fair, **you are needed**.

If you want to be a champion of Rotary to thousands of people, **you are needed**.

If you want to help grow Rotary across the State of Kansas, **you are needed**.

If you want to engage more in the Service above Self, **you are needed**.

Finally, if you just feel compelled to help our district with this project, **you are needed**.

As of today, we need volunteers for the following shifts:

Friday, September 13 (all shifts),

Sunday, September 15 (all shifts).

We are asking Rotarians to volunteer for at least 2-hours shifts, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Our district is providing an entry pass for all volunteers, our booth is in an air-conditioned building, and we will have talking points at the booth to help you be the best representative of Rotary.

TO VOLUNTEER

CONTACT PDG FRED HEISMEYER TODAY

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Rotary International comes to North America



Rotary District 5680 Conference

Attend the District Conference and take part in the "Magic Wand" contest. Details to follow.



District 5680
Membership Report as Of
August 31, 2024

Club	7/1/2024	8/31/2024	NET GAIN
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2024-2025
Abilene	55	55	0
Andover	20	21	1
Arkansas City	68	68	0
Atwood	24	24	0
Beaver	17	17	0
Beloit	37	37	0
Boise City	18	18	0
Cimarron	18	18	0
Clay Center	63	64	1
Colby	44	44	0
Concordia	25	25	0
Derby	58	60	2
Dodge City	32	33	1
Downs	9	9	0
East Wichita	64	64	0
E-Club	16	16	0
El Dorado	29	29	0
Ellinwood	17	17	0
Ellis	8	8	0
Garden City	28	27	(1)
Goodland	13	13	0
Great Bend	28	28	0
Guymon	36	35	(1)
Haskell County (Sublette)	17	17	0
Hays	56	55	(1)
Hays Sunrise	12	12	0
Hill City	7	7	0

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This is your newsletter!
Send your articles and club information to:

Howard	9	11	2
Hugoton	14	14	0
Hutchinson	90	88	(2)
Kingman	21	21	0
Kinsley	5	5	0
Liberal	34	35	1
Lyons	24	24	0
McPherson	27	27	0
Ness City	23	23	0
Newton	59	56	(3)
Norton	10	10	0
Oberlin	30	30	0
Osborne	9	9	0
Phillipsburg	31	31	0
Pratt	71	73	2
Russell	38	40	2
Salina	98	97	(1)
Sterling	17	17	0
Syracuse	19	19	0
Texhoma	12	12	0
Ulysses	18	18	0
Washington	32	32	0
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	37	37	0
West Wichita	63	77	14
Wichita-Downtown	342	343	1
Wichita-Old Town	10	10	0
Winfield	58	59	1
TOTALS	**2020**	**2039**	**19**

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Send me your news and newsletters!

Friends,

Rotary continues the fight to End Polio Now, and we should never forget that it is a fight, and lives are on the line. So far this year, the number of Wild Polio cases has been higher than we would like to see, 27 to date, BUT, these cases are all in Pakistan and Afghanistan. The fact that there have been no new cases of wild polio anywhere else in the world for the last two years is a testament to what we can accomplish if we can continue to push forward.
We need to continue to raise our hearts, our voices, and our hands against this disease and finish what we have started. If you would like to learn more about Rotary's fight against Polio, please reach out to me to book a visit to your club. I want to spread the word and remind everyone why we do what we do!



Click the link to join the Polio Plus Society. https://forms.gle/ZygVfZPWaEppV4AL6
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