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Message from District Governor Gloria Homeier



As my term as District Governor for District 5680 comes to a close, I reflect on an exciting and remarkable year filled with accomplishments, some disappointments, and the immense joy of meeting fellow Rotarians and witnessing their impactful work in their communities. Serving as district governor has been a deeply rewarding experience.

One of my primary goals was to establish the Polio Plus Society within our district, aiming for 100 charter members. I am thrilled to announce that we exceeded this goal with 102 charter members, demonstrating our unwavering commitment to eradicating polio and sustaining our efforts until the world is polio-free.

Another significant goal was to increase Rotary membership. Many clubs rose to the challenge, with some achieving double-digit growth. However, several clubs struggled with membership retention, resulting in a shortfall in this area—a disappointment for me. Nevertheless, I firmly believe that Rotary is vital to every community, capable of transforming lives. Many people would love to join our mission and contribute to making a difference locally and globally.

I also aimed for our clubs to complete the Rotary Citation, recognizing their excellence in service. I encourage all clubs to finalize their citations by June 30 to achieve this goal.

Throughout the year, I have been continually amazed by the incredible accomplishments of our clubs. I have learned so much about becoming a better person, improving our clubs, and enhancing our communities. One notable achievement was organizing a global mission trip to Guatemala, supported by a global grant and involving numerous district Rotarians. This trip was profoundly impactful for both the participants and the recipients.

On a personal note, I have been open about the struggles within my family, particularly dealing with suicide. In my final months as governor, these personal challenges have understandably taken priority. However, I have been deeply moved by the outpouring of support from Rotarians across the district, reaffirming that Rotarians are some of the most compassionate and supportive people. I plan to continue Rotary's initiative of suicide prevention by focusing on ways to offer better access to mental health care though out our District.

As I prepare to hand over the reins to Jeff Horlacher from Colby, our District Governor-Elect, I am confident that he will excel in this role. Jeff has high goals and expectations, and I believe he will be an outstanding leader for our district.

Thank you all for your dedication and support throughout this incredible journey.

Gloria Homeier

District Governor

2023-2024

District 5680

Club News from around the District

The Interact Club of West Wichita finished the year. We had 30 Students this year with 549 Community Service Hours. Here are the students' getting certificates on their last night.





This year's Junior Rotarian luncheon keynote speaker for the Rotary Club of Great Bend was Bill Cordes. Bill is a nationally recognized speaker that carries a strong level of successful credentials, we definitely appreciate Bill and the time he gave to our club and the Junior Rotarians and their parents. An excellent message for all of us.
The YOGOWYPI Guy (you only get out what you put in)

We had a small but industrious group of Rotarians at Simply Hygiene. We packed boxes that will be delivered to schools throughout Andover and Wichita. Rotary Club of Andover





Sunrise Rotary Club of West Sedgwick County Rotarians Luis Lopez , Miles Turner, Cindy Wiedeman (Miles' co-worker)and Rita Linnens celebrated Teacher Appreciation Day at Black Elementary with a catered lunch from The Hurricane compliments of Luis.



The Rotary Club of Liberal donated to the Seward County Community College (SCCC) mental health services for suicide prevention.







The Rotary Club of Great Bend announced the winners of this year's Junior Rotarian scholarships. They are Ava Gregg and Parker Dicks. These outstanding recipients are pictured with Rebecca Popp, scholarship chairman and Megan Barfield, club president. Congratulations to Ava and Parker.



Rotary Club of Liberal honoring their Rotary scholarship winners. Jovanni Garcia, Dalton James Wallace & Ivan Moreno



The Rotary Club of Guymon held on May 3rd their annual Rotary BBQ for Guymon Pioneer Days! We had so much help including Rodeo Queens helping serve the food.







The Rotary Club of Washington recognized their final student recognition for the year.

Ayden Olguin from Hanover Ks





Scott Hinderliter, Vocational Service Chair Rotary Club of West Wichita, presented a certificate to Madison Ferrell, one of our HS Scholarship recipients, at last week's meeting. Madison plans to attend WSU to study Nursing.



Congratulations to Alexa Carmichael on being selected as the recipient of the Colby Rotary Club's 2024 Scholarship award! Alexa was recognized as the club's November 2023 Student of the Month Best wishes, Alexa, in all your future endeavors!



Congrats to the Rotary Club of Colby on 100 years of service to their community.

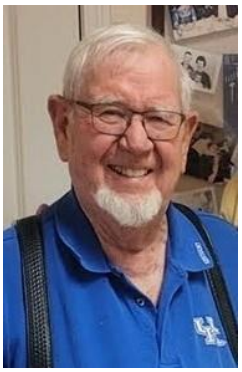
District 5680 Clubs: Rotary International informs me that they do not have officers from many of our District clubs to record in their database. This database is the source we use on a district level to communicate to the local clubs and officers. So, please, get your information submitted to Rotary International. It will help me a great deal as I prepare for my term as District Governor, and as I begin my term.



DGE Jeff Horlacher jeffhorlacherrotary5680@gmail.com

Rotary Booth at the Kansas State Fair returns:

The pandemic interrupted many parts of our lives, and we should take a look back and see what we might renew. The Rotary booth at the state fair was a way to tell people the Rotary story, and potentially recruit members. Our booth this year will be in the Pride of Kansas building. It is 10x10 feet, and we are seeking photos of people in Rotary shirts or vests doing projects. Other ways we can tell our story will be most appreciated. Please send to Fred Heismeier; deadline is June 30.



Rotary District 5680 is saddened to report the passing of PDG Virgil Keith Howe on 27 May 1924 at the age of 93. He served as District Governor in northwest Kansas from 1998-1999. The family suggests memorials to the Hays Rotary Club or Rotary Internation.

District 5680 attends the Rotary International Convention in Singapore

Opening session!





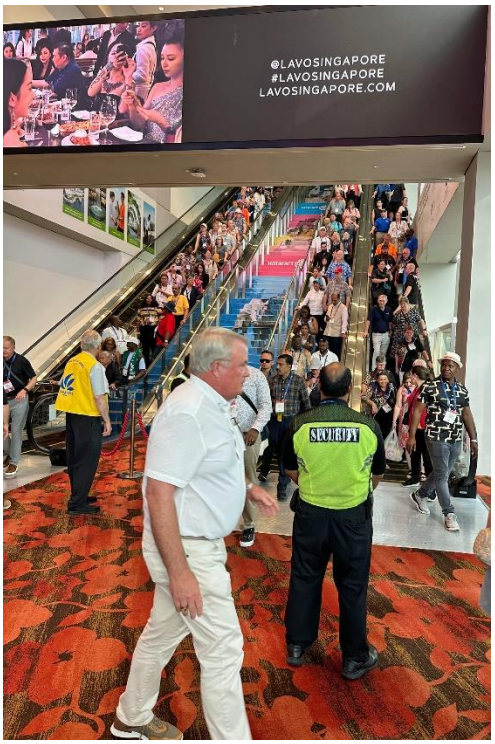
PDG Andrea Krauss, of the Rotary Club of Russell was doing a Quick Chat session in the Rotary Village entitled “Impact, Reach, Engagement, Adapt: How Rotary's Four Priorities Help You Enhance Club Experience”.





Tamara S. & DG Jeff with Rotarians from the Ukraine





Lorena Beckius DGE 5630 in Nebraska

Human trafficking will remain a focus for next year

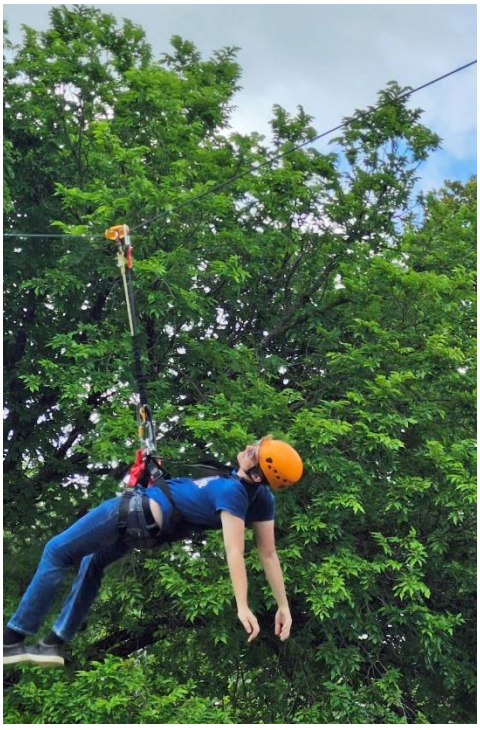




RYLA 2024

Laying the Foundation" was the theme for the 2024 RYLA. Twenty-three youth arrived at Southwestern College and were greeted by a crew of Counselors wearing hardhats and orange shirts. These youth laid the foundation for their leadership by exploring Servant Leadership in class, on the Ropes Course, and while doing a service project. The Rotary Club of Winfield hosted a picnic with hamburgers and lots of food and desserts. On the final day the students displayed their leadership skills by presenting a program to parents and friends there to take them home. The Leadership Foundation has been laid and you will now see these students building in your community. Encourage and join with them to continue "Laying the Foundation".









Club	7/1/2023	5/31/2024	NET GAIN
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2023-2024
Abilene	52	55	3
Andover	25	24	(1)
Arkansas City	66	68	2
Atwood	23	24	1
Beaver	18	17	(1)
Beloit	35	37	2
Boise City	19	18	(1)
Cimarron	20	17	(3)
Clay Center	62	65	3
Colby	44	44	0
Concordia	30	25	(5)
Derby	54	60	6
Dodge City	38	34	(4)
Downs	9	9	0
East Wichita	68	69	1
E-Club	15	16	1
El Dorado	32	31	(1)
Ellinwood	18	17	(1)
Ellis	10	8	(2)
Garden City	26	29	3
Goodland	13	13	0
Great Bend	27	26	(1)
Guymon	32	34	2

Rotary District 5680

www.rotary5680.org

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Send me your news and newsletters

Haskell County (Sublette)	19	17	(2)
Hays	62	57	(5)
Hays Sunrise	9	11	2
Hill City	7	7	0
Howard	9	9	0
Hugoton	15	14	(1)
Hutchinson	92	92	0
Johnson	10	1	(9)
Kingman	19	21	2
Kinsley	5	5	0
Liberal	40	40	0
Lyons	21	21	0
McPherson	24	27	3
Ness City	23	23	0
Newton	59	59	0
Norton	11	10	(1)
Oberlin	30	30	0
Osborne	10	11	1
Phillipsburg	32	33	1
Pratt	67	71	4
Russell	36	38	2
Salina	103	98	(5)
Sharon Springs	5	5	0
Sterling	20	19	(1)
Syracuse	19	19	0
Texhoma	12	12	0
Ulysses	24	18	(6)
Washington	33	32	(1)
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	38	37	(1)
West Wichita	58	63	5
Wichita-Downtown	363	351	(12)
Wichita-Old Town	9	10	1
Winfield	67	59	(8)
TOTALS	**2087**	**2060**	**(27)**



TO



ROTARY DISTRICT 5680'S

PASSING OF THE PIN

A TRANSITION OF ROTARY DISTRICT GOVERNORS

You're Invited!

Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 11 :30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

City Limits Convention Center, 2227 South Range, Colby, KS 67701

HOSTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF COLBY AND INCOMING DISTRICT GOVERNOR JEFF HORLACHER

RSVP by responding to melissa.rickfordl @gmail.com .no later than June 1 3, 2024. Cost per meal is $25

District 5680 Leadership Transformation Grants

District 5680 has been awarded 25 grants to participate in the programs of the Kansas Leadership Center. The Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) is a non-profit organization committed to fostering leadership for stronger, healthier and more prosperous Kansas communities.

The KLC offers three programs that build on each other:

- **When Everyone Leads** is the introductory one-day program that focuses on personal leadership competencies. It focuses on leadership as an activity – recognizing that every individual has the capacity to lead. It helps participants stretch and grow their leadership while addressing their toughest challenges. When Everyone Leads is valued at $149.
- **Your Leadership Edge** is the seminal, two-day deep dive into individual leadership for those who have completed When Everyone Leads. It focuses on helping leaders understand how to move out of their comfort zone and engage in meaningful leadership. It centers on the KLC's leadership framework based on Five Guiding Principles and Four Proufound Competencies. Your Leadership Edge is valued at $399.
- **Lead For Change** is reserved for teams who have already completed the other two KLC courses. It is an immersive, three-day training that must be experienced in a team. Lead For Change is valued at $799 per individual.

Who Should Attend?

Each club should consider sending up and coming leaders from their club and community. The virtual sessions are ideal for clubs in western Kansas. Leaders who have done the first program should consider the second program.

How To Register

To Sign Up for When Everyone Leads or Your Leadership Edge, we ask that you do two things:

1. Visit the KLC website at: www.kansasleadershipcenter.org. Create a personal account and register using the code Rotary2024 to waive the tuition fee.
2. Notify District 5680's Learning Facilitator, Arlen Honts, of your interest in order that we might track Rotarians who are taking advantage of this grant. Arlen Honts' contact is:

akhonts@att.net 316-648-7484

Those interested in Lead For Change must make arrangements through District Learning Facilitator, Arlen Honts.

YOUR CLUB IS NEEDED FOR THIS DISTRICT/STATEWIDE PROJECT

We have the opportunity to reach thousands of people and tell them about Rotary. However, your club and all its Rotarians are needed for this to be successful. Rotary will be hosting a booth at this year's state fair in Hutchinson. This project will take many volunteers to staff the booth and be Rotary Champions to those who visit. Below are the details:

1) We will have a booth in the Pride of Kansas Building (yes, it is air conditioned) beginning Friday, September 6 – Sunday, September 15.

2) **Clubs, especially that are within an hour or so from Hutch, are asked to consider volunteering for a day to staff the booth.** Your club is asked to respond to PDG Fred Heismeyer (fredheismeyeriii@gmail.com) to reserve a date for your club to volunteer. All requests will be on a first come basis.

3) NOTE: **We will also be looking for individual Rotarians to staff times to fill in where we need a volunteer. If you want to volunteer, but your club is unable to commit a full day, please reach out to PDG Fred Heismeyer, fredheismeyeriii@gmail.com**

4) Your club's commitment would be to:

   a. Recruit a minimum of only 12 Rotarians to volunteer for 2-hour shifts each. We will need two Rotarians at the booth each shift. If your club volunteers for a full day, you are able to expand the shifts to 3, 4, or more hours/Rotarians. Whatever schedule works for your members works for us, as long as the booth is staffed from 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

   b. The hours the booth will be open are between 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. daily.

   The six daily shift times will be 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

5) Rotarians will be the face of Rotary for all clubs in the state, this includes clubs in D5680, D5710 and D6110. We will provide a list of club locations and a contact person as a reference.

6) Rotarians will have a "talking points" sheet to help with answering questions regarding Rotary and the clubs throughout the state.

7) Rotarians will have access to entrance tickets and perhaps parking passes.

8) All Rotarians will be asked to wear a Rotary shirt.

9) The booth display will have pictures and various messages promoting Rotary's work both internationally and locally. We anticipate this will include a Rotary backdrop, a couple of pop-up signs and tabletop graphics/pictures. The booth will have a table and two chairs.

10) We will have electricity, so we also anticipate a monitor with a rolling set of pictures/graphics, and we will have a small fan to keep the air moving to avoid it getting too hot.

THIS IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTNITY TO LET THE GENERAL PUBLIC KNOW ABOUT ROTARY. PLEASE COMMIT TO THIS SERVICE PROJECT TO EXPAND OUR REACH!

Fellow Rotarians,

As we near the end of this Rotary year I am excited to announce that we have reached our goal of 100 founding members of the Polio Plus Society! In fact, we have 102 founding members at this point! Abilene Rotary Club currently has 18 members followed by Sublette with 16 members. Sublette also has the distinction of being the only 100% participation club!

But… Our work is not done. We are getting close to eradicating Polio, but there is still work to do. There have been 5 cases of Wild Polio so far this year, 2 of which have resulted in paralysis. We CAN end this disease forever; we just need to see this through to the end. Let us not grow weary this close to the finish line!

There is still time to join the Polio Plus Society and be a founding member. Click the link and fill out the form! https://forms.gle/Z7SKKB3WCkP4rJaCA

Isaac McNary, 5680 PolioPlus Chair



Two drops are enough



THE POLIOPLUS SOCIETY

District Governor Gloria Homeier is pleased to announce "One of the Key Initiatives of my term of Service, is the formation of Our District's PolioPlus Society. The PolioPlus Society (PPS) is being formed to encourage Rotarians to commit to donate a minimum of $100 per year to the PolioPlus Fund until polio is eradicated from the face of the Earth. We need to sustain and increase Our Rotary giving, while the total eradication of the wild polio virus is completed, to keeping it from raging back."

The Rotarians and Friends of Rotary, who join during this inaugural year ending June 30, 2024, will be known as Charter Members of the District 5680 PolioPlus Society. Charter Members will receive a special PolioPlus Society Pin, plus 2 or more US Mint Jonas Salk coins, (1 for each $50 donated) and a Charter Member Certificate. Governor Gloria also stated "The goal of the Initiative is to encourage at least 100 individuals to become Founders and to eventually have at least 250 Society Members among Our District's Rotarians."

How much impact will those generous gifts make? With the continuing 2 for 1 match provided by the Gates Foundation through June 30, 2026, each $100 of those gifts becomes $300, enough to fully immunize 100 of Our World's precious children. 100 such donations would raise at least $10,000 dollars and protect the lives and futures of 10,000+ vulnerable kids! Remember what R.I. President Jennifer Jones told the British Parliament, "Until the World is polio-free, every Child is at Risk!" (even Our own Children).

See how to become a Charter Member on the next page. If you need any extra inspiration follow this link to Tom T. Hall's song "100 Children". The Children of Our World will be relying on Charter Members to follow the "4 Way Test" while they continue to faithfully fulfill their PolioPlus Obligations. To help them do so, the PolioPlus Committee will send out a "gentle" email reminder, every new Rotary Year.

Go to the District's website at rotary5680.org to join the PolioPlus Society.

Contact Isaac McNary Chair of the District's PolioPlus Committee:isaac@outreachprogram.com if you have questions or input.

How to donate to PolioPlus –

- Rotarians can go to myrotary.org/donate and click on Polio Fund where they can make a one time or recurring donation
- We encourage Rotarians to join PolioPlus Direct (the recurring Option), signing up for automatic giving with a credit card. An autopayment of $10 (or more) per month will qualify or requalify them for the Society.
- For a quick walkthrough on how to sign up for a My.Rotary.Org account and set up an online donation you can view a tutorial here:

  https://youtu.be/c7cdT35F-8o
- Of course, Rotarians can also donate by giving their Club Foundation Chair or Treasurer a check, payable to the Rotary Foundation, with "Polio Fund" in the memo section.

District 5680 PolioPlus Society

The PolioPlus Society is a group of individuals who are passionate about Rotary's #1 Priority .. the elimination of the poliovirus from the face of the earth.

The PolioPlus Society, or PPS, operates much like the Paul Harris Society. Except that the PolioPlus Society ONLY requires you to donate a minimum of $100 and to continue to do so annually, until the World Health Organization declares the World free of the poliovirus.

PolioPlus Society members who sign up from July 1, 2023 until June 30, 2024 will become PolioPlus Society Charter Members. You will receive a special pin depicting the two precious drops given to each child and our World, along with a PolioPlus Society Certificate proclaiming your Charter Member status in this unique Society. Plus you will have the knowledge that you are doing good in the world and are in this fight to the end. Joining the Society is a two step process:

STEP 1-Fill out the below "commitment statement" and email to isaac@outreachprogram.org. You can also fill out the form online at: https://forms.gle/6SZEiqrPddrifrSg7 or by scanning the QR code with your smart phone! You can also send a copy to Isaac at 5266 NW 20th St, El Dorado, KS 67042

I hereby commit to making an annual donation to the PolioPlus Fund of the Rotary Foundation as follows (select one):

SCAN ME

____ $100 USD per year (minimum amount to become a society member)

____ A contribution of $ _____ per year to PolioPlus (for gifts of more than $100)

I pledge to help Rotary make history by continuing to contribute the above amount each year until the World Health Organization certifies that polio has been fully eradicated because ... Until the World is polio-free, every child Is at risk!

Step 2-To make your tax-deductible donation go to myrotary.org/donate, sign in and click on "Polio Fund". You can choose a one-time donation of $100 or more, or a recurring donation in the amount and frequency of your choice (We suggest $10 a month as the "easy way" to become a PolioPlus Society member). Of course, you can also write a check payable to "the Rotary Foundation", with PolioPlus in the memo section and give to your club's Foundation Chair or Treasurer.

Step 3 - Notify District PolioPlus Chair - Notify Isaac at his email address or mailing address listed above of your donation and method used for payment (recurring credit card, one time credit card, or by check)

Name (please print) _____ Date _____

Address_____

Club Name _____Email Address _____