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District 5690 News



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Message from District Governor Robert Mendoza



Hello Rotarians,

The Zone 27 and Zone 21b annual conference was held in Evanston Illinois on December 6-10. This meeting took the place of the canceled Houston Zone Meeting due to Hurricane Harvey. It is the midway point of my year as Governor and provides time to come together to discuss best practices, shared experiences and allows for a final opportunity to meet face to face with the



time of looking forward to and celebrating the future leader of our District.

other District Governors from our paired zones. It is bitter sweet. It is the last time we will ever be together in this leadership role, yet it begins the exciting



Gary Norris, DGE Andrea Kraus and DGN of the future combined District 5680 Dana Brewer. It is a treat for me to interact with so many dedicated Rotarians and to hear about their plans for the future. There is so much planning and effort to prepare yourself for this responsibility, and I want all of us to take a moment to thank these men and women when you see them, for using their time and talents to benefit our district and Rotary.

It was also an amazing opportunity that few Governors and District leaders ever

Our District was well represented as DGE Sterling and Jacqueline Hall, DGN Kurt and Kelly Harper, and I were in attendance. We also met and studied with our counterparts from District 5670, DG

A note from your editor

Apologies to all for my not getting a separate November newsletter out last month. I was downsizing/moving and time just got away from me. Enjoy this combined November/December edition and remember that some articles are from early November during which we celebrated Thanksgiving and Rotary Foundation Month. Happy New Year to all! New address is: 4816 N Prestwick Ave., Bel Aire, KS 67226 Phone 316-841-2592

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Feb. 23-25, 2018

PETS (Presidents-elect training)
Wichita, KS

June 23-27, 2018

Rotary Intl. Convention
Toronto, Canada

May 29—June 2, 2018

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Camp) - Winfield



Message from District Governor Robert Mendoza (cont'd)

get. It was a chance to be right there, at the heart of Rotary, the corporate offices in Evanston. This is where General Secretary John Hewko and his staff work diligently keep this machine called Rotary churning out good works around this planet. I had the privilege along with my counterparts, to sit at the table reserved for our international president and for all of the directors from around the world. It is in an inspiring moment to know that Rotary is not just a mythical place, it is a place of real people, doing real and important work to the very best of their abilities.

them and let them know that you will support them. We truly need it.

To all of our District leaders, thank you for your guidance, support, help and trust. You are truly the backbone of the District. Everything is better because of you, including me! Kelly and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a joyous and safe new year.

Robert Mendoza

*District Governor 5690 2017-18
Rotary Club of Derby*



Just as important is the celebration and recognition of our future Governor, Sterling Hall along with his wife Jacqueline. They are preparing for their year of leadership. Please take a moment to congratulate

Kurt Harper shares photos from RI Visit



*D5690 Kurt Harper DGN &
D5670 DGN Dana Brewer*



*Zones 21b & 27
District Governors
2019-2020*



*Rotary President-elect Barry Rassin (center)
with 2019-20 District Governors*

RITE (Rotary InterCountry Teacher Exchange) starts soon

W. Wichita and W. Sedgwick County Sunrise Clubs—

We are preparing for the arrival of our RITE Teachers (Rotary Inter-Country Teacher Exchange). The teachers are from Panama and Argentina and are teachers/speakers of English. They will arrive January 13 and leave February 11. We have secured 20 host homes to host a teacher for one week, providing meals, transportation to and from their school assignment, and weekend excursions.

Hosting has become a favorite of many Rotarians in our city because of the high rewards of gaining new understandings and cherished friendships. In fact, this is one of the few projects that involve Rotarians from the four Wichita Rotary Clubs. If you would like more information about RITE, contact: Shelli Kadel at kadelshelli@gmail.com or 316.644.8573.

Open World Team and New Generations Exchange Ruby Yang



Ruby Yang (right) from Taiwan with the Open World Delegates during their visit to the **Rotary Club of Newton**

Resources to meet RI President Ian Riseley's Tree Planting Challenge



President Ian Riseley challenges all 1.2 million Rotarians to plant a tree before Earth Day, 22 April 2018. The Environmental Sustainability Rotarian Action Group has compiled [inspirational ideas and helpful tips](#) to aid clubs in meeting the challenge.

Consider working with the [Food Plant Solutions Rotarian Action Group](#) to identify edible plants with the greatest nutritional value for the region where you wish to plant trees. The group can help your club and district understand the connection between plant selection and nutrition, while meeting Riseley's tree-planting challenge.

Interact Club of West Wichita

INTERACT DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT



Wednesday, December 27—9:00 a.m.
Apollo Elementary School (Goddard)
\$10 per person with team of 6-10. (Must include 2 females). E-mail: interactwichta@gmail.com to sign your team up! Our goal is 10 teams.

The Interact Club of West Wichita is a service club for our area high school students founded in 2002 and sponsored by our two west side Rotary clubs. The club meets bimonthly throughout the school year and participates in various community service projects.

Every other year, the group travels to Panama as an international service project. The trip gives them the opportunity to provide *Service Above Self* to the very poor, learn firsthand about a culture outside the US, learn Spanish through an immersion experience, work alongside adult Rotarians in a meaningful work project and an opportunity to build long-lasting friendships with those who make the trip and those they meet. They are preparing for their next trip in March 2018.

In other news:

- The club assisted InterFaith Ministries at Operation Holiday
- The club also helped with Arc of Sedgwick County's Light's on St. Paul
- Assisted the W. Wichita club building bookshelves
- Assisted the Sunrise Club with Ronald McDonald House meal preparation

New in the Learning Center

- **Protecting Youth Program Participants:** This interactive course reviews Rotary's policies and guidelines for working with young volunteers. Find best practices and apply your knowledge to challenging scenarios.
- **Kick-start Your New Member Orientation:** Are new members leaving Rotary within a year or two? Learn how to better connect with them and help them get involved from the start.
- **Practicing Flexibility and Innovation:** A rigid club is no fun. If you find that your club's rules prevent members from getting the experience they want from Rotary, try changing those rules.

Learn everywhere and anytime with Rotary's Learning Center. Take courses, find resources, connect with an online community, talk with other registrants and course moderators, customize your user profile, and track your progress.

Sign in with your My Rotary account at learn.rotary.org, or find the link on Rotary.org under the Learning & Reference tab

Rotarians in Action & Having FUN

Rotarians in Action and having fun: Rotarians from the [Iola](#), [Old Town Wichita](#), [Downtown Wichita](#), [East Wichita](#) and [West Wichita](#) met up at Boo and Brew, a fundraiser for Dress For Success. L-R: Robin Kezar & Greg Sullivan (Downtown); Geri Appel (Downtown); Misty Miller (Old Town); Steve Strickler (Iola) & DeAnn Sullivan (West Wichita); Fred & Joyce Heismeyer (East Wichita).

Submitted by Misty Miller, RC Old Town



In the News—Hutchinson hosts Open World Delegation

Max Petrov was discreetly checking his cell phone during Monday's lunch with the



OPEN WORLD
LEADERSHIP CENTER

Olena Rohovchenko, was representing Ukraine's Department of Education on the trip.

Hutchinson Rotary Club. The 33-year-old international coordinator for human rights with Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union was 5,000 miles from his home in Kiev, Ukraine. It was his wedding anniversary and he had never been so far away from his wife and one and a half-year-old son.

However, he was making the most of his time in the U.S. as part of the Open World delegation. He was one of six young Ukrainian leaders focusing on civic education in secondary schools while visiting Kansas.

After leaving the Ukraine last week they spent two days in Washington, D.C. meeting with Open World program leaders. They learned about American federalism during a conference in the Library of Congress. They also took part in a roundtable discussion regarding "Ukraine's Quest for Mature Nation Statehood."

Open World was established in 1999 to foster cultural and political ties with Russia but has since expanded its outreach to other countries of the post-soviet region, explained Tetiana Shyriaieva, the group's facilitator, said. She is from Rivne, in the western part of the Ukraine and is a professor of the English language and psychology at the National University of Ostroh Academy.

Meanwhile, Max Petrov, or Maksym in Ukraine, said in his work he's responsible for organizing international events, conferences, meetings, and the development of advocacy complaints and writes human rights analytical reports.

Themes for this week include policy and planning, improving higher education, English language and civic education in secondary schools.

Following the Rotary lunch at the Atrium, the group would be touring Hutchinson Community College's Fire Science school and the Sports Arena. Tuesday they would visit Newton's Walton Rural Life Center's Charter School and Bethel College. Their week would include a tour of the capitol in Topeka and a meeting with Kansas Commissioner of Education Randy Watson.

"We will get deep insights into the education management experience," Shyriaieva said.

Open World Leadership Center is an arm of the U.S. Congress, and according to Shyriaieva it's mission is to introduce rising leaders of emerging countries to the importance of legislative functions in creating and sustaining democracies.

But with everything they will experience before heading home on Saturday, Shyriaieva said staying with host families would enrich their experience.

Shyriaieva is the guest of Dave and Patty Kerr. A Skype interview with his daughter-in-law, Anna, a cardiologist in Kansas City, was planned during the week.

Anna came to the U.S. from the Ukraine when she was 6, Kerr said. He thought she could offer the visitors her perspective on the American education system.

The six visitors and an interpreter come from three different cities: Rivne, Cherkasy and Kiev, the capital and largest city.

Max was asked about his country's relationship with Russia, however, he said there wasn't a simple answer. They share a common history that spans more than 200 years. While they have been an independent nation since 1991, he said a very common thought with the Russian people is the two countries are the same.

"We are a different nation," Max said.

While they are independent of Russia, the Russians want to help the Ukrainians lead, but they have their own president and government and leadership, Max said.

The Hutchinson Rotary club received a grant from Open World to host the group. Local Rotarian Dimitriy Vakulenko, was helping to coordinate the visit. Vakulenko is employed by Kuhn Krause and has been in Hutchinson for seven years, and comes from the Ukraine.

Since its inception, Open World has brought over 25,000 delegates to 2,300 communities throughout all 50 states.

<http://www.hutchnews.com/news/20171016/ukrainian-visitors-to-hutchinson-learning-about-education-in-kansas>

RC Hutchinson—Thanks go to all the fantastic Rotarians who made our Ukrainian guests feel so at home! The visit was a great success due to the hard work, planning, driving skills, and overall friendliness and hospitality of so many club members!

Hosting our first Open World Delegation wouldn't have been a success without the tireless efforts of visit coordinator **Dimitriy Vakulenk** and our club president **Dawn Johnson**.

Re-Gifting

This holiday season begins with a period of giving thanks for what we have and ends with a celebration of new hope and dreams; between we spend our time focus on gifts – giving and getting. Gift exchange is a major part of celebrating the holidays, but did you know the whole act of gift-giving can offer psychological benefits? Giving a gift is a universal way to show interest, appreciation, and gratitude, as well as strengthen bonds with others, sources say.

Imagine the psychological and physical benefits of giving the gift of Rotary! Giving the gift of Rotary membership to fellow leaders in your community. Giving the gift of Rotary's "Service Above Self" to your community by helping schools, food pantries, shelters, blood banks or medical causes. Giving the gift of Rotary's impact on people around the globe by supporting efforts for promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene, saving mothers & children, supporting education and growing local economies. Rotary is a gift that keeps on giving.

So, this season, as we give thanks, present gifts and celebrate new beginnings, remember the psychological benefits gained from being a Rotarian. This holiday, don't for-



get that Rotary is a gift to you and one that you can (and should) share and re-gift over and over and over again.

Have a very happy holiday season. Enjoy you time with family, friends and fellow Rotarians. Give the gift of Rotary to others.

ROTARY GIFT-GIVING HINTS

1. Give a Paul Harris Fellow to a family or friend you want to honor
2. Ask fellow Rotarians to join in a holiday service project in your community
3. Partner you club and another organization to bring joy to those in need this season
4. Donate to the RI Foundation and/or your club's local foundation – supporting Rotary's good works
5. Invite a community leader to your club's holiday party or club meeting
6. Share Rotary's good work with your community

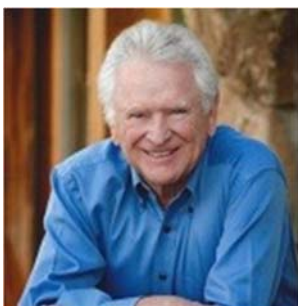
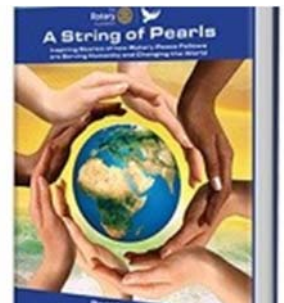
*Column submitted by Fred Heismeyer,
District 5690 Trainer*

News from Rotary International

Rotary's String of Pearls

By David C. Forward, author of "Doing Good in the World: The Inspiring Story of The Rotary Foundation's First 100 Years" — Forward's latest book, "A String of Pearls," tells the story of Rotary Peace Fellows and how Rotary has given these committed people the education they need to go out and make a difference in the world. These are inspiring stories of Rotary's agents of change.

Thanks to a grant that paid for the book's printing and to the pro bono involvement of everyone concerned, every dollar raised by the sale of the book will be donated to the Rotary Peace Centers. [Order "A String of Pearls."](#)



PDG Eddie Blender

The Rotary world was saddened by the death of Eddie Blender. A humanitarian, philanthropist, charismatic leader, intrepid sportsman, and loyal friend, Past District Governor Eddie Blender died on 28 October. Eddie began to chair the Rotary Peace Centers Major Gifts Initiative in July 2007 and continued through June 2010. He was famously known as the "Energizer Bunny"; his tireless enthusiasm for promoting the Rotary Peace Centers inspired much of the early support for the program. A recipient of The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award, and Rotary International's Service Above Self Award, Eddie also established the Edward and M. Patricia Blender Endowed Rotary World Peace Fellowship, and was a member of The Rotary Foundation's Arch Klumph Society. Eddie Blender is survived by his beloved wife, M. Patricia "Patti" Blender, of Edwards, Colorado, USA.

PDG Eddie visited our district several times and was much loved and respected.

Don't Wait Until the End of the Year to Say "Thank You"

As we approach Thanksgiving, it is the time to reflect on the gifts we have been given and to say thank you for those gifts. So, let's spend a minute to reflect on fellow Rotarians to whom we need to thank for their small or big contributions to your club and your community. One of the best ways to motivate fellow Rotarians is to say Thank You! We should say it often and with sincerity.

Composing Your Thank You

It's not difficult to find the right words to thank a Rotarian for their Service Above Self. All you really need to do is clear your mind for a moment and give yourself a few minutes to think.

1. Think about what the Rotarian does for you, your club or your community.
2. Focus on the areas where the Rotarian really shines.
3. Jot down some notes so you don't forget anything.
4. Write out a rough draft, and make changes until it reads just the way you want it to.
5. When the note is perfect, transfer it into a thank you card.
6. If you prefer to talk with the Rotarian and say thanks, you can use the note as practice for what you want to say.

When to Express Your Gratitude

It's always an appropriate time to thank your fellow Rotarians, but there are times when it's especially appropriate.



- For a one-time volunteer event, thank the volunteers in person near the close of the event.

- Send a thank you card within one week of the event so your gratitude doesn't seem "stale."

- For Rotarians that work with you on an ongoing basis, thank them whenever it seems appropriate, like when they come up with great ideas, complete a project, or go above and beyond your expectations.

It's especially appropriate to have some words prepared for a Rotary Club appreciation event, like a special luncheon or dinner, as well as any time you present a volunteer with gift to show your appreciation.

Let Volunteers Know You Care

Always keep in mind that Rotarians are not the same as employees. They can choose to stay or walk away at any time without any real loss to themselves, and that's one reason why it's so important to show your appreciation. They are critical to the success of your club, so make sure you take time out of your meeting or special event to thank them, and remind them of how special they really are!

*Column submitted by Fred Heismeyer,
District 5690 Trainer*

To All Rotarians of District 5690
Thank you for giving back to your community and
your Service Above Self

Polio National Immunization Day in India—Opportunity



Howard Tours has scheduled a trip to India for National Immunization Days March 2—March 12, 2018. Cities included in the itinerary are Delhi, Agra and Jaipur, India. India Rotary Leadership indicates that relatively soon, volunteers will no longer be able to administer the Polio vaccine. If you have always wanted to participate in an NID in India, this may be your last opportunity.

This experience will combine participation in India's National Polio Immunization activities, interaction with local Rotarians and their projects while visiting some of India's most extraordinary sights. *"You will never be the same after you have looked into the appreciative eyes of someone whose life you have changed."*

For those of you who heard DeAnn Sullivan's presentation on her experience on this very same trip earlier this year and were interested in the opportunity—this is it.

Visit <http://www.howardtours.net/polio-immunizations-in-india.html> and http://www.howardtours.net/uploads/2/1/5/6/21566342/2018_india_tour_information.pdf for details.

Club News from around the District

Rotary Club Kinsley: Our very own Rotarian Al Frame was inducted into the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame. Al was the 1954 cross-country national champion and 3-time All American. We are all very proud of Al!



Rotary Club Kinsley: Our club will again sponsor the Rotary Reindeer Run, the community soup supper and the raffle at the annual Kinsley Christmas Fantasy.

Rotary Club Sedgwick Co. Sunrise: We collected donations at two meetings to help with disaster relief efforts. Treasurer Dave Champley reports that he mailed a check for \$323 to the Rotary Foundation for the Puerto Rico Recovery Fund.

Rotary Club Wichita: The Rotary Club of Wichita unveiled the gorgeous Little Free Library decorated by Bill Gardner and the good folks at Gardner Design, which will be donated, fully stocked with books, to the Fairmount Park neighborhood.



Hundreds of books were donated to Story Time Village and Child Start in connection with the Bookapalooza event at our Rotary Plaza downtown. All are invited to attend the ribbon cutting Thursday, December 21, at 2:00 p.m. at the intersection of 16th St. and Fairmount.

Rotary Club W. Wichita: Many thanks to Bob Goebel,



Colin McKeeney, Roger Bowles and Allan Sands for building and installing the little free libraries in Shelli's and Sharon's neighborhoods. Club members bring books to help keep these boxes filled, especially children's books.



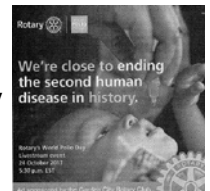
Rotary Club Sedgwick Co. Sunrise: We are excited about our new plans for the Sunrise Boundless Playground. Brent Dome recently updated us on the MAZE now being constructed. *(Story continued next column)*



Brent Dome, Pat Hansen, Rita Linnens, Mary Sue Smith, Diane Walker, Jorge Martinez (not pictured: Jeff Longwell & John Paladino) gathered early Tuesday morning for the kick off of the construction on the maze at our Sunrise Boundless Playscape. Funding for this project is being provided primarily by Star Lumber and Wesley Children's Foundation with materials at cost from JR Custom Metals. Members will provide hands-on labor to complete the project.



Rotary Club Garden City: We placed an ad in the *Garden City Telegram* inviting the public to participate in World Polio Day via the Rotary Livestream event.



Rotary Club Andover: We had a neat meeting in the Lodge at Andover Central Park with the Director of Landscape Architecture for LK Architecture who told us about the design of the municipal Amphitheater at the park. The new amphitheater will service our community by hosting the annual Concert in the Park, Greater Andover Days and other events.



Rotary Club Sedgwick Co. Sunrise: We provided all the ingredients and made Chili, Cornbread and Brownies at the Ronald McDonald house.

Rotary Club East Wichita: Ten delivery teams delivered 101 Turkey Dinners to families in need for Thanksgiving



Rotary Club E. Wichita: We hosted a Christmas-tree trimming "party" for the residents of the Wichita Children's Home. Our members LOVE this service project and the WCH kids really treasure this special time, some decorating their first ever (little) Christmas Tree – priceless moments! The tree is small enough that they can put it in their room and take it with them to keep forever. EWR provides the supplies and the help. We've seen some of the toughest teenage boys come out of their shell as they get involved and excited about creating their own tree.

Rotary Club El Dorado: El Dorado Rotarians delivered Scholastic Children's Dictionaries to all the third grade stu-

More Club News

dents at Grandview, Lincoln, Oil Hill, Skelly and Victory Christian Academy in El Dorado. Rotarians met earlier to put labels and a letter from Rotary president Travis Griffin in each dictionary. Rotarians delivered the dictionaries to each of the schools and handed each student their own dictionary. To practice using their new dictionary, the students were given the word "freedom" to look up in honor of Veteran's Day.



Rotary Club Wichita: Former Wichita and CIA Director, Mike Pompeo spoke to a packed club meeting in November. It was the first time Director Pompeo had publicly addresses an audience since he took office. His message was well received and enjoyed by all.



Rotary Club Derby: We delivered more than 600 dictionaries to Derby Elementary



schools and St. Mary and Faith Lutheran schools. The *Derby Informer* carried a great story and photos on this project which is now a 14-year tradition.

Rotary Club Garden City:

Garden City Rotary Club served a Thanksgiving meal to 260 people they wanted to "Give Thanks" to, on November 8th. This was also a fund raiser to purchase the dictionaries we distribute to area 3rd Graders each year.

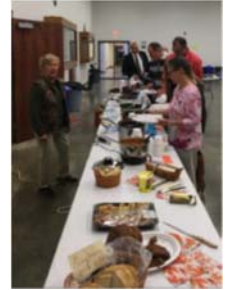


Rotary Club El Dorado: Rotary president Travis Griffin welcomed El Dorado Kiwanis at the El Dorado Rotary meeting. Traditionally



Rotary hosts a meeting for both groups in November and Kiwanis hosts the joint meeting in December. Kiwanians and Rotarians shared a meal and fellowship before the program presented by Monte Markley on falconry. Monte brought his peregrine falcon, Ajax and a red tailed hawk to the meeting.

Rotary Club W. Wichita: To promote awareness of programs that provide food for the needy, our club holds an annual Hunger Plus meeting. We meet at Sedgwick County Extension where delicious soups & desserts, prepared by our members, are served for lunch. The money we save by serving soup instead of our regular meal at the Country Club, was donated to the Lord's Diner. Additional funds were raised by having members casting their \$1.00 vote for each of their favorite soups & desserts. Jan Haberly, director of the Lord's Diner, presented a brief program at the meeting. A total donation of \$750 was presented to The Lord's Diner.



Rotary Club W. Wichita: With the help of about 15 Rotarians and 4 Interact students, 180 bookshelves were assembled last Thursday evening in Bob Goebel's workshop. The bookshelves made for the 1st graders at Benton Elementary and Lawrence Elementary will be delivered after the first of the year. The additional bookshelves made for students were given to Ann Welborn (Rolph Literacy Academy) and Bob Goebel. In keeping with tradition and in President Sharon's absence, President-Elect, Brian Goudie, had sawdust dumped over his head at the completion of the build!



Along with all those who helped, a **special thanks** goes to **Bob Goebel** for supplying the materials and hosting the event and to **Roger Bowles** for organizing and providing the decals for the bookshelves.

Rotary Club W. Wichita: Thanksgiving groceries were delivered to two families each from Lawrence and Benton Elementary schools. Mark Chamberlin documented this project and posted the short video to the club's YouTube Channel. Here's the link: <https://youtu.be/KLXLanblGOc>



Rotary Club Kinsley: We hosted our first two "Rotary Students of the Month," Ricardo Lujan and Susan Anderson, in September and October.



More Club News

Rotary Club Kinsley: We again sponsored the Rotary Reindeer Run, the community soup supper and the raffle at Kinsley's annual Christmas Fantasy.

Rotary Club Andover: We helped Kids 4 Kids move gifts again this year for their "It's a Kids' Christmas." It took 6 pickups and SUVs to transport the gifts to the event site!



Rotary Club Wichita: Dictionary Chair Marsha Geisert and her team met the morning after Thanks-

giving at Metro Couriers warehouse to place Rotary stickers in each of the 2,700 Scholastic dictionaries which our club will donate to all third-grade students in the Wichita Public schools.

Rotary Club W. Wichita: Our club is contributing \$100 to this year's Rose Parade float.

Rotary Club E. Wichita:

These are the EWR members who delivered Thanksgiving dinners to 101 families last week. Our club raised \$5,800 for this annual project. Some of the recipients of these dinners break down in tears when saying thank you, because without our help, they wouldn't have a Thanksgiving dinner.



More about the Rotary Rose Parade Float

This will be the 39th consecutive entry for the float which is funded completely by Rotarians. Volunteers donate more than 6,000 hours in preparing decorations and applying them to the Rotary Float. The Rose Parade is viewed live by approximately 700,000 people. Rumor has it that our very own Cindy Hand and Brent Groves each have made their own separate plans to attend the parade.

"When Rotary International's directors approved the first entry in the parade over 39 years ago, they saw in it an unrivaled opportunity to bring Rotary's name into public view as a reminder of Rotary's good works."

Note: This is not a project of Rotary International



The Bells Are Ringing!



Did You Know?

How Rotary is Assisting in Puerto Rico

In September, Hurricane Maria pummeled Puerto Rico, the strongest storm to make landfall on the island in 85 years. More than three months later, people are still struggling to recover. The immediate response from Rotary clubs was quick and precise. Now local Rotarians are focusing on recovery and reconstruction. Discover how you can help.

Read more here: <https://blog.rotary.org/2017/11/29/how-rotary-is-assisting-recovery-in-puerto-rico/>

Source: *Rotary Voices – Rotary Weekly* 12/1/17

Miles to End Polio Update

On 18 November, Rotary General Secretary John Hewko and a team of Rotary staff joined Rotary senior leaders, members from Arizona, and around the world in El Tour de Tucson to raise funds for polio eradication. The team raised \$3.9 million and thanks to the 2 to 1 match through the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, a total of \$11.75 million will be donated to End Polio Now

District 5690 Membership Report As Of October 31, 2017

| Club | 7/1/2017 | 10/31/2017 | NET GAIN |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| | MEMBERSHIP | MEMBERSHIP | 2017-2018 |
| Andover | 31 | 32 | 1 |
| Arkansas City | 60 | 61 | 1 |
| Beaver | 21 | 20 | -1 |
| Boise City | 17 | 16 | -1 |
| Cimarron | 22 | 24 | 2 |
| Derby | 59 | 61 | 2 |
| Dodge City | 32 | 36 | 4 |
| East Wichita | 99 | 104 | 5 |
| El Dorado | 46 | 47 | 1 |
| Garden City | 48 | 50 | 2 |
| Guymon | 24 | 24 | 0 |
| Howard | 16 | 17 | 1 |
| Hugoton | 19 | 18 | -1 |
| Hutchinson | 113 | 109 | -4 |
| Johnson | 16 | 16 | 0 |
| Kingman | 32 | 32 | 0 |
| Kinsley | 15 | 15 | 0 |
| Larned | 18 | 18 | 0 |
| Liberal | 45 | 47 | 2 |
| Newton | 60 | 60 | 0 |
| Pratt | 59 | 60 | 1 |
| Sublette | 15 | 16 | 1 |
| Syracuse | 18 | 19 | 1 |
| Texhoma | 12 | 12 | 0 |
| Ulysses | 32 | 34 | 2 |
| Wellington | 18 | 18 | 0 |
| W. Sedgwick Co | 41 | 42 | 1 |
| West Wichita | 60 | 62 | 2 |
| Wichita-DT | 395 | 401 | 6 |
| Wichita-Old Town | 8 | 8 | 0 |
| Winfield | 90 | 88 | -2 |
| TOTALS | 1541 | 1567 | 26 |

Behind the Scenes of Polio Eradication

At the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta in June, world leaders were on hand to celebrate a historic \$1.2 billion in commitments to finance polio eradication. It was a huge moment for the polio eradication effort. But how did it come about? A group of Rotary volunteers has been hard at work behind the scenes: our PolioPlus national advocacy advisers.

Read more here: <https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-advisers-put-polio-world-stage>

Give the Gift of Rotary



This holiday season, give the gift that makes a difference. For more than 100 years, The Rotary Foundation has been supporting the work of Rotary members in creating sustainable solutions to the world's most pressing needs.

When you give the gift of Rotary, you become part of the positive change Rotarians are making in your community and around the world. See what your gift supports, and give now. <https://my.rotary.org/en/give-gift-rotary>

Did You Know?



The **March of Dimes** was originally called the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis (NFIP). U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, himself a polio survivor, founded it on 3 January 1938 in part to fund research for a polio vaccine.

In the early 1950s, Dr. Jonas Salk used funding he received from a March of Dimes grant to create a vaccine that was "safe, effective, and potent," in the words of Dr. Thomas Francis Jr., director of the Poliomyelitis Vaccine Evaluation Center at the University of Michigan School of Public Health. In 1954, the vaccine was test-

ed in a massive trial that involved 1.8 million U.S. schoolchildren known as "polio pioneers." Since it became available in 1955, the polio vaccine has reduced polio outbreaks worldwide by 99.9 percent.

Since it completed its initial goal of finding a polio vaccine, the March of Dimes has turned its focus to improving the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality. Nevertheless, March of Dimes was an early pioneer in polio eradication efforts. The March of Dimes marks its 80th anniversary in 2018.

District 5690 Membership Report As Of November 30, 2017

| Club | 7/1/2017 | 11/30/2017 | NET GAIN |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| | MEMBERSHIP | MEMBERSHIP | 2017-2018 |
| Andover | 31 | 32 | 1 |
| Arkansas City | 60 | 62 | 2 |
| Beaver | 21 | 20 | -1 |
| Boise City | 17 | 16 | -1 |
| Cimarron | 22 | 24 | 2 |
| Derby | 59 | 61 | 2 |
| Dodge City | 32 | 36 | 4 |
| East Wichita | 99 | 106 | 7 |
| El Dorado | 46 | 47 | 1 |
| Garden City | 48 | 52 | 4 |
| Guymon | 24 | 24 | 0 |
| Howard | 16 | 17 | 1 |
| Hugoton | 19 | 18 | -1 |
| Hutchinson | 113 | 109 | -4 |
| Johnson | 16 | 16 | 0 |
| Kingman | 32 | 32 | 0 |
| Kinsley | 15 | 14 | -1 |
| Larned | 18 | 18 | 0 |
| Liberal | 45 | 47 | 2 |
| Newton | 60 | 60 | 0 |
| Pratt | 59 | 61 | 2 |
| Sublette | 15 | 15 | 0 |
| Syracuse | 18 | 19 | 1 |
| Texhoma | 12 | 12 | 0 |
| Ulysses | 32 | 34 | 2 |
| Wellington | 18 | 18 | 0 |
| W. Sedgwick Co | 41 | 43 | 2 |
| West Wichita | 60 | 64 | 4 |
| Wichita-DT | 395 | 399 | 4 |
| Wichita-Old Town | 8 | 8 | 0 |
| Winfield | 90 | 88 | -2 |
| TOTALS | 1541 | 1572 | 31 |



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April 1 2018: Registration is \$495- Rotarians; \$130 for Rotaractors

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