



# District 5690 News



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## Message from District Governor Sterling Hall

Dear District Rotarians,  
 I was just thinking about the past Holiday. You know the one where we send cards, candy and flowers to the ones we Love (Valentine's Day). We all have family members we love and adore.

As I was looking at the Rotarian for the month of March, it came to my attention the number of articles dedicated to the love of children or youth. President Barry Rassin wants us to double our Rotaract clubs and membership. I believe we should also work to increase our local Interact clubs. President Rassin sees the youth as future for Rotary and I agree.

We all know young people in our communities who would be a great addition to our Rotary Family. What is so wonderful about the Rotary organization is we have the tools for them at any age level to become a part of Rotary.

Look around your High School. Do you see youth who could help start an Interact club? If you don't have an Interact club in your community, start one and you will be amazed at what they can do. I would bet you will be surprised at what it will do for your own Rotary club. We have to start

getting the youth of the world involved in Rotary or Rotary will just start fading away.

A short reminder of the coming PETS training. The event is the first weekend of March (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>). If you have not registered yet do so and the discounted room rates end on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Go online to get all the information you need - <http://www.heartlandpets.org/> I look forward to seeing all of you at PETS. It will be fun and there is some great training for you.

Share Rotary with someone today; invite them to your Rotary club this week. Get Inspired!

**You are the Inspiration!**

Yours in Rotary,

**Sterling Hall**

*2018-19 District Governor 5690*  
*Rotary Club of Sublette*

### Celebrate Rotary's Anniversary

On February 23, Rotary will celebrate its 114th anniversary. Consider making a special birthday gift to The Rotary Foundation today! When you give to the Annual Fund, you empower Rotarians like you to improve communities close to home and around the globe!

<https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Feb. 28-March 2, 2019**  
**PETS**  
**Wichita Marriott**

**March 22, 2019**  
**World Water Day**

**June 1-5, 2019**  
**Rotary Intl. Convention**  
**Hamburg, Germany**

**February 23, 2019**  
**Rotary's 114th Birthday!**

**May 29-June 2, 2019**  
**RYLA—Southwestern College**  
**Winfield, KS**

## Message from 5670 District Governor Andrea Krauss

Rotary International is celebrating its 114<sup>th</sup> anniversary in February. Founded on February 23, 1905, in Chicago by Paul Harris, Rotary International now has 1.2 Million members and is the world's premier service organization. In this month's letter, I thought I would highlight some of the significant moments in the history of Rotary.



Paul Harris was joined by three other men, Gustave Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram Shorey, in forming the Rotary Club of Chicago. By 1910, there were a total for five Rotary clubs. In just seven short years, Rotary became an international service organization with the addition of clubs in Winnipeg, Manitoba and Dublin, Ireland. By 1925, Rotary International had grown to 200 clubs and 20,000 members. Most of the clubs in District 5670 were chartered during this period of rapid growth. The Rotary Club of Salina is the oldest club in District 5670, founded on March 1, 1917.

The Four-Way Test was developed in 1932 by Herbert J. Taylor, a Rotarian and President of the Club Aluminum Company of Chicago. Mr. Taylor developed the test as a set of guiding principles for his company. In 1943, it also became a set of guiding principles for Rotary International. When Mr. Taylor became Rotary International President in 1954, he transferred the copyright to Rotary International.

Rotary was for many years an exclusively men's organization. The Rotary Club of Duarte, CA inducted three women members in 1976. In retaliation, Rotary International revoked the club's charter in 1978. The Duarte club sued and the issue was finally settled in 1987 when the U.S.

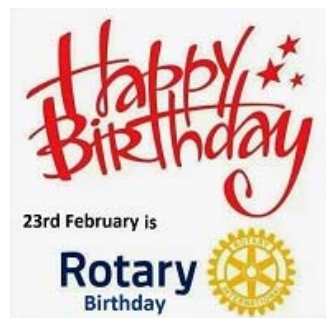
Supreme Court ruled in favor of the club. However, it was two more years before the Rotary Council on Legislation voted to admit women in 1989.

In 1986, Rotary International adopted the Polio Plus project to eradicate polio worldwide. At that time, there were over 350,000 new cases of polio every year. So far in 2019, there have been only six reported cases: 4 in Pakistan and 2 in Afghanistan. The fight to eradicate polio continues, but much progress has been made in the last 30 years, primarily due to Rotary's efforts.

As we celebrate this 114<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our great organization, it's important to remember how we got here. In commemoration of this anniversary, please consider giving a little extra to The Rotary Foundation, so that we can continue to do good in the world and in our local communities.

**Be the Inspiration!**

*Andrea Krug Krauss*, DG 5670  
Rotary Club of Russell



## Recruit Students for RYLA Camp—May 29-June 2, 2019

Have you recruited your students for RYLA camp yet? It is time. Rotary/Southwestern Leadership Camp will be Wednesday, May 29 to Sunday, June 2, 2019 at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas. This camp is for current high school Freshmen, Sophomores, or Juniors that each Rotary Club selects.

All the forms to register your students can be found at <https://www.sckans.edu/undergraduate/leadership/rotary-camp> OR visit [www.rotary5690.org](http://www.rotary5690.org). Registration form is at: <https://form.jotform.com/SouthwesternCollege/>



[leadership-rotary-camp](https://www.rotary5690.org/leadership-rotary-camp)

Make sure and register early to assure a spot for your students. Registration deadline is May 11, 2019. Payment should be sent to Dean Kennedy, P. O. Box 637, Winfield, KS

67156. Rotary and your students can make a difference for our communities!

Students from District 5670 have been invited to attend this year. Rotary and your students can make a difference for our communities!

## Fred Heismeyer (East Wichita) Nominated to serve as District Governor

The District Nominating Committee for new District 5680 has selected **Fred Heismeyer** to be the District Governor for 2021-2022 (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022). Fred is a member of the **Rotary Club of East Wichita** and has been a Rotarian for 21 years. He has been very active in Rotary, serving as District 5690 Trainer and other various positions. His occupation involves career leadership training, and he is well-known for getting people on their feet and promoting team building and relationship building through Rotary.



Clubs in both Districts 5670 and 5690 were officially notified of the nomination committee selection and have until March 1, 2019 to “challenge” the nomination committee’s selection.

If there are no challenges by the end of the business day on March 1, Fred Heismeyer will be declared the District 5680 Governor for 2021-22.

**Congratulations, Fred!**

## February is Peace & Conflict Resolution Month

Each day, conflict and persecution drive 44,400 people worldwide from their homes, according to [UNHCR figures](#). Rotary’s service projects, scholarships, and peace fellowships take action to address the underlying causes of conflict, which include poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

During February, Rotary Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month, think about service projects that can build peace and mitigate conflict. Rotary has many resources to get you started.

You can find support from our partners:

- The [Institute for Economics and Peace](#), a leader in the study of peace and conflict, helps Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Rotary alumni address the causes of conflict and establish conditions that foster peace. Partici-

pate in IEP’s [Rotary Peace Academy](#), a free online platform that includes courses and interactive tools that illustrate how to mobilize communities and apply new peacebuilding methods to address the sources of conflict.

- [Mediators Beyond Borders International](#) works with clubs, districts, and Rotary alumni to increase a community’s capacity to heal from conflict, reconcile differences, and prevent issues from escalating in order to bring about a more stable future.
- [Peace Corps](#) provides opportunities for Rotary and Rotaract clubs to work alongside U.S. volunteers in the humanitarian development sector to empower communities and connect them to resources for a brighter future. Read the [Rotary-Peace Corps partnership fact sheet](#).

## March is Water and Sanitation Month

March is Water and Sanitation Month. Through water, sanitation, and hygiene programs, Rotary’s people of action mobilize resources, form partnerships, and invest in infrastructure and training that result in long-term change. Read about Rotary’s water and sanitation work and celebrate World Water Day with us on 22 March. <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/providing-clean-water>



## World Water Day—March 22



World Water Day is fast approaching! Your club and district can help celebrate World Water Day. It focuses on the approximately 1.8 billion people worldwide who must rely on water contaminated with feces, putting them at risk of contracting cholera, dysentery, typhoid, polio and other waterborne diseases.

The UN’s Sustainable Development Goals, launched in 2015, include a target to ensure everyone has access to safe water by 2030, making water a key issue in the fight

to eradicate extreme poverty. In 1993, the UN General Assembly designated March 22nd as World Water Day. It is now a globally recognized event.

Members of the **Russell** and Hill City clubs as well as Russell Interactors will be in Guatemala on World Water Day distributing water filtration systems to people living in remote areas without access to clean water. I

f you’re looking for ideas for water-related projects, visit the [World Water Day](#) website at <http://www.worldwaterday.org/>



## Rotary Inter-country Teacher Exchange (RITE)

Two teachers from Argentina and three teachers from Panama arrived in our district for a 4 week teachers exchange as part of our RITE program—now going strong for nearly 20 years! During their stay, they experienced our culture through home hosting, involvement at our area schools and social activities. The program is coordinated and sponsored by the [Rotary Club of West Wichita](#) and the [Rotary Club of West Sedgwick County \(Sunrise\)](#). Organizers are **Shelli Kadel** (W. Wichita) and **Dalia Hale** (Sunrise).

During their stay, the teachers were home hosted by Rotarians from 4 of the Wichita-area clubs: Wichita Downtown, Sunrise, West Wichita and East Wichita, equating to 20 weeks of home hosting. Below are a few pics of the teachers and their hosts.



Estephanie Caballero from David Chiriqui, Panama has been an English teacher for 4 years, working with 7th, 8th and 9th grade indigenous students.



Vanessa Quintero from David Chiriqui teaches English to elementary children for 9 years. She was a part of the Panama Bilingue teacher training at American University in Washington, D.C. in 2016.



Cristal Sanchez from David Chiriqui has taught English to elementary children for 6 years. Before that she worked with elementary indigenous students. She also was part of the Bilingue teacher training.



Federico Nieto from Buenos Aires, Argentina loves music and being around people. He teaches English and learned teaching strategies that will help him teach his students to value the differences in others.



RITE Teachers with Dale Hale (Sunrise) & Brian Goudie (West Wichita President)



RITE Teachers with [West Wichita](#) Rotary Hosts: Bob & Rosalie Goebel, Sharon West & DeAnn Sullivan



RITE Teachers with [RC Sunrise](#) Host Families Taken at a farewell party at home of Bob & Rosalie Goebel



RITE Teachers with [RC Wichita DT](#) Host Families Banner exchange at a farewell party at home of Bob & Rosalie Goebel



Natasha Waisbert Castelar from Buenos Aires, Argentina is an English teacher who also holds a law degree. Through RITE she learned new techniques to help her students.



RITE Teachers helping at Kensler Elementary



**RC Sunrise:** President Steve exchanged club banners with several of our RITE teachers then presented them each with a Wichita Flag at our meeting. Pictured with the RITE teachers: Shelli Kadel (WW Rotarian) Dalia Hale, Steve Fischer & Armida Hight.

## A Clear, Concise & Meaningful Vision for Rotary Leadership

Last month we discussed SMARTER goals, their importance to our club, and how strong goals help to ensure club success. However, without a clear vision, goals may not be as focused as they might. So, this month, we discuss reasons for developing a clear, concise and meaningful vision.

Vision is when architects dream of new buildings and designs. Or when business people dream of growing their business. Or how Rotary leaders share the story of how to increase service to others and bring in new Rotarians to our ranks – making our communities and clubs stronger.

So *why* is Vision important in Rotary Leadership?

1. **Vision shows us where we are headed.**  
As a leader you must look forward and see where you and the club are headed.
2. **Vision provides motivation and inspires us to keep on going.**  
Leaders need to keep the results in mind. A leader's vision needs to be strong enough to carry them through to the end. Otherwise your club will stop short of its goals.
3. **Vision helps to keep us moving forward and move through obstacles.**  
If a leader has a strong vision, little setbacks and obstacles will seem small and / or insignificant. Vision helps leaders to persevere.



### 4. **Vision provides focus.**

With all of life's distractions, and people vying for their attention in many ways, it can be hard to feel a sense of accomplishment. As a leader, acting on your vision will provide you with the focus needed to accomplish your club's goals.

### 5. **Vision gives us meaning and purpose to what we do.**

As a leader, it will help you to see the end result of your efforts. It will give you your "why?" and the reason that you are doing what you do. It provides a purpose for every Rotarian in every club.

So, as we enter into the season of planning for a new Rotary year; as we plan for change in Rotary leadership at every level; as Rotarians contemplate the value Rotary has in their lives; and, as we experience a renewed sense of excitement; let's seize the moment by developing a strong vision, set goals based upon that vision and give an opportunity to all Rotarians to engage in a new way in Rotary.

*"A leader has the vision and conviction that a dream can be achieved. He inspires the power and energy to get it done." ~ Ralph Lauren*

*Column submitted by Fred Heismeyer,  
District 5690 Trainer*

Adapted from: 5 Reasons Why Vision is Important in Leadership by Chantal Bechervaise. <https://takeitpersonally.com/2013/10/14/5-reasons-why-vision-is-important-in-leadership/>

## What Will the New District 5680 Be?

Newer and seasoned Rotarians from District 5670 and 5690 met in a one-half day Visioning session to try to answer that question! Facilitators Jim Rohrer and Harriet Downer from Colorado District 5450, led a group of 20 of us through a process that asked us to envision our new district 3 years from now.



Results of the Visioning Meeting have been summarized and follow-up meetings with the merger and executive committees to turn those results into actionable goals are planned.





# Club News from around the District

**Rotary Club Guymon:** Guymon Rotarian Samantha McKay reads to a group of elementary students at Salyer School. The Guymon (Oklahoma) club meets on Wednesday afternoons, one of those afternoons being a service day. Our service this day was to read to elementary students in the school. Literacy is a priority to the Guymon Rotary club members.



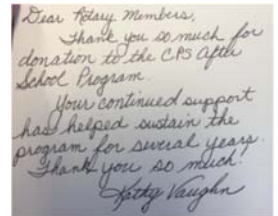
**Rotary Club Derby:** Our club will organize the annual Derby Citywide Garage Sale, taking over the longtime, popular activity from Crime Stoppers of Derby. Sale dates are May 16-18. Registrants pay \$10 and receive a yard sign along with the sale's address being included in a map that is printed by the *Derby Informer*. All proceeds go to the Feed a Hungry Child fund which our club initiated two years in partnership with the school district. "We believe no child should be turned away from a hot lunch because their account has no money in it," said Rotarian & Past President of the RC Derby, Dana Quigley.



**Rotary Club Liberal:** Rtn John Engel helped celebrate Rotary's Birthday by sharing a little history—national and local tidbits included!



**Rotary Club Colby:** We received a note thanking us for our donation to the CPS After School Program. Our continued support has helped sustain the program for several years.



**Rotary Club W Wichita:** Our David Weber Extra Effort Awards were presented to 3rd graders from Lawrence Elementary at a recent meeting.

**Rotary Club Beloit:** Addison Bergman, a third-grade student at St. John's Catholic School and her parents, Leah & Lance Bergman, were our guests for lunch so we could thank them for being the top ticket sellers (70 tickets!) for our annual Chili Day which was such a huge success!



**Rotary Club Washington:** We are in the planning stage for our annual Rotary Radio days. Club members have been asked to volunteer to be a Rotary Reader at USD108 Preschool.

**Rotary Club W Wichita:** We hosted Wichita area Rotary leaders at the meeting when the RITE teachers presented. *LR: Vern Klassen, Brian Goudie, Misty Miller, Shelly Prichard, Matt Byrum, Arlen Honts*



**Rotary Club W Wichita:** Our David Weber Extra Efforts Awards were presented to the 2nd grade students selected by their teachers from Benton Elementary for demonstrating good citizenship in the classroom.



We also wore our new Rotary polo shirts! *LR: Brian Goudie, DeAnn Sullivan, Diane Walker, Sharon West, Vern Klassen*



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**Rotary Club Wichita:** Club members were introduced to the RITE Host Families and Teachers. Rotarian Kara Hunt accepted a Rotary banner for our club.



**Rotary Club Sunrise:** Dan Birkle recently presented our Extra Effort Awards to the teacher-selected 2nd grade students at Kensler Elementary



# More Club News

**Rotary Club Guymon:** The Guymon Rotary Club purchases beautiful dictionaries for every third grader in the county's public schools. Here is Rotarian David Player delivering to one class and explaining what Rotary is to the students. We get hundreds of thank you notes and they are wonderful.



**Rotary Club Guymon:** Our February service lunch hour was spent eating lunch at our local assisted living center. We enjoy this as much as they do!



## Rotary Peace Fellowship Resources

Applications for the 2020-21 [Rotary Peace Fellowship](#) program are being accepted now through 31 May.

- You can use the [referral form](#) to recommend candidates to apply for the fellowship.
- Use the [peace fellowship announcement](#) (PDF) and promote the program to people in your network.
- Be familiar with the [peace fellowship application](#) so you know how to assist candidates who apply.
- Visit the Learning Center and check out the [District Rotary Peace Fellowship Process](#) learning plan. The learning plan includes a course in Embark, the online endorsement system for the Rotary Peace Fellowship program.

## Rotary Membership @ 1/1/19

	1 January 2019	Change since 1 July 2018
Members	1,206,501	+11,394
Rotary Clubs	35,663	-18
% Women	23%	+1%
Ages 50-69	28%	--
Under 40 years old	5%	--

## What is the Status of your Club's Rotary Foundation Giving?

With less than five months remaining in the Rotary year, now is the time for you to begin identifying your year-end giving strategies. Click on the [The Rotary Foundation at Your Fingertips](#) banner below to access strategies and other resources that will help attract new donors, engage current donors, and promote the Annual Fund.



## Partnership with Mediators Beyond Borders International

Rotary and Mediators Beyond Borders International have formed a service partnership to support our clubs and districts in their peacebuilding efforts. Read the [partnership factsheet](#) to learn how clubs and districts can take advantage of this partnership to make their peace and conflict resolution projects even better.



District 5690 Membership Report As Of January 31, 2019



District 5690



[www.rotary5690.org](http://www.rotary5690.org)

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Club	7/1/2018	1/31/2019	NET GAIN
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2018-2019
Andover	31	33	2
Arkansas City	65	66	1
Beaver	19	19	0
Boise City	18	17	-1
Cimarron	22	22	0
Derby	66	70	4
Dodge City	38	39	1
East Wichita	96	102	6
El Dorado	41	41	0
Garden City	51	46	-5
Guymon	24	25	1
Howard	16	15	-1
Hugoton	16	16	0
Hutchinson	100	89	-11
Johnson	16	16	0
Kingman	33	33	0
Kinsley	12	11	-1
Larned	18	18	0
Liberal	46	49	3
Newton	62	56	-6
Pratt	55	57	2
Sublette	18	18	0
Syracuse	18	18	0
Texhoma	15	15	0
Ulysses	34	29	-5
Wellington	19	15	-4
W. Sedgwick Co	39	41	2
West Wichita	62	59	-3
Wichita-DT	404	403	-1
Wichita-Old Town	8	8	0
Winfield	86	83	-3
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1548</b>	<b>1529</b>	<b>-19</b>



2018-19 RI President  
Barry Rassin  
Bahamas



Your Fellow Rotarians will be in Hamburg, June 1-5, 2019 for the 2019 Rotary Convention!

**Polio Update @ 2/20/19**

*This year:* Total wild polio cases for 2019: **6**.

*Last year:* Total wild polio cases in 2018: **33**

**AFGHANISTAN:** The total number of officially reported WPV1 cases in Afghanistan in 2019 is 2.

**PAKISTAN:** The total number of officially reported WPV1 cases in Pakistan in 2019 is 4.

**NIGERIA and THE LAKE CHAD BASIN:**  
No new cases of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) since 21 August 2016.

More details at <http://www.polioeradication.org>

See you at

**PETS!**

**2/28 - 3/2/19**