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Message from

District Governor Ivanhoe Love, Jr.

Greetings Rotarians,

A big thank you goes out to Club President Brad Bennett and the Liberal Rotary Club for hosting this year's district conference. The conference was informational, entertaining and included visiting some great sites in Liberal KS that included the Mid American Air Museum, the Pancake House, the Baker Arts Center and Dorothy's House.

Congratulations to Isaac McNary for being awarded the District Rotarian of the Year, the Guymon Rotary Club for being awarded the District club of the year. Congratulations to PDG Kurt Harper and PDG Andrea Krauss for being recognized as our newest Rotary Foundation Major Donors and to the Rotary clubs receiving foundation awards.

Conference attendees participated in two auctions that raised \$10,000 donated to The Rotary Foundation and they participated in a service project that assembled over 10,000 meals that were donated to local food pantries.

The conference would not have been complete without the great speakers Rotary International President's Representative PDG Ed Thurman, Rotary International Membership Committee member PDG Tom Gump, and Kansas Attorney General's representative Michelle McCormick who gave outstanding presenta-



tions. Again thanks to all concerned for making this a very successful district conference.

Rotarians, the month of November is upon us and time is moving quickly. It seems like it was only yesterday that I received the district leadership pin from IPDG Fred Heismeyer.

This is the time for giving, a time for appreciating what we have. I am thankful for the things that we are accomplishing within Rotary for the benefit of our organization and local communities. I challenge Rotarians throughout the district to identify those in our communities who may not be able to have a Thanksgiving meal and give your assistance causing it to happen. I appreciate the talent that we have in our leadership and our committees which is enabling us to imagine the future.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

Ivanhoe Love, Jr.

2022-2023 District Governor
Rotary D5680



Rotary



November is Rotary Foundation Month

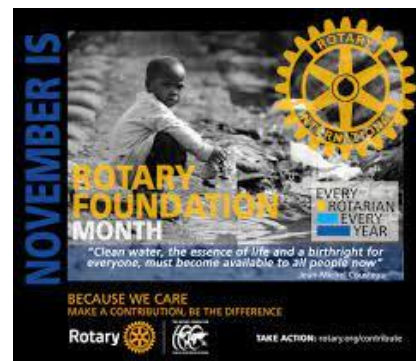
Giving Tuesday—November 29, 2023



Support The Rotary Foundation this Giving Tuesday. On 29 November, we hope to have as many Rotary members as possible take action and [give to our Foundation](#) so we can continue to make a difference in communities that need our help. Giving Tuesday is a global day of generosity that empowers all of us to give through service, kindness, and financial support. We hope you and your club celebrate by Doing Good in the World and supporting our Foundation. The top engaged clubs will be featured on My Rotary. [See last year's top performers.](#)

Throughout November, **Rotary Foundation Month**, you'll have a lot of opportunities to show your support for the Foundation. In addition to celebrating with a gift on Giving Tuesday, 29 November, you can find ways to thank donors in your club or district.

As we reflect on the good we've done together, the Foundation will be sending many thank-you notes to our supporters, who make all of our work possible



GIVING TUESDAY
29 NOVEMBER 2022



The
Rotary
Foundation

A New Weapon to Fight Polio

A modified polio vaccine, nOPV2, is offering new hope in the fight to eradicate polio. The reengineered formula has a lower risk of causing vaccine-derived poliovirus. This means it is less likely that the weakened strain of poliovirus used in the vaccine will mutate and spur outbreaks in communities where immunization levels are low. The vaccine first rolled out in March 2021. In the first half of 2022, more than 370 million doses have been administered in more than 20 countries. [Read more about what went into developing this vaccine](#) or listen to the story on our [Rotary Podcast](#).



Rotary, Gates Foundation extend Partnership to end Polio

On the heels of Rotary's announcement at the Global Citizen Festival pledging an additional \$150 million towards polio eradication, Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation are renewing their longstanding partnership to end polio, announcing a joint commitment of up to \$450 million. [Read more about the commitment](#)

Austrian Rotarian Wins Nobel Prize in Physics

Anton Zeilinger, a member of the Rotary Club of Wien-West in Austria, was among three physicists who were announced as the winners of the Nobel Prize in physics on 4 October for their experiments in quantum mechanics. [Read more about Zeilinger](#)

Upcoming District Governor Visits - November

DATE	CLUB
November 3	Concordia
November 8	Ness City
November 8	Heart of America eClub
November 15	Downs
November 17	Osborne
December 1	Phillipsburg
December 6	Hill City

December 22
TBD
TBD

Hugoton
Larned ++
Lindsborg ++

++ Club has NOT confirmed the visit date. If this is your club, please have your 2022-23 President confirm this by responding to jheismeyer@gmail.com

Ukraine Delegates Visit Wichita



OPEN WORLD
LEADERSHIP CENTER

Four Ukrainian leaders participating in the Open World Program will spend November 4-12 in Wichita examining the theme: Administration of Healthcare Facilities. The delegates will be hosted by Rotarians from the West, East and Downtown clubs.

While in Wichita, the delegates will meet with local leaders to share ideas and experience for supporting their work in Ukraine. Their program includes visits at the Kansas College of Osteopathic Medicine, University of Kansas Medical Center, Starkey, Ascension Via Christi hospitals, Red Cross, the Kansas Health Foundation, Catholic Care Center, Guadalupe Clinic, Homehealth and Hospice, Medical Loan Closet, Resthaven Mortuary and with several medical practitioners (dentist, chiropractor, pediatrician, podiatrist, family practice, pain medicine). Cultural activities are planned for them as well, such as dinners with Rotary families, shopping, an evening at Chicken and Pickle, and museums including the new health exhibit at Exploration Place.

Funded almost entirely by the U.S. Congress, Open World links delegates to their counterparts and is an instrument for Americans to engage in citizen diplomacy. This International Service project supports all of the seven areas of focus for Rotary: Supporting Education, Saving Mothers

and Children, Fighting Disease, Providing Clean Water and Sanitation, Growing Local Economies, Protecting

the Environment; and especially Promoting Peace.

The team from Ukraine will be presenting a program on Tuesday, Nov 8 at the Rotary Club of West Wichita at noon at Rolling Hills, and on Wednesday, Nov 9 at the East Wichita Rotary Club at noon at the Wichita Country Club. They will share their knowledge and first-hand experience of what it's like being in the medical profession at times of war. They will be introduced at the Downtown Rotary Club meeting on Monday, Nov 7 at noon at Botanical and will be available after the meeting to meet attendees.

The visiting delegates are:

Dr. Oksana Lutska, Director, Velikohayiv Outpatient Clinic of General Family Medicine, Ternopil Region

Dr. Oleksandr Fizer, Director, Svaliava City Hospital, Zakarpattia Region

Dr. Iurii Ordynskyi, Medical Director of Surgery, Rivne Regional Clinical Hospital, Rivne Region

Mariya Moskovko, PhD Researcher, Lund University, Sweden, accompanies them as a facilitator

Svitlana Mefford, Translator and Interpreter, Chicago, IL



New Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation

PDG Andrea Krauss and **PDG Kurt Harper** were recognized by RI President's Rep Ed Thurmond and DG Ivanhoe Love, Jr. for their contributions to The Rotary Foundation of \$10,000 or more.

Congratulations, Andrea and Kurt!

Upcoming Events

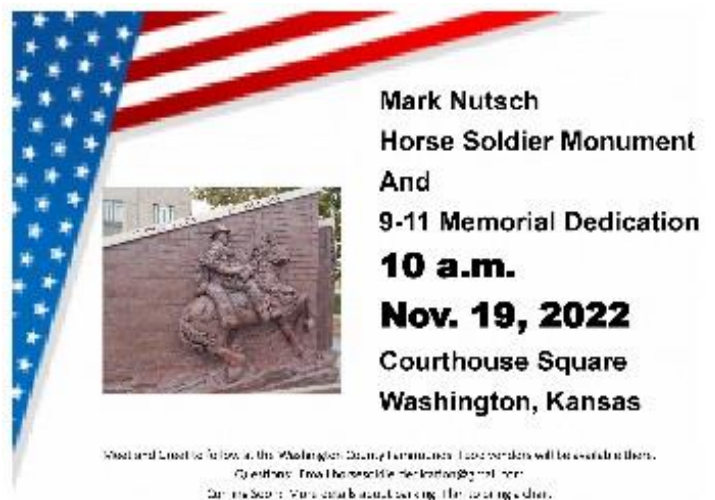
February 25, 2023
RYLA Pop-up (One Day)
Cosmosphere
Hutchinson, KS

March 30-April 1, 2023
PETS
(President-elect Training)
Salina, KS

May 27-31, 2023
Rotary International
Convention
Melbourne, Australia
[Register here](#)

October 20-21, 2023
District 5680 Conference
Russell, KS

All are invited to join us on
November 19!

Mark Nutsch
Horse Soldier Monument
And
9-11 Memorial Dedication
10 a.m.
Nov. 19, 2022
Courthouse Square
Washington, Kansas

West and East of the Washington County Courthouse. Local residents will be awarded there.
Guests: Free! No reservation needed. Bring your own food and drink. The event is free.

Club News from around the District

Rotary Club Pratt: The Rotary Club of Pratt acknowledged and celebrated the wonderful service of the Pratt County EMS with a pizza meal delivered by club members Susan Page, Don Hommertzheim, and President Suzan Patton. We shared our special thanks for all they do for the community.



Rotary Club Washington: DG Ivanhoe visited our club and presented our president,



Jill Duis with the theme banner. DG Ivanhoe also toured our Horse Soldier Monument (see next page for dedication invitation). We also presented the DG a \$500 donation to Polio Plus given in his name.

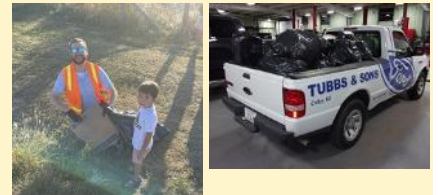
Rotary Club Old Town Wichita: DG Ivanhoe provided an inspirational talk at our club. Thanks, DG Ivanhoe!



Rotary Club Pratt: One of our club projects is donating and volunteering for Circles of Hope. We recently donated food items and served meals. This organization offers a "hand up rather than a hand out" to those struggling financially and want to change their life.



Rotary Club Colby: Rotarians and friends picked up trash this month and the South Range looks great!



Rotary Club W Wichita: We had a great night participating in the Family Fest at Lawrence Elementary. 140 kids came through our booth to spin the wheel! It was great to see so many parents out with their children.



Rotary Club West Wichita: Our annual Wine Dinner was a fabulous event! Great food, wine and fellowship, as well as a very tall leprechaun who added witting limericks during the live auction, added to the fun. We estimate about 85% of our club members helped with the event and we thank everyone who attended.



Rotary Club Kingman: The City of Kingman had their Fall Festival on September 24th, 2022 and had a dedication ceremony for the new Rotary Park that was placed on Broadway in Kingman with donations from the Kingman Rotary Club and grants received. The park is a great addition to our City and they appreciated the donation given by the Kingman Rotary Club.



Rotary Club Colby: DG Ivanhoe Love, Jr. visited our club and presented the theme banner to our president, Ronda Faber. We enjoyed his visit!



Rotary Club Pratt: Our club participated in the Pratt Oktoberfest's 5th year. The event was well attended and proceeds raised are shared with Pratt Rotary and other local non-profits who provided volunteers.



IMAGINE WHAT WE CAN DO THROUGH ROTARY
ACT THROUGH ROTARY

More Club News

Rotary Club Washington: The new Pickleball courts we are providing for the city of Washington are very near completion! DG Ivanhoe visited while he was here.



Rotary Club Russell: Russell held its annual Flatland Car Show on October 1. Over 100 cars were entered from all over the state.



Rotary Club E Wichita: Immediate Past President Greg Ek and members of our club were honored at the Rotary District 5680 Conference for our support of the Polio Plus Campaign. Greg said, "Over the last few years we've raised funds for Polio Plus. Last year we raised more than \$4,000, which goes directly toward vaccines, which are approximately \$3.00 per vaccine. This means we impacted more than a thousand lives."



Rotary Club Dodge City: A book is donated each week to a local library in honor of our weekly presenters. The Rotary Club of Dodge City is proud to support and encourage literacy among our area students.



Rotary Club Newton: We participated in the Lions Club Main Street Halloween walk. Over 3,000 kids attended and everyone had a blast treating the kiddos and showing off our inflatable Rotary logo. President Greg Hanson's costume was a hit!



Rotary Club Old Town Wichita: We met at member Kirsten Awe's business (Right Size Moving Solutions) and were treated to pizza and beer. Then we went to work filling 50 Halloween goodie bags for children at the Wichita Family Crisis Center and Catholic Charities St. Anthony Family Shelter.



Rotary Club Kinsley: DG Ivanhoe visited our club and presented our winning banners for contributions to The Rotary Foundation.



Rotary Club Old Town Wichita: We filled bags with toiletries, grooming supplies, clothes and blankets. The five "fresh start" bags will be donated to ICT SOS to distribute to individuals in their program who have experienced human trafficking and other abuse.



Rotary Club Pratt: In recognition of World Polio Day on October 24, (then) President Darrell Shumway kicked off (in 2021) an annual "Pennies-for-Polio" fundraising campaign. Members were asked to bring their pennies each week to fill the "End Polio Now" bucket. The campaign continued through October 2022. Club members donated \$553 and the club matched that for a total of \$1,166 to the End Polio Campaign.



Rotary Club West Wichita: Our club works with teachers at Lawrence Elementary and Benton Elementary to recognize students for their extra effort. Students are given a small plaque and teachers explain the traits that helped them earn the award. This program was started in the late 1980s by the late David Weber, a music educator at Friends University and club member. Watch the video of a recent presentation at a school here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=conFDvBa4g0>



INVITE
OTHERS
TO JOIN

Commitments to End Polio

On October 18, 2022, in Berlin, global leaders confirmed US\$ 2.6 billion in funding toward the Global Polio Eradication Initiative's (GPEI) 2022-2026 Strategy to end polio. We can all be proud of Rotary, which pledged \$150 million, the largest amount after the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Ian Riseley, the Chairman of our Rotary Foundation, made the announcement at the World Health Summit in Berlin.



The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation committed \$1.2 billion in the effort to end polio worldwide. The money will be used to help implement the GPEI's strategy through 2026.

The initiative is trying to end the polio virus in Pakistan and Afghanistan, the last two endemic countries. The money will also be used to stop outbreaks of new variants of the virus. Nearly \$5 billion has been contributed to the initiative, which is trying to integrate polio campaigns into broader health services, while it scaled up use of the novel oral polio vaccine type 2.

"The last steps to eradication are by far the toughest. But our (Gates) foundation remains dedicated to a polio-free future, and we're optimistic that we will see it soon," said Gates Foundation CEO Mark Suzman.

The initiative is a public-private partnership led by a group of national governments that includes the Gates Foundation, Rotary International, the World Health Organization and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

District Conference Success

Thank you to the Rotary Club of Liberal and DG Ivanhoe Love, Jr. for hosting a wonderful district conference in Liberal, KS on October 21-22!

It was an action-packed, fun filled conference with great entertainment, a wonderful service project packaging meals for the Liberal area, and a tour of Liberal and visits to the Air Museum and Dorothy's House.

We heard from speakers on a variety of topics and the food was plentiful and wonderful throughout.

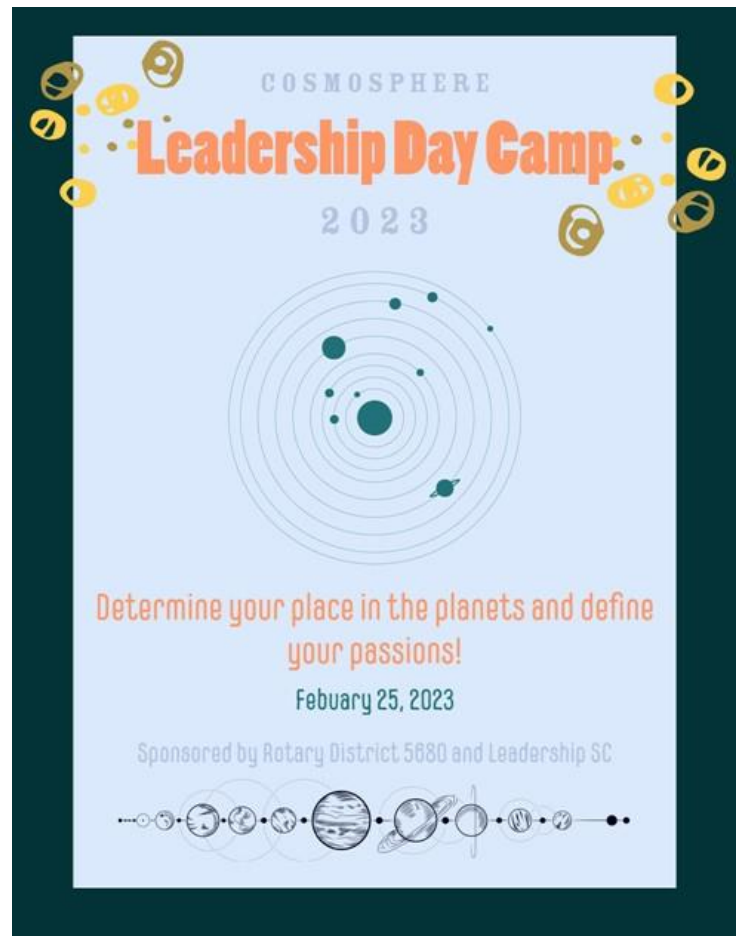
Photos/Memories: Many photos were taken thanks to AG Bob Obee. You will find several of them on the following pages.

Awards: See page 8 for a list of all the winners. Congratulations to all!

Service Project: Thanks to Isaac McNary with the Outreach Program for the fun food packaging event that provided Macaroni & Cheese meals to Liberal food banks.



**Recruit NOW -
RYLA One-day Camp
Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023**



District 5680 Membership Report As Of October 31, 2022

Club	7/1/2022	10/31/2022	NET GAIN
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2022-2023
Abilene	53	53	0
Andover	26	28	2
Arkansas City	54	58	4
Atwood	21	22	1
Beaver	13	13	0
Beloit	39	39	0
Boise City	20	20	0
Cimarron	23	23	0
Clay Center	58	60	2
Colby	47	47	0
Concordia	30	30	0
Derby	56	55	(1)
Dodge City	36	37	1
Downs	10	10	0
East Wichita	69	75	6
E-Club	15	15	0
El Dorado	29	30	1
Ellinwood	18	18	0
Ellis	11	11	0
Garden City	34	31	(3)
Goodland	19	19	0
Great Bend	36	36	0
Guymon	25	27	2
Hays	68	67	(1)
Hays Sunrise	15	15	0
Hill City	9	9	0
Howard	13	11	(2)
Hoxie	19	20	1
Hugoton	14	14	0
Hutchinson	88	85	(3)
Johnson	10	10	0
Kingman	21	21	0
Kinsley	5	5	0
Larned	9	9	0
Liberal	36	36	0
Lindsborg	7	7	0
Lyons	21	24	3
McPherson	30	27	(3)
Ness City	23	23	0
Newton	63	61	(2)
Norton	11	11	0
Oberlin	28	29	1
Osborne	10	10	0
Phillipsburg	48	32	(16)
Pratt	60	61	1
Russell	40	40	0
Salina	109	110	1
Sharon Springs	6	5	(1)
Sterling	18	21	3
Sublette	17	20	3
Syracuse	16	16	0
Texhoma	12	12	0
Ulysses	22	22	0
Washington	32	32	0
Wellington	7	7	0
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	42	44	2
West Wichita	62	62	0
Wichita-Downtown	373	367	(6)
Wichita-Old Town	10	10	0
Winfield	70	66	(4)
TOTALS	2186	2178	(8)



District 5680

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2022-23 RI President
Jennifer Jones

Windsor-Roseland
Ontario CANADA



2023 RI Convention
May 27-31, 2023
Register [HERE](#)

Visit our YouTube Channel



District Conference

IPDG Fred Heismeyer presented 2021-22



2021-22 Service Above Self Award
Lindsy Berry (Derby)
District Webmaster



Could the smile be any bigger for **Eddie Garcia**? Congratulations to **RC Guymon** - 2021-22 Club of the Year



2021-22 Rotarian of the Year
Isaac McNary
(El Dorado)



Ozzie Goering Memorial Award
Curtis Dick (Winfield) -
India Service Projects



Ozzie Goering Memorial Award
Marshall Stanton (Salina Noon) - ShelterBox Rep



DG Ivanhoe Love, Jr.
Welcomes everyone to Liberal



RI President Jennifer Jones' Rep to our District Conference
PDG Ed & Fran Thurmond



Conference MC
AI Shank

Award Winners Presented by PDG Fred Heismeyer

Top 3 Giving Clubs to TRF: #1 W. Wichita
#2 Andover;
#3 Liberal

2021-22 RI Rotary Citation Recipients: E. Wichita
Russell,
Wichita Downtown

Ozzie Goering Memorial Awards: Curtis Dick (RC Winfield)
Marshall Stanton (Salina)

2021-22 Service Above Self Award: Lindsy Berry
(Webmaster/RC Derby)

Rotarian of the Year Award: Isaac McNary (El Dorado)

Club of the Year: Guymon

Rotary Leadership Institute



Participants and Facilitators
Thanks to District Trainer Arlen Honts (Wichita)
for leading the training

Thanks to **Bob Obee** (Kinsley) for the many photos taken at District Conference!

More District Conference



Russell recognized with Rotary Foundation banners & Polio giving



Liberal recognized with Rotary Foundation banners & Polio giving



West Sedgwick County Sunrise recognized with Polio giving Certificate



Salina Polio Giving Certificate



East Wichita Polio Giving Certificate

RC West Wichita. - Winner #1 Club for Rotary Foundation Giving and Certificate for Polio Giving.

Rotary Foundation Awards



Kinsley recognized with Rotary Foundation banners



DG Ivanhoe thanks PDG Fred for his friendship and all he does



Sublette recognized with Rotary Foundation banner & Polio giving

Our Speakers



PDG Andrea Krauss, Donna Meier Pfeifer, Thea Howard, PDG Fred Heismeyer, and Tom Gump were part of a lively panel on a variety of issues.



PDG Mike Barnes (Keeper of the Flags), entertained us with the history of the District Flags



Arlen Honts told us about a large Grant we put together for Ukraine orphans



PDG Dana Brewer (End Polio Now Chair) encouraged giving



Tom Gump (RI Membership Growth Committee) spoke on ways to expand Rotary



RI President Rep Ed Thurmond updated us on Rotary



Michelle McCormick spoke on Human Trafficking

More District Conference

The Auction

Auction Results

Thank you to all the clubs that contributed an item for our annual auction to benefit The Rotary Foundation!

The TOTAL raised was \$10,336 over the 2 days! Friday was \$2,418 and Saturday was \$7,918. Special thanks to the auctioneer who was very entertaining and got those bids up for us!



A really Large Holiday Train Set for the Rotary Foundation Raffle. Was filled with beverages and treats for the winner.



Many gift baskets were auctioned!



Rotary Wall Hanging at auction

Air Museum & Dorothy's House



John Engel, Liberal RC, introduces our musical guests from Broadway! WOW!



Entertainment



David Burnham and accompanist Nick Petrola were amazing!



Food Packaging

Isaac McNary led a food packaging event that gave over 10,000 macaroni and cheese meals to those in need in Liberal.



FUN!

