

District 5680 News

Latest News and Bulletin Updates

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District Governor

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November is Foundation month in the Rotary year. How has the Rotary Foundation been a force in the world? It has received the highest rating among charitable organizations for many years. Part of what I admire about the foundation is how they manage our money. Donations are invested for three years, and the return from that investment is what is used to run the foundation. After the three years, 100% of the donation is used to fund grants for projects across the world and here in District 5680. There will be a Special Edition of this newsletter about the District Conference, with photos and articles on grants awarded clubs in our district.



Some members have asked me how they can help with hurricane relief both here in the USA and in the Caribbean. District 7030 in the Southern Caribbean is a district of 17 islands, which are 17 different countries. When Hurricane Beryl hit them July 1st, the winds were 160 miles an hour, and destroyed 90-98% of the buildings on every island. [ShelterBox](#) deployed several of their survival kits there, and I expect more are still needed. Hurricanes Helene and Milton that hit the US from Florida up to North Carolina have also been devastating. To donate to the Rotary Disaster, Respond Fund, go to [MyRotary](#) on the Rotary International website and look up the Disaster Response Fund.

I encourage everyone to consider attending the Rotary International Convention in Calgary next June 21-25, 2025. You can register on the Rotary International website. I encourage everyone to find a way to attend an international convention. It really opened my eyes to see how big and magnificent our organization really is! I have been able to attend several of the conferences, and always get inspired and excited about Rotary and what good we do in the world.

On September 24, 2024, RI President Stephanie Urchick declared [Sangkoo Yun](#), a member of the Rotary Club of Sae Hanyang, Seoul, Korea in August to be the official nominee for President of Rotary International for 2026-27.. He will be formally elected at the 2025 RI Convention in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and will become president on 1 July 2026.

I am often asked on my club visits how the club can grow membership, and how to fund raise. The Rotary website suggests a plan to build a flourishing club. By using the visioning process through our district, you can easily build your plan and plan your club's future. [Fred Heismeyer](#) is our Visioning Chair; he will be glad to help you. What is one thing the most successful clubs have in common? They set goals — and not just for the upcoming year.

When club leaders plan, they provide the club with direction and purpose. Whether that is welcoming more members, completing more service projects, or improving the club experience; goal setting motivates members and inspires you to work towards a common purpose.

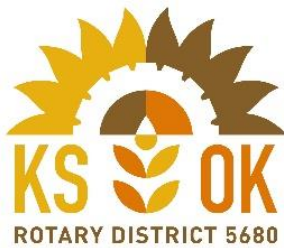
Rotary Club Central makes planning and tracking their goals easy for Rotary and Rotaract clubs. Club leaders can use the tool to set and record accomplishments, while members can view the club's progress. Plus, future club leaders can use previous goals to make informed decisions about the club's future and set up to three years' worth of goals.

If you are not sure where to begin, ask yourself:

- How many members does our club want by the end of the Rotary year? How about two years from now?
- How many members do we want to participate in service projects?
- Does our club have an up-to-date strategic plan?
- How much money (US\$) do we want to contribute to The Rotary Foundation?
- How can we increase our public image in the community?
- What type of club experience do we want to offer members?
- Are there any local organizations we can establish partnerships with?

It is never too late to start planning for your club's future. Visit [Rotary Club Central](#) and get started. Enjoy your club and friendships in Rotary. Plan a Christmas party, a tailgate event, or whatever your club enjoys. Make your club Irresistible!

Jeff Horlacher--District Governor--District 5680



Club News from District 5680

Winfield is world renowned for our Walnut Valley Festival, also known as "Blugrass". The festival kicks off in the third week of September on that Tuesday evening with a Music Crawl in our downtown main street. The **Rotary Club of Winfield** served hundreds of free snow cones, with the option to donate towards our college scholarship fund. Many of our Rotarians decked in new Rotary shirts mingled with people as they listened to the music





The **Rotary Club of Pratt** introduces 3 newest club members Debra Brackett, Lizzie White and Kylie Johnson! and their sponsors, Marla and Vernon.

The Rotary Club of Pratt welcomed Pratt High School Senior Tess Clarkson (far right) and special presenter Miss Kansas Alexis Smith. Alexis talked about her community service initiative, "Respect Reclaimed," and her work educating others on domestic violence and advocating for healthy relationships.



ROTARY DISTRICT 5680 -- 2023-2024 DISTRICT GRANT



Rotary and Pilot Club Collaborate to Enhance Pratt's Sixth Street Accessible Playground with Adult Fitness Equipment. In an effort to promote community wellness and inclusivity, the Pratt Rotary Club (PRC) partnered with the Pratt Pilot Club (PPC) and the City of Pratt to install adult fitness equipment at the Sixth Street Handicap Accessible Playground.



Rotary Clubs who painted their pinkies purple for End Polio Now and World Polio Day.



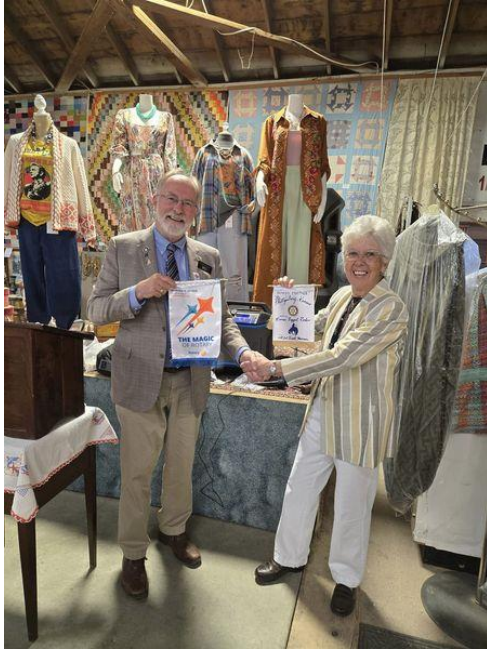
Great group of folks from the darn it do it group, the trail alliance and the **Rotary Club of Great Bend** spent the last couple of hours at Rotary Lake cleaning up trash. The lake looks a lot better now.



This is what 541 items donated to God's Pantry looks like gathered by the **Rotary Club of Norton**. According to representatives from God's Pantry, they have been able to help over 300 families in our community in 2024.



District Governor Jeff Horlacher continues his official visit tour. Later in this newsletter, there is a schedule of his future visits.



Rotary Club of Phillipsburg



Rotary Club of Salina



Rotary Club of Russell

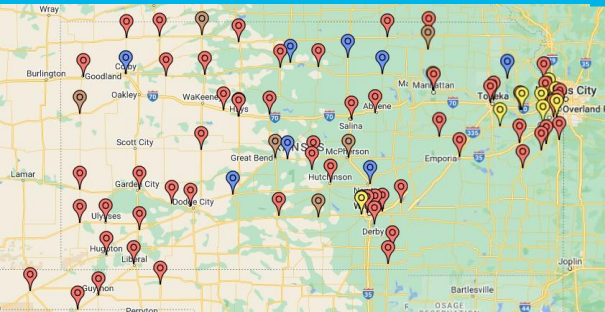


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Collective Action Across Kansas Rotary Clubs



ENGAGING KANSAS ROTARIANS



2
Districts

4,025
members

96
Clubs



2

ENGAGEMENT MODEL DEVELOPMENT

- Purpose: Develop an engagement model that allows clubs to activate Rotary members across the state in a meaningful and collaborative way on the tough issues facing communities.
 - Initial focus on improving mental health in Kansas
- Efforts to Date: Interviews with key partners working on various civic and mental health issues, to learn from their efforts to engage collectively to advance a purpose
- Timeline: July to December 2024
- Next steps: Survey to gather member input, use findings to work with the Mental Health Task Force to develop and pilot the engagement model



YOUR VOICE MATTERS.

- Please respond to the **Member Survey** ~ 7 minutes.
 - Objectives:
 - Capture member interests and insights.
 - Learn more about club strengths.
 - Inform Kansas Rotary and the Mental Health Task Force on next steps.
 - Choose between the paper or online versions.
 - Submit Paper-Based Survey to Club Presidents by Friday, **Nov. 1**.
 - Complete on your phone, tablet or computer by Friday, **Nov. 8**.
- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KSrotary24>



**District
Grant Number**

**5680
DG2571897**

District/Club	Description	Amount (USD)
Arkansas City	Stuff the Bus with school supplies for low-income children in Arkansas City, Kansas.	2000
Hays Sunrise	Support for the establishment of a Rotaract club at Fort Hays State University.	500
Liberal	Animal play area for the Liberal, Kansas animal shelter.	4625
Lyons	Bicycle safety education fair for youth in Lyons, Kansas.	1650
Ness City	Baseball/softball park sun shade in Ness City, Kansas.	2500
Newton	Playground adjacent to the Newton, Kansas Public Library.	5000
Oberlin	Rock It Tunnel for Oberlin Elementary School playground.	2000
Pratt	Bench and tree for Lemon Park in Pratt, Kansas.	1256
Russell	Dental equipment for clinic in Talakag, Bukidnon, Philippines.	5000
Wichita	Picnic tables for Sunflower Meadows play area in the Destination Playscape at Exploration Place in Wichita, Kansas.	5000
Old Town Wichita	Picnic table for Sunflower Meadows play area in the Destination Playscape at Exploration Place in Wichita, Kansas.	521
Old Town Wichita	Christmas Carnival for Youth Horizons organization in Wichita, Kansas.	500
West Wichita	Kitchen Restore nutrition education and kitchen starter kits for low-income households in Wichita, Kansas.	2500
5680	Leadership development, assistance for at-risk populations and general peacebuilding projects.	6228
Contingency:		0
Administrative Expenses:		0
Total Amount:		39,280

Is your Rotary website at risk?

META (Facebook) has been shutting down many club and district Facebook pages for what they deem to be copyright violations regarding the use of Rotary International trademarks. Rotary has created a very simple online form for clubs and districts to register their Facebook pages with RI to prevent this from occurring. **It is extremely important for every Rotary Club/District to register their Facebook addresses with Rotary International to avoid potential issues with META.** Click below to access the [RI registration link](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Q-C0Z_0K-0qLIL-WNwyOf8xSis7tJ6dHkCC2qiC1e8JUM1RBN0IZMVBVUDNIOTY0RzZSU1owVjVYW4u).

Failure to complete this step will leave your club/district Facebook page open to being shut down by META with the only option being to create a new page from scratch, thus losing all previous posting history. Please ensure that all clubs are aware of this requirement and encourage them to complete their registration as soon as possible to maintain their account status.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Q-C0Z_0K-0qLIL-WNwyOf8xSis7tJ6dHkCC2qiC1e8JUM1RBN0IZMVBVUDNIOTY0RzZSU1owVjVYW4u

Yours in Rotary Service,

Isaac McNary

The Kilt Guy - (316)-461-0512

DISTRICT 5680 GOVERNOR CLUB VISITS 2024-2025

Andover	January 16	Noon	Thursday
Cimarron	November 12	Noon	Tuesday
West Wichita	March 18	Noon	Tuesday
Wichita – Old Town Wichita	March 17	5:30 p.m.	Monday
Wichita – West Sedgwick County Sunrise	January 16	7:00 a.m.	Thursday
Wichita Downtown	March 17	Noon	Monday
Winfield	January 15	11:45 a.m.	Wednesday



Rotary International comes to North America



Dean Martin Roast for Rod Kreie at the Wild Prairie Event Center

Net proceeds from the roast will go to the Newton Rotary Foundation.

Roasters will include Greg Hanson (Master of crematory), Barth Hague, Leroy Koehn, an old college buddy, a brother-in-law, 3 sheep and an alpaca (not really...).

Cost of a ticket is \$ 50 - that gets you dinner & 2 drink tickets.

Saturday, November 16, 2024

6:30 PM 10:00 PM

Wild Prairie Event Center 1610 SE 3rd Street, Newton, KS 67114

To register - either click on the below link or google "Rod Kreie Roast"

<https://www.wildprairieeventcenter.com/new-events-1/the-roast-of-rod-kreie-charity-event-open-to-public>

District 5680 Membership Report As Of October 31, 2024

Club	7/1/2024	10/31/2024	NET GAIN
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2024- 2025
Abilene	55	51	(4)
Andover	20	20	0
Arkansas City	68	66	(2)
Atwood	24	24	0
Beaver	17	17	0
Beloit	37	33	(4)
Boise City	18	18	0
Cimarron	18	18	0
Clay Center	63	64	1
Colby	44	44	0
Concordia	25	24	(1)
Derby	58	58	0
Dodge City	32	32	0
Downs	9	7	(2)
East Wichita	64	65	1
E-Club	16	16	0



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El Dorado	29	30	1
Ellinwood	17	15	(2)
Ellis	8	10	2
Garden City	28	27	(1)
Goodland	13	13	0
Great Bend	28	28	0
Guymon	36	35	(1)
Haskell County (Sublette)	17	17	0
Hays	56	55	(1)
Hays Sunrise	12	12	0
Hill City	7	7	0
Howard	9	11	2
Hugoton	14	14	0
Hutchinson	90	84	(6)
Kingman	21	21	0
Kinsley	5	5	0
Liberal	34	34	0
Lyons	24	23	(1)
McPherson	27	27	0
Ness City	23	23	0
Newton	59	56	(3)
Norton	10	10	0
Oberlin	30	30	0
Osborne	9	9	0
Phillipsburg	31	31	0
Pratt	71	73	2
Russell	38	41	3
Salina	98	97	(1)
Sterling	17	17	0
Syracuse	19	19	0
Texhoma	12	12	0
Ulysses	18	18	0
Washington	32	32	0
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	37	37	0
West Wichita	63	76	13
Wichita-Downtown	342	336	(6)
Wichita-Old Town	10	10	0
Winfield	58	58	0
TOTALS	2020	2010	(10)

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Send me your news
and newsletters!

REMINDER: Clubs need to report their President-Elect for the 2025-2026 Rotary year by the deadline of December 31. Your club's PE can be reported at the following link:

[Report 2025-2026 President-Elect](#)

There is always a certain disappointment and dissatisfaction that comes when we see that the number of wild polio cases continues to rise, but then I talk to people who are actively working to end polio and my belief in our mission is restored. Plans continue to move forward in the two endemic countries of Afghanistan and Pakistan, and despite setbacks, we know that the work continues. Let us not grow weary in this epic struggle. Our contributions, large and small, make the difference between life and death for millions of children around the world.



I hope that your club received the purple markers that I sent out. Even though World Polio Day has passed, it is never too late or too early to advocate in your club and in your community. Paint your pinkies purple as a club and send the picture to me so we can post it to our district Facebook page! isaac@rotarykiltguy.com

Keep up the fight!
Polio Plus Chair
Isaac McNary