



# District 5680 News



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## Message from

## District Governor Ivanhoe Love, Jr.

Greetings Rotarians,

The month of May in Rotary is designated as **Youth Service Month**. This is a special month that members of Rotary clubs, Rotaract, Interact, those involved in RLI, Junior Rotarians, and Rotary Youth Exchange, celebrate with enthusiasm and excitement showing gratitude to the many Rotarians that take advantage of the opportunities Rotary provide to connect, grow through service, develop leadership skills, provide mentorship, and have fun. So, let us Imagine Rotary and consider the following:



Rotary district 5680's District Leadership Team is promoting high school youths' participation with Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), by providing scholarships valued at \$100.00 each for the first 20 clubs that register before the deadline May 8th. The actual

dates of camp is 30 May-June 3. We are hopeful that each club within our district will take advantage of this opportunity to develop youth leaders within your high schools. Students will develop leadership skills and have lots of fun during the process.

Let's IMAGINE ROTARY together and make it happen.

*Ivanhoe Love, Jr.*

2022-2023 District Governor  
 Rotary D5680

1. Let's make the month special by identifying possible service projects that our youth can be involved in. A great source of information can be obtained from local government officials such as city and county managers in your communities.
2. Have a brainstorming session with sponsors and members of the various youth groups emphasizing service.
3. Develop a plan of action within Rotary's areas of focus.
4. Set goals and objectives for each of the areas selected.
5. Utilize all forms of media to share our accomplishments with the community while staying connected with those involved.



Rotary



## Deb Minkler is our 2025-26 District Governor



The Nominations Committee has selected Deb Minkler from the Rotary Club of Atwood as the 2025-2026 District 5680 Governor. Club Presidents received their "notification of challenge" from DG Ivanhoe Love, Jr. with information about her.

Pursuant to Rotary Code of Policy, District 5680 clubs were allowed to submit other candidates that

might want to "challenge" the nomination committee candidate with a candidate from their club. Rotary procedure requires a minimum of 14 days for this challenge period. Therefore, any challenges must be submitted by end of business day April 17, 2023.

No challenges were received, Congratulations to Deb Minkler, our 2025-26 District 5680 District Governor!

## The State of Rotary's Membership



We all know that member retention depends on member satisfaction. The key to keeping members is having a club that meets their needs and expectations. Learn more about this and about the latest membership trends in the newly revised presentation [The State of Rotary's Membership](#) (PowerPoint). You can easily customize the presentation to meet your needs. Consider showing it at your next meeting or event.

## Embracing DEI ([www.rotary.org/dei](http://www.rotary.org/dei))

Diversity has long been one of Rotary's core values, and it guides our interactions with one another and our communities. But each of us can do our part to ensure Rotary is a welcoming and inclusive community by:

- Learning more about Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Rotary, including understanding definitions and how to celebrate and respect our differences.
- Determining why DEI matters to our club and community and how using DEI principles can help our club grow and become stronger.

- Raising awareness of DEI, including creating a DEI committee in your club that reflects the demographics of your community.
- Taking action on DEI in our club and community for instance educating yourself about underrepresented groups in your community in order to become a more knowledgeable and effective advocate for DEI.

Rotary International President Jennifer Jones reminds us that, "As we strive to weave diversity, equity, and inclusion into Rotary, removing the barriers is the key to inclusion. And inclusion is the key to membership."

DIVERSITY	EQUITY	INCLUSION
Welcoming people of <b>all backgrounds</b> , cultures, experiences, and <b>identities</b>	Ensuring that each person has <b>access</b> to the resources, opportunities, networks, and support they need <b>to thrive</b>	Creating a culture where each person knows they <b>are valued and belong</b>

*We are committed to being honest and transparent about our DEI journey and to continuing to learn and improve.*

## Envision Your Club's Future a new support opportunity for commitment, growth, and success

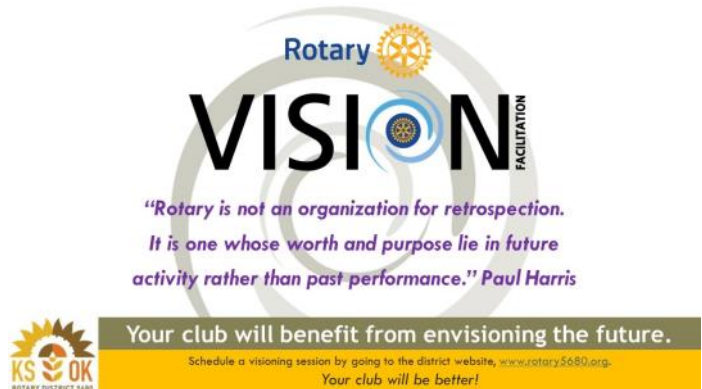
Bill Hybels says, ***"Vision is a picture of the future that produces passion"***.

Does your club need a boost in energy, direction, and commitment? Well, there is a way to create the passion to increase energy, develop a clearer direction, and broaden your commitment to doing good in your community and around the world.

It is a **CLUB VISIONING** session.

A team of dedicated Rotarians are ready to help your club see the vision that you want for your club over the next 3 – 5 years. Any club, any size, any location within the district can (and should) take part in this Visioning opportunity. It takes only three to four hours and is designed to get broad representation and input of your club's membership.

To talk more about the process and how your club can be part of this new support service, contact PDG Fred Heismeyer ([fredheismeyeriii@gmail.com](mailto:fredheismeyeriii@gmail.com)) or reach out to your Area/Assistant Governor.



**Rotary VISION FACILITATION**

*"Rotary is not an organization for retrospection. It is one whose worth and purpose lie in future activity rather than past performance." Paul Harris*

**Your club will benefit from envisioning the future.**

Schedule a visioning session by going to the district website, [www.rotary5680.org](http://www.rotary5680.org).  
Your club will be better!



# Visioning Trainers



**"Vision with action can change the world."**

By J.A. Baker

## SERVING TO BETTER CLUBS

***"Our vision is only actionable if we share it. Without sharing it's just a figment of our imagination."*** This quote by the well-known Simon Sinek gives us the answer why a group of 14 dedicated Rotarians spent eight hours learning the facilitation process of club visioning. Our district leadership believes strongly in knowing where we are going, setting SMARTER goals, having regular, achievable benchmarks, and of course having committed volunteers to ensure Rotary continues to focus on doing good.

Using the Rotary Action Plan as a foundation, these 14 facilitators learned how clubs can identify the positive impact they want to have. The outcomes from club visioning include better representation from all demographics of the community, engaging or re-engaging Rotarians and service partners in its program of service, and being adaptable and flexible to meeting the needs of the community.

A special thanks to the 14 district Rotarians for their dedication and willingness to add another club support service

to our district. These Rotarians include DG Ivanhoe Love, DGE Gloria Homeier, DGN Jeff Horlacher, PDG Kurt Harper, District Learning Facilitator Arlen Honts, RLI facilitator Criquet Cole, AG Mike Brack, AG Isaac McNary, DEI Chair Thea Howard, PDG Andrea Krauss, E Wichita Rotarian Joyce Heismeyer, Salina Rotarian Jenell Hulse, PDG Fred Heismeyer. A special thank you goes out to Rotarians and Visioning Training Facilitators Nick Rackers and Erik Janeczko for traveling to our district to conduct this training.

If we are going to succeed in living up to RI's Vision Statement, **"Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."**, we will need to think and act differently. This team of Rotarians believe club visioning will help us succeed as IMAGINE what our clubs can be to CREATE HOPE in the world.



## Rotary's Action Plan



Learn how Rotary's Action Plan can help your club increase its impact, expand its reach, better engage its members, and keep adapting to a changing world.

Our research shows that clubs that develop and follow a strategic plan are stronger than clubs that don't. Their members are more satisfied and view their clubs and Rotary more positively.

Learn more in the [Rotary's Action Plan and You](#) course.

Email [learn@rotary.org](mailto:learn@rotary.org) with questions.

## Interact—West Wichita Club Report

**West Wichita Interact Club** ended this school year at the last April Meeting on April 18th. Here's a report of the club's success in 2022-23, provided by *Randy Bowles*, Interact sponsor of the club.

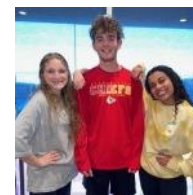


- Started the year with 1 student.
- Had 30 guest students and 20 that became regular members attending multiple meetings or attending service projects.
- 3 students received scholarships from the club of \$1,000 each
- 5 students attended other Rotary Club meetings outside of Interact

- Students participated in 12 different serving opportunities: Grocery deliveries, Bookshelves, Park Clean up, City wide meal packing event, Food Drives for Paxton Blessing boxes, and multiple Map paintings.

All together the group of 20 students had 418 hours of community service to Rotary Projects, meetings, and events.

The club has already started planning for next school year starting in September of 2023.

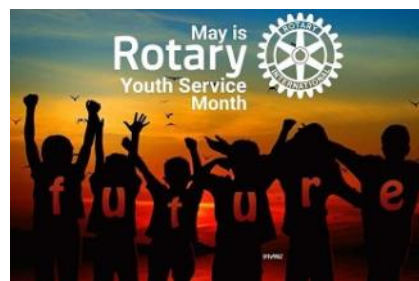


## May is Youth Service Month

May is Rotary's Youth Service Month. Our Youth Service Avenue of Service recognizes just how important it is to empower youth and young professionals through leadership development programs such as [Interact](#). In 2022, nearly half a million Interactors embodied Service Above Self by taking on projects that supported their schools and communities.

To honor their efforts, we invite Interact clubs to submit a video, photos, or an essay that showcases their projects for the opportunity to receive funds for their next project through the Interact Awards. The winners of the [2022 Interact Awards](#) were selected for their efforts to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in their service projects,

their club, and their community. Support Interactors by sharing the [Interact Handbook: A Guide for Interactors](#) or by connecting them with [Rotary Youth Leadership Awards \(RYLA\)](#) and [Rotary Youth Exchange](#).



## Upcoming Events—Let's Have Fun!

### ROTARY NIGHT AT THE WIND SURGE BALLGAME

**June 1, 2023**

"Thirsty Thursday—\$2 draft beer  
(lower concession prices than last year!)

Gates Open 6:00— 7:05 First Pitch by  
DG Invanhoe Love, Jr.

Wear your Rotary Shirts! We'll be in  
Sections 16 & 17

Area clubs have received registration information!  
Clubs attending will be recognized at the game.



**Rotary Club Andover:** We are  
back for our 3rd year! Mark  
your calendars: **May 23, 2023**  
at Terradyne Country Club.

[Learn more and register here.](#)

**ROTARY CLUB OF ULYSSES**

# GOLF

## TOURNAMENT

### 2023

Proceeds support scholarships for UHS graduates  
Lunch Provided 4 Person Scramble – Shot gun start

*Canva*

Bentwood Golf Course, Ulysses KS

AT	3rd June 2023	TEAM
9AM	SATURDAY	\$200

**REGISTRATION :** Bentwood Golf Course or Call Margaret at 620-353-9200

**JUNE 10, 2023**  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

## Hot Wheels FOR HOT MEALS CAR SHOW

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO "FEED A HUNGRY CHILD" PROGRAM FOR DERBY SCHOOLS

*Smoke on the Plains*  
GRASS ROOTS & MUSIC TEST

**Location:** High Park, Derby, KS  
Access Park through Madison Avenue Entrance  
ALL MAKES AND MODELS WELCOME (James Street entrance will be closed)

**PRE-REGISTRATION BY JUNE 1ST**  
SUGGESTED DONATION: \$20.00

DAY OF EVENT: SUGGESTED DONATION: \$25.00

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Itinerary for full day  
of events to be  
announced

PRIZES  
TROPHIES  
50/50 DRAWINGS

### ROTARY NIGHT AT THE CROWN UPTOWN THEATER *Dream Girls*

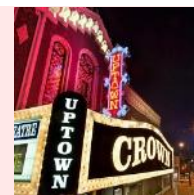
**September 9, 2023**

Join us for this Tony award-winning  
musical (Motown groups)

Doors Open 6:30; Dinner until show starts 8:00

Buy tickets now <https://www.crown-arts.org/>

For questions contact DeAnn Sullivan at  
316-841-0652 or [deann.sullivan@att.net](mailto:deann.sullivan@att.net).



## More Upcoming Events

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

**May 30 - June 3, 2023**  
**RYLA Camp**  
Southwestern College, Winfield  
[Register here](#)

**June 1, 2023**  
**Rotary Night at Wind Surge Game**  
Wichita, KS

**October 19-22, 2023 (Date change)**  
**Zones 25b-29 Zone Institute**  
Chicago, IL

**November 3-5, 2023 (Date change)**  
**District 5680 Conference**  
Russell, KS



# Club News from around the District

**Rotary Club Kinsley:** We were honored when our D5680 Rotary Foundation Chair, Donna Meier Pfeifer presented an additional Paul Harris Fellowship to longtime Rotarian Al Frame. Pictured L-R: Mike Padgham, Kinsley Secretary/Treasurer, Donna, Al Frame and Mark Frame.



**Rotary Club W Wichita:** We delivered Easter Dinners to several families whose children attend our two sponsored schools.



**Rotary Club Colby:** Our club and Farmers & Merchants Bank sponsored a community-wide Shred Day at the end of April.



**Rotary Club E Wichita:** Our newest club project is a partnership with Scheels, a new sporting goods store, to provide new playground equipment at Urban Preparatory Academy (UPA). Scheels is helping us "buy better" and "stretch" our donations. A District Grant and member donations will fund the project.



Help us build our playground.

**Rotary Club Phillipsburg:** Our club has supported Hospice for years and we were proud to donate \$1,000 to them at the annual Hospice Auction.



**Rotary Club Russell:** Our Interact Club provided a spaghetti dinner for first responders. They are providing acts of kindness to demonstrate Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self."



**Rotary Club Wichita DT:** Club members and Interactors from our 4 clubs, as well as Randy Bowles (W Wichita) joined together to repaint the map at Ortiz Elementary. What a FUN project and look at the difference it made!



**Rotary Club Phillipsburg:** We assembled and donated 2,000 meals to our local Food Pantry in March. The shelf-stable macaroni and cheese meals were selected to be family-friendly and put together by 16 Rotary members one Saturday morning.



**Rotary Club :E Wichita** Club members worked in Harrison Park trimming trees, picking up trash, and cleaning parking lots in preparation for the Easter Egg Hunt hosted by the city.



**Rotary Club Pratt:** Our members served dinner to the current class of Circles Out of Poverty twice in April. Many Rotarians assisted in the preparation of food for both evenings.



Lots more club news is on our District Facebook page!  
[Click here.](#)

## Grahamstown, S Africa Update

In the April, 2023 issue of our newsletter, we included a detailed report of the large grant our district co-sponsored with other districts and the RC Jackson Hole, Wyoming. That \$400,000 grant was the largest Global Grant approved to date by The Rotary Foundation. [Read that story here](#) and go to page 4.

The clubs in Grahamstown have created a video and it is located at: (<http://www.rotaryclubofgrahamstown.co.za/>)

This video is worth your few minutes. It truly shows the power of Rotarians being People of Action and Changing Lives.



## Did You Miss This?

### Reconciling Truth & Fairness

As Rotary members, we're encouraged to apply [The Four-Way Test](#) to everything we think, say, or do. And yet many Rotarians fixate on just the first part of the test – "Is it the TRUTH?" – and stop there. It's easy to see why. Truth is an absolute. But fairness, as embodied in the second part – "Is it FAIR to all concerned?" – is not.

In society today, the goal seems to be to win at all costs. Individuals sometimes seek to skew the truth to achieve an outcome "fair" to them but not necessarily fair to all concerned. Some people feel that if they win, it IS fair, but if they lose, it's NOT. They'll play fast and loose with the truth to achieve the result they deem "fair." Which begs the question, "Which is more important – truth or fairness?"

Read more: <https://blog.rotary.org/2023/01/11/reconciling-truth-and-fairness/#more-14191>

## JUST ASK

**Leadership in Rotary comes in many forms!** Rotarians become club leaders, holding formal officer positions or serving as a project coordinator. There are leadership positions at the district level which focus on supporting club development and success. Rotary has other positions at the zone, region, and international levels as well. There is certainly no shortage of ways to serve our fellow Rotarians, our community, and the world through leadership in Rotary.

Most Rotarians will say there is no better way to see the impact Rotary has than to work outside the club. Joining other clubs in service and fellowship, visiting other club meetings inside and outside our district, and of course volunteering to serve fellow Rotarians are but a few ways to be a witness to Rotary's impact.



**District 5680 has several opportunities for serving, and YOU are the Rotarian who should step up and volunteer.**

These include serving on a district-wide committee, helping with a specific task or project, being a champion for a

specific cause, or working with clubs to be more successful. If you are interested, please don't wait to be asked, **VOLUNTEER!** Just contact one of the district leaders and share your interest. The district directory, found on our website, has contact information for district leaders and a list of district committees.

Some examples of D5680 Rotarians who are continuing their leadership beyond the club/district level include PDG Rod Kreie serving on the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Rotary Action Group leadership team, PDG Robert Mendoza who is ending a three-year term as Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, Geri Appel who is actively involved in the Rotary Global History Fellowship, and PDG Andrea Krauss who currently sits on the RI Strategic Planning Committee. These, and others within our district, work tirelessly for Rotary to support its efforts and spread the good work we do. Joining these Rotarians is the newly appointed Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, PDG Fred Heismeyer. He will be working to bring the Foundation story to Rotarians across four districts and supporting the work of District Foundation Chairs, including D5680's Donna Meier-Pfeifer.

**Leadership opportunities are plentiful in Rotary.** The only barrier to your becoming more involved at the club, district, zone, regional or international levels is your willingness to step up and ask for an opportunity.

**SO PLEASE JUST ASK!**





## District 5680 Membership Report As Of April 30, 2023

Club	7/1/2022	4/30/2023	NET GAIN
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2022-2023
Abilene	53	53	0
Andover	26	27	1
Arkansas City	54	63	9
Atwood	21	23	2
Beaver	13	17	4
Beloit	39	38	(1)
Boise City	20	20	0
Cimarron	23	20	(3)
Clay Center	58	61	3
Colby	47	52	5
Concordia	30	30	0
Derby	56	55	(1)
Dodge City	36	40	4
Downs	10	10	0
East Wichita	69	74	5
E-Club	15	15	0
El Dorado	29	32	3
Ellinwood	18	18	0
Ellis	11	10	(1)
Garden City	34	26	(8)
Goodland	19	19	0
Great Bend	36	27	(9)
Guymon	25	29	4
Hays	68	62	(6)
Hays Sunrise	15	9	(6)
Hill City	9	9	0
Howard	13	11	(2)
Hoxie	19	17	(2)
Hugoton	14	15	1
Hutchinson	88	92	4
Johnson	10	10	0
Kingman	21	19	(2)
Kinsley	5	5	0
Liberal	36	41	5
Lyons	21	24	3
McPherson	30	24	(6)
Ness City	23	23	0
Newton	63	59	(4)
Norton	11	11	0
Oberlin	28	30	2
Osborne	10	10	0
Phillipsburg	48	32	(16)
Pratt	60	63	3
Russell	40	37	(3)
Salina	109	104	(5)
Sharon Springs	6	5	(1)
Sterling	18	23	5
Sublette	17	21	4
Syracuse	16	16	0
Texhoma	12	12	0
Ulysses	22	23	1
Washington	32	30	(2)
Wellington	7	7	0
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	42	39	(3)
West Wichita	62	59	(3)
Wichita-Downtown	373	370	(3)
Wichita-Old Town	10	9	(1)
Winfield	70	63	(7)
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2170</b>	<b>2143</b>	<b>(27)</b>



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Jennifer Jones

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

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