

# District 5680 News

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### Rotary Foundation Month:



November is recognized as Rotary Foundation Month, a time to reflect on the impact of the Rotary Foundation and its commitment to service. Established in 1917, the Rotary Foundation is the charitable arm of Rotary International. Its primary mission is to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

The foundation funds various projects globally, including efforts in disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, education, and economic development. One of its most notable programs is PolioPlus, launched in 1985, which has played a crucial role in the near-eradication of polio worldwide.

During Rotary Foundation Month, clubs are encouraged to promote awareness of the foundation's work, engage in fundraising activities, and inspire members to contribute to the foundation's mission. The month serves as a reminder of the importance of giving and the positive change that can result from community and global support.

Rotary's commitment to "Service Above Self" is exemplified through the foundation's efforts, making a significant impact on communities around the world.

## **Deb Minkler**

### **District Governor, Rotary District 5680**

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### **Video Message from District Governor Deb Minkler**

Please watch this important video announcement from District Governor Deb. [DG Deb's message for our membership/clubs](#)

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### **Share Your Voice: Shape Our Future!**

Your insights are vital to making Rotary even better! Both your Rotary club and District 5680 want your honest feedback on your day-to-day experiences and the district.

This survey is your chance to highlight what's working and where we can improve. Your input will directly guide the future of your club and our district.

**Ready to make a difference? Click the link below.**

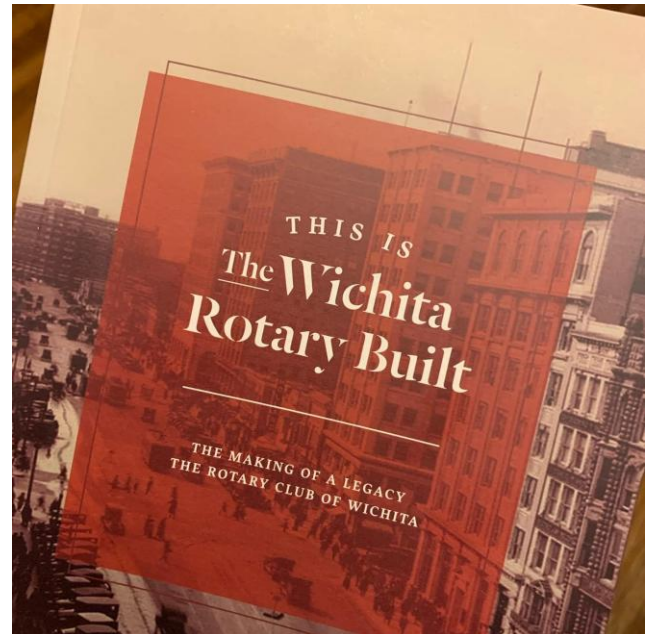
Thank you for helping us build a stronger Rotary!

Satisfaction survey: [Satisfaction Survey](#)

The logo features the words "UNITE FOR GOOD" in a bold, white, sans-serif font, stacked vertically. The text is centered on a green rectangular background that has a subtle gradient from a darker green at the top to a lighter green at the bottom.

## Club News from District 5680

Did you know the **Rotary Club of Wichita** was founded 110 years ago today...  
Did you know that the **Rotary Club of Wichita** is one of the largest Rotary Club's in the world...  
Did you know that the **Rotary Club of Wichita** is why Wichita became known globally as the Air Capital of the World...  
Did you know that the **Rotary Club of Wichita** donates over 30,000 books each school year to USD 259...  
Did you know most of Wichita's pivotal moments were due to the **Rotary Club of Wichita**...



I thought this was the perfect picture portraying Jett Johnson! Jett and Mrs. Pakkebier presented! This kid is never without a smile and has grown up so much! He did an INCREDIBLE job speaking and will go so far in life! Proud of you Jett and thanks to you and Mrs. K for sharing what PTV does, with **Rotary Club of Phillipsburg!**





Big thanks to fellow Rotarian, Rita Linnens, for delivering 'sudsy bags' full of laundry supplies to the counselors at Black Traditional Elementary. Helping families wash away a little of life's stress—one load at a time! [Sunrise Rotary Club of West Sedgwick County](#)

Despite the wind, clouds and threatening thunder and lightning in the distance...the [Rotary Club of Norton](#) got our last Hwy Clean Up of the year done. We want to give a HUGE shout out to EVERYONE that visits the Prairie Dog State Park. Thank you for keeping our State Park clean and making sure your trash is disposed of properly. Trash was minimum this time thanks to YOU!!



What a great time at our club social at the new Mega Pines mini golf course in Andover. [#MEGA PINES](#) Mini Golf [Rotary Club of Andover](#)



The Rotary Club of West Wichita has partnered with the [Redler Institute of Culinary Arts](#) to create the Michael Phipps Memorial Scholarship, honoring a



beloved leader in the local hospitality industry. At the inaugural presentation, three Butler students — Thien Doan, Alexis Osborne and Sarah Rouch — were awarded scholarships recognizing their passion for hospitality and dedication to carrying on Michael's legacy.



Members of the [Rotary Club of Derby, KS](#) teamed up with [Derby High School Air Force JROTC](#) cadets to paint a large map of the United States on the blacktop at Oaklawn Elementary. We're grateful for the Rotary Club's ongoing dedication to this project, bringing fun and learning together year after year.







The Rotary Club of West Wichita is honored to share that longtime Rotarian Robert (Bob) Goebel has taken a heartfelt step to support our mission well into the future. Bob has created the Robert L. & Rosalie Goebel West Wichita Rotary Club Fund through the Wichita Foundation — a designated fund that will provide consistent support to our Rotary Club of West Wichita for the next 25 years.

He has been involved in our work for nearly 4 decades, dating back to our first food drive in 1987. He hopes this fund will “ease the burden of raising the funds to do these programs,” allowing us to focus more on service and impact. Thank you, Bob and Rosalie, for your dedication and vision. May your gift inspire others to consider how they, too, can leave a lasting impact in Wichita.







# we need volunteers

FOR THE FOOLLOWING COMMITTEES

- Membership
- Action Plan/Strategic Planning
- Polio Plus

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We encourage all to step up and lead with purpose and inspire others to follow. Your leadership can light the path for those around you.

## DISTRICT 5680 GOVERNOR CLUB VISITS 2025-2026

|                                   |              |              |           |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| Abilene                           | Video        | Noon         | Friday    |
| Andover                           | Video        | Noon         | Thursday  |
| Arkansas City                     | Video        | 11:45 a.m.   | Monday    |
| Atwood                            | June 13      | 6:00 p.m.    | Friday    |
| Beaver, Oklahoma                  | Video        | Noon         | Thursday  |
| Beloit                            | Video        | Noon         | Tuesday   |
| Boise City, Oklahoma              | Video        | Noon         | Wednesday |
| Cimarron                          | Video        | Noon         | Tuesday   |
| Clay Center                       | Video        | Noon         | Thursday  |
| Colby                             | August 19    | Noon         | Tuesday   |
| Concordia                         | September 11 | Noon         | Thursday  |
| Derby                             | Video        | Noon         | Friday    |
| Dodge City                        | September 22 | Noon         | Monday    |
| Downs                             | Video        | Noon         | Tuesday   |
| East Wichita                      | Video        | Noon         | Wednesday |
| El Dorado                         | Video        | Noon         | Wednesday |
| Ellinwood                         | Video        | Noon         | Tuesday   |
| Ellis                             | October 22   | Noon         | Wednesday |
| Garden City                       | September 24 | Noon         | Wednesday |
| Goodland                          | August 20    | MT 9:00 a.m. | Wednesday |
| Great Bend                        | August 11    | Noon         | Monday    |
| Guymon, Oklahoma                  | Video        | Noon         | Wednesday |
| Haskell County (Sublette)         | Video        | Noon         | Wednesday |
| Hays                              | September 15 | Noon         | Monday    |
| Hays Sunrise                      | TBD          | Noon         | Wednesday |
| Heart of America E-Club – evening | Video        | Noon         | Sunday    |
| Hill City                         | December 9   | Noon         | Tuesday   |
| Howard                            | Video        | 6:30 p.m.    | Wednesday |
| Hugoton                           | Video        | Noon         | Thursday  |
| Hutchinson                        | Video        | 11:45        | Monday    |
| Kingman                           | November 18  | Noon         | Tuesday   |
| Kinsley                           | Video        | 6:00 p.m.    | Monday    |

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### 2025-2026

|                                        |              |            |           |
|----------------------------------------|--------------|------------|-----------|
| Liberal                                | Video        | Noon       | Tuesday   |
| Lyons                                  | Video        | Noon       | Tuesday   |
| McPherson                              | Video        | Noon       | Tuesday   |
| Ness City                              | Video        | Noon       | Tuesday   |
| Newton                                 | Video        | 5:45 p.m.  | Tuesday   |
| Norton                                 | September 17 | 1 & 3 Noon | Wednesday |
| Oberlin                                | October 14   | Noon       | Tuesday   |
| Osborne                                | Video        | Noon       | Thursday  |
| Phillipsburg                           | September 18 | Noon       | Thursday  |
| Pratt                                  | December 11  | Noon       | Thursday  |
| Russell                                | September 9  | Noon       | Tuesday   |
| Salina                                 | October 6    | Noon       | Monday    |
| Sterling                               | November 17  | Noon       | Monday    |
| Syracuse                               | Video        | MST Noon   | Thursday  |
| Texhoma, Oklahoma                      | Video        | Noon       | Tuesday   |
| Ulysses                                | Video        | Noon       | Tuesday   |
| Washington                             | Video        | Noon       | Monday    |
| West Wichita                           | Video        | Noon       | Tuesday   |
| Wichita – Old Town Wichita             | Video        | 5:30 p.m.  | Monday    |
| Wichita – West Sedgwick County Sunrise | Video        | 7:00 a.m.  | Thursday  |
| Wichita Downtown                       | Video        | Noon       | Monday    |
| Winfield                               | Video        | 11:45 a.m. | Wednesday |

A video DG program was provided to each club in lieu of an in-person DG visit.

**CONFIRMED** VISIT AS OF November 1, 2025.

If your club would like to request an in-person visit, please contact Joyce Heismeyer by e-mailing her at [5680ExecSec@gmail.com](mailto:5680ExecSec@gmail.com)



# LEAD GLOBALLY

Is your club interested in taking part international activities? Where does your passion lie? Promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, growing local economies or protecting the environment? Choose the area of focus and we can help find a global grant to match with your club. Global grants are larger scale projects ranging from \$30,000 to \$400,000. They use a combination of District Designated Funds(DDF) which are funds that members give to the Rotary Foundation that come back to the District and are then allocated for Global Grants that clubs want to participate in. The DDF funds are combined with funds from partnering organizations, cash and direct gifts to fund the projects. There are 2 ways your club can participate-

1. Be an international partner. You would work with a host club in another country to oversee the project, help write the grant and implement the grant. Your participation in the actual implementation of the grant can be designed throughout the grant process with the host club.
2. If number one does not fit your club you can be a Global Grant partner. You can work with host clubs to help fund the grant through DDF funds, club funds or private funds. You can see the project unfold through pictures, zoom or personal visits.

The link below is a link of Global Grants that is looking for Global Grant partner's.

<https://www.rotarygrants.org/global/>

Participating in a Rotary Global Grant offers clubs an opportunity to create lasting, high-impact change in communities around the world. It helps build relationships with Rotarians around the world and develop an understanding of diverse cultures and circumstances. Participating in a Global Grant enhances a club's reputation locally and internationally. It energizes members, attracts new volunteers and donors and demonstrates Rotary's commitment to Service Above Self on a Global Scale. Most of all it is an opportunity for members to see firsthand how Rotary transforms lives.

I would love to speak with your club about Global Grants or to offer guidance if you would just like to move forward on a Global Grant.



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## District 5680 Membership Report As Of October 31, 2025

| Club                      | 7/1/2025   | 10/31/2025 | NET<br>GAIN   |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
|                           | MEMBERSHIP | MEMBERSHIP | 2025-<br>2026 |
| Abilene                   | 53         | 51         | (2)           |
| Andover                   | 18         | 20         | 2             |
| Arkansas City             | 68         | 63         | (5)           |
| Atwood                    | 24         | 24         | 0             |
| Beaver                    | 16         | 16         | 0             |
| Beloit                    | 30         | 30         | 0             |
| Boise City                | 22         | 23         | 1             |
| Cimarron                  | 17         | 17         | 0             |
| Clay Center               | 64         | 62         | (2)           |
| Colby                     | 35         | 35         | 0             |
| Concordia                 | 26         | 26         | 0             |
| Derby                     | 55         | 56         | 1             |
| Dodge City                | 30         | 31         | 1             |
| Downs                     | 7          | 7          | 0             |
| East Wichita              | 67         | 65         | (2)           |
| E-Club                    | 16         | 16         | 0             |
| El Dorado                 | 31         | 29         | (2)           |
| Ellinwood                 | 13         | 14         | 1             |
| Ellis                     | 10         | 10         | 0             |
| Garden City               | 22         | 21         | (1)           |
| Goodland                  | 13         | 13         | 0             |
| Great Bend                | 28         | 28         | 0             |
| Guymon                    | 23         | 24         | 1             |
| Haskell County (Sublette) | 16         | 16         | 0             |
| Hays                      | 52         | 53         | 1             |
| Hays Sunrise              | 12         | 12         | 0             |
| Hill City                 | 7          | 7          | 0             |
| Howard                    | 10         | 10         | 0             |
| Hugoton                   | 13         | 13         | 0             |



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|                          |             |             |          |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| Hutchinson               | 86          | 87          | 1        |
| Kingman                  | 21          | 21          | 0        |
| Kinsley                  | 5           | 5           | 0        |
| Liberal                  | 32          | 32          | 0        |
| Lyons                    | 21          | 20          | (1)      |
| McPherson                | 27          | 26          | (1)      |
| Ness City                | 21          | 22          | 1        |
| Newton                   | 55          | 60          | 5        |
| Norton                   | 11          | 11          | 0        |
| Oberlin                  | 29          | 29          | 0        |
| Osborne                  | 9           | 10          | 1        |
| Phillipsburg             | 44          | 40          | (4)      |
| Pratt                    | 72          | 72          | 0        |
| Russell                  | 39          | 37          | (2)      |
| Salina                   | 96          | 93          | (3)      |
| Sterling                 | 13          | 12          | (1)      |
| Syracuse                 | 18          | 16          | (2)      |
| Texhoma                  | 8           | 9           | 1        |
| Ulysses                  | 16          | 20          | 4        |
| Washington               | 31          | 31          | 0        |
| West Sedgwick Co Sunrise | 36          | 36          | 0        |
| West Wichita             | 70          | 72          | 2        |
| Wichita-Downtown         | 347         | 361         | 14       |
| Wichita-Old Town         | 8           | 9           | 1        |
| Winfield                 | 60          | 57          | (3)      |
| <b>TOTALS</b>            | <b>1973</b> | <b>1980</b> | <b>7</b> |



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**WORLD  
POLIO DAY  
24 OCTOBER**



If you were not at the District Conference at Hays, look over the special edition of the newsletter with lots of photos and information on what you missed. Join us next year in Manhattan!



## End Polio Now

### The Facts



1

Polio mainly affects children under age 5.

2

There is no cure, but polio is preventable with a vaccine.

3

Only two countries remain endemic.

4

We've reduced cases by 99.9% since 1988.

5

Until we end polio forever, every child is at risk.

[Donate now to end polio](#)

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