

District 5680 News

Latest News and Bulletin Updates

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Rotary's Disease Prevention and Treatment Month:



December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month in Rotary International, a time when Rotarians focus on improving health, preventing illness, and expanding access to medical care around the world.

In District 5680, our clubs are making a real impact through service projects and grants that support clean water and sanitation, medical care, immunizations, and health education. From global grants that provide water filtration systems and medical equipment to local projects that support clinics, screenings, and community wellness, Rotarians are helping create healthier communities—locally and globally.

Through service above self, District 5680 continues to fight disease, improve lives, and build hope for a healthier future.

Deb Minkler -

District Governor 2025-2026

Rotary District 5680

Atwood, KS Club



Club News from District 5680

Rotary Club of Guymon has been busy the last couple months. Labeling, sorting, and delivering dictionaries to all 3rd graders in Texas County.



They also held another successful bingo night. Along with serving cookies at Home for the Holidays opening night.



A few Sunrise Rotarians from the [Sunrise Rotary Club of West Sedgwick County](#) spent time reading to 3rd graders at Black Elementary! It's always rewarding to connect with students and support learning in our community.



Pratt High School Students of the Month Emmersyn Haskett and Caleb Robbins. Introduced by Superintendent Tony Helfrich, each student shared about their activities, college, and career aspirations. [Rotary Club of Pratt](#)



Pratt Community College student Owen Schmidt was also a special guest at the [Rotary Club of Pratt](#), as he was a 2025-2026 Rotary scholarship recipient. A graduate of Pratt High School, he is pursuing an engineering degree and plays baseball for the Beavers.

[Rotary Club of Garden City](#) is honored to have the opportunity to continue appreciating our local first responders here in Garden City and Finney County through our annual First Responder Chili Feed. They relentlessly exhibit Service Above Self in keeping our communities safe. Our thanks go out to them as well as Garden City Community College and Great Western Dining for providing the space and the delicious food.



Mike Padgham is the Secretary Treasurer for the [Rotary Club of Kinsley](#). He works with the schools to have the teachers' names, the student's name and the students' best friend.



SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

Thanks to **Randy Bowles** for coordinating the project and to all who rang bells for the **Rotary Club of West Wichita**: Rick Oglesby, Randy Bowles, Dana Brewer, Bruce

Pearson, Vern Klassen, Brian Goudie, John Mosley, Ed Frey & BJ Wells, Ann Welborn, Christy Barnett, Allan Sands, Joey Timmer and Satellite members: Peggy Bing, Paula Uttinger, Julie Butler, Paige Koeppen.



Rotary of Arkansas City has been busy delivering dictionaries to area third graders! We are thankful for all the teachers and families who help mold these children into tomorrow's leaders.



The **Interact Club of Russell** packed 91 boxes this evening at the food pantry for this years Christmas Boxes. Our local food pantry will give out boxes to 185 families this Christmas season!



The [Rotary Club of Pratt](#) celebrated the holiday season and held this week's meeting at the Pratt County Historical Museum. The museum is beautifully decorated for the season, featuring 47 Christmas trees, a giant red sleigh decked out with all the holiday trimmings, and many other special decorations. The meal was catered by P & S Creations.



End of Year Update Nguku Library Construction

Dear District 5680,

As we approach the end of the year, we want to express our gratitude for your incredible support in bringing the Nguku Library to life. With an **initial donation from Pennywise**, we successfully laid the foundation in June, setting the groundwork for walling and roofing.

As you showed up for **Nairobi Night** in September, the **Nguku Community pitched in 700 construction stones and lumber**. We received generous support from you and the Rotary Kansas District 5680, which **raised \$8,644.95, of which we used \$7,980 to purchase building materials, hire a local contractor, and harvest donated trees for lumber**. As a result, we employed about 30 workers, boosting our community's economy and ownership of the project.

With your continued support, we are hopeful and excited to **complete this project in 2026**. Thank you again for joining us on this journey.

We wish you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Warm regards,

J. Oginga and the Pennywise Team





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.

🌟 Save the Date: President-Elect Learning Session (PELS)

March 26-28, 2026 • Hyatt Regency Wichita

Get ready for one of the most energizing weekends of your Rotary year! PELS is coming—and you'll want your whole leadership line there to dream big, plan boldly, and build your 3-year action plan *together*.

💡 What to Expect:

- Fun, engaging conversations with club leaders from across **District 5710 and District 5680**
- Dynamic speakers who'll help you see the *big picture* of Rotary
- Fresh ideas for boosting your club's **public image**, engagement, and community visibility
- Creative strategies to **grow and retain membership**
- Plenty of chances to connect, collaborate, and spark new ideas with fellow Rotarians

📌 A Helpful Reminder:

Each club already pays for **one attendee** through district dues—so make sure your President-Elect (and ideally your full leadership line!) takes advantage of this invaluable training.

📅 Registration opens soon—mark your calendars now!



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	February 5	Noon	Thursday
Beloit	February 9	Noon	Tuesday
Boise City, Oklahoma	February 4	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	November 20	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

DISTRICT 5680 GOVERNOR CLUB VISITS**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	Video	Noon	Thursday
Russell	September 9	Noon	Tuesday
Salina	October 6	Noon	Monday
Sterling	Video	Noon	Monday
Syracuse	Video	MST Noon	Thursday
Texhoma, Oklahoma	February 3	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 will be provided to each club in lieu of an in-person DG visit.

CONFIRMED VISIT AS OF, December 31, 2025.

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

District 5680 Membership Report As of December 31, 2025

Club	7/1/2025	12/31/2025	NET GAIN
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2025- 2026
Abilene	53	49	(4)
Andover	18	20	2
Arkansas City	68	62	(6)
Atwood	24	24	0
Beaver	16	16	0
Beloit	30	30	0
Boise City	22	23	1
Cimarron	17	17	0
Clay Center	64	61	(3)
Colby	35	35	0
Concordia	26	26	0
Derby	55	55	0
Dodge City	30	31	1
Downs	7	0	(7)
East Wichita	67	61	(6)
E-Club	16	16	0
El Dorado	31	30	(1)
Ellinwood	13	14	1
Ellis	10	9	(1)
Garden City	22	21	(1)
Goodland	13	14	1
Great Bend	28	27	(1)
Guymon	23	24	1
Haskell County (Sublette)	16	17	1
Hays	52	53	1
Hays Sunrise	12	8	(4)
Hill City	7	9	2



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Howard	10	10	0
Hugoton	13	11	(2)
Hutchinson	86	85	(1)
Kingman	21	21	0
Kinsley	5	5	0
Liberal	32	30	(2)
Lyons	21	19	(2)
McPherson	27	26	(1)
Ness City	21	22	1
Newton	55	58	3
Norton	11	8	(3)
Oberlin	29	29	0
Osborne	9	9	0
Phillipsburg	44	38	(6)
Pratt	72	68	(4)
Russell	39	34	(5)
Salina	96	90	(6)
Sterling	13	12	(1)
Syracuse	18	16	(2)
Texhoma	8	9	1
Ulysses	16	18	2
Washington	31	31	0
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	36	38	2
West Wichita	70	78	8
Wichita-Downtown	347	361	14
Wichita-Old Town	8	10	2
Winfield	60	57	(3)
TOTALS	1973	1945	(28)



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To All District 5680 Clubs: It's time for all Clubs to report to the District your President-Elect for the 2026-2027 Rotary year. The PE should plan to attend PELS.

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End Polio Now

Poliomyelitis is a highly infectious disease that most commonly affects children under the age of 5.

Most know it as poliovirus. The virus is spread person to person, typically through contaminated water. It can attack the nervous system, and in some instances, lead to paralysis. Although there is no cure, there is a safe and effective vaccine – one which Rotary and our partners use to immunize over 2.5 billion children worldwide.



In November 2025, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative:

- Vaccinated more than 42 million children, during mass vaccination campaigns in 6 countries, using approximately 50 million doses of various polio vaccines
- Investigated more than 4,700 AFP cases in 71 countries
- Investigated more than 700 environmental samples from 55 countries

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 to End Polio Now](#)