



District 5690 News



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Message from District Governor

David Yoder



Dear 5690 Rotarians,

Friends

They say time flies when you're having fun, and that has proven so true this Rotary year. Hard to believe almost two months have already passed in my year as District Governor. Actually, I need to correct that statement. As I have been telling everyone within earshot, this is not MY year. It is OUR year. We are a team in this District, and a teamwork mentality must begin at the 'top' if we are to actually become a team. And after having the wonderful opportunity to visit 17 clubs in the past six weeks, I truly believe we have established a sense of teamwork between our clubs and our District. My mission this year is to bring the clubs and District closer together, to make the District viable and relevant to the clubs again. And I think we are moving along well in that direction.

In order to maintain a close relationship of mutual respect and assistance, we have to do what friends do: Stay in touch, communicate, and be there for each other. That means we walk a two-way street, the communication flows both



ways. As I have been emphasizing at my visits to your clubs, and if you haven't heard it because I haven't made it to your club yet, you will soon, the District is here to serve you and your needs. We are very serious about this. We have assembled an outstanding group of District officers and chairpersons who are really champing at the bit to roll up their sleeves and come out to your club and assist in any way they can.

But we aren't going to sweep in and tell you how to run your club or try to change anything you don't want to do. We are here to help you accomplish YOUR goals, to help you improve in the areas you choose. That's what friends do. We just need to know from you what we can do to help. Only you really know what your club needs, what you want and realistically can accomplish, and what you can do within your community. Tell us how we can help. Or if you aren't sure about what we can do, then call us and we'll talk. That's what friends do.

I have been honored to be able to visit your club and get to know you all a

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sept. 15-20, 2015
Zone Institute
San Antonio, TX

Mar. 31-Apr. 2, 2016
PETS
Manhattan, KS

May 28—June 1 2016
Rotary Intl. Convention
Seoul Korea

Oct. 2-3, 2015
District Conference
Newton, KS

April 29-30, 2016
District Training Assembly
Greensburg, KS

Message from District Governor David Yoder (cont'd)

bit better. Meeting up again with good friends I have already made during my years in Rotary has been exciting. Perhaps even better than seeing old friends is making so many new ones. I want to expand and nurture these new friendships, and that means staying in touch and communicating about our mutual wants and needs for the betterment of Rotary and the communities we

serve.

After all, that's what friends do.

David Yoder

District Governor 2015-16

Rotary Club of Newton



August is Membership Month

August is Membership & New Club Development Month which means it's time to celebrate your Rotary club, your members, and the good you do in your community and around the world.

Make the Most of Your Membership. Here's How:

1. Learn more about [Rotary Global Rewards](#), a new member benefit program that offers discounts on products and services – travel, hotels, car rentals, dining, and entertainment. Visit the [Member Center](#).
2. Identify a need in your community and work with your club to design a hands-on project that addresses it.
3. Learn how to [apply for a grant](#) to implement a project.
4. Know a young leader? Tell him or her about Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), and Rotary Youth Exchange.
5. Explore other clubs. Did you know that you're welcome to attend any club's meeting, anywhere in the world? Use the [Club Finder](#) tool or download the Club Locator app to find a meeting when you travel.
6. Try a new role. Clubs need leaders. Take the first step and ask where your club needs help.
7. Attend the next Rotary International Convention in Seoul, Korea. Enjoy inspiring talks from global leaders, celebrities, and activists. Meet members from around the world. It's the ultimate way to understand the scope of Rotary. [Register today](#).
8. Be part of history and help eradicate polio. [Find out how to support PolioPlus and join the movement to end polio](#).
9. Use the resources in the [Rotary Brand Center](#) to help you communicate, inspire, and collaborate.
10. Meet other members who share your interests and passions through a Rotary Fellowship or Rotarian Action Group. There are about 70 groups, catering to everyone from cooking enthusiasts to water and sanitation project experts.
11. Connect on social media. Rotary has official pages on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), LinkedIn, [Instagram](#), [Pinterest](#), Flickr, and more. [Join the conversation](#).
12. Support The Rotary Foundation. Contributions provide millions of dollars in grants that support our humanitarian service around the world. [Learn more](#).



PDGs Geri Appel and Sue Pearce joined the Rotaract Club of Wichita at their "Saturday Social" to share Geri and Sue's Rotary experiences and knowledge.

Editor's Note: Try having an orientation-style meeting on a Saturday night at 7:30 pm in an Old Town bar and restaurant—with a band. Rotary and Rotaract are SO much fun!





COLLABORATION AND YOUR CLUB

factor Meeting the needs of our communities means addressing the problems that face our society. Rotary is in a wonderful position to make a lasting positive impact if we take the time to meet the challenges of our communities. For us to do this, we need to think differently and act differently. As Albert Einstein said "You can't solve problems with the same thinking that created them."

So, Rotarians, we need:



Different thinking requiring different people working together in different ways.

New members will help bring in different thinking, different people and different ways; however, that is only the start.

We need to embrace the concept of **Collaborative Problem Solving**. How do we do this? We do this by being intentional in our planning, execution and evaluation of projects, programs and meetings. A good starting point for all of our leaders is to use the seven steps to collaborative problem solving as outlined by Morry Patoka.

Step 1: **Define Your Intentions** - Set the bar high

Step 2: **Expose the Problem** – Break it down and prioritize by the things you can impact

Step 3: **Build the Right Team** – Identify people who contribute knowledge, insights and ideas

Step 4: **Inspire New Thinking** – Give your team permission to be creative

Step 5: **Evaluate Ideas** – Use agreed upon criteria to prioritize ideas for development

Step 6: **Take Action** – Create an action plan that holds individuals and club accountable

Step 7: **Get Smarter** – Embed the experience in our club's culture



*Column submitted by Fred Heismeyer,
District 5690 Trainer*



Old Town Wichita club has changed its meeting location!

New meeting location is **Joe's Old Town Bar & Grill**, 222 N. Washington Ave.

Meeting time is Monday, 5:30—6:30 pm

The club thinks the new space will be really good for them—and all their visitors—with room to move around. It also gets the club back into the Old Town area and their meeting is smack in the middle of happy hour!



Larned Changes its Meeting Time

PLEASE NOTE: The **Rotary Club of Larned** has changed its meeting time to **7:00 a.m.** (from 6:00 pm). Meeting place is the same: Pawnee Valley Community Hospital.

*Send your club news to newsletter editor
Geri Appel at appelg@kenlerman.com*

District awards are partially based on your contributions to this newsletter.

Time does not allow searching the web or Facebook for news about your club.

You must send news and photos via email or newsletter. Thanks!

Polio Facts & Figures*

<u>Area</u>	# of cases <u>YTD</u> <u>2015</u>	# of cases <u>YTD</u> <u>2014*</u>
Afghanistan	7	8
India	0	0
Nigeria	1	20
Pakistan	29	124
Non-endemic countries	9	17
Total Worldwide	46	169

*Data as of **12 August 2015** / World Health Organization
Go to www.polioeradication.org/Dataandmonitoring/Poliothisweek.aspx for more information

Be A Gift to the World through vocational service

RI President K.R. Ravindran encourages us to use our gifts — talents, knowledge, abilities, and efforts — to make a significant impact through fellowship and service activities. Through vocational service, we champion high ethical standards in the workplace, use our professional expertise to serve others, and improve local and international communities. Here are just a few ideas for activities your clubs can undertake:

- Host a business networking event with non-Rotarian professionals in your community.

- Offer career counseling for unemployed or underemployed adults.
- Mentor youth with career guidance.
- Recognize local businesses for high ethical standards.
- Apply your professional skills to a project.

Review the humanitarian service goals to learn how your vocational service projects can help your club qualify for the [2015-16 Presidential Citation](#).

Source: Rotary July 2015 Vocational Service newsletter

Will YOU be at the Kansas State Fair Rotary Booth?

District 5690 will again be partnering with D5670 (to our north) again this year to have a Rotary booth at the upcoming Kansas State Fair. Last year was the first year for this activity and it was a great success!

Currently available slots are on Sept. 17 and Sept 20 from 9-12 noon; 1-4pm and 4-8pm: The booth will include a Shelter Box and an Iron Lung, . This is great fun and we hope to see many of you there!

Thanks go to RC Hutchinson Rotarians Dave Thomas and Dianne Blick for coordinating the booth for D5690. Contact Dianne at 620-960-6503 or dianneblick@gmail.com. if you can volunteer at the Kansas State Fair!



Youth Exchange News



Jessie Conner (sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Newton**) recently returned from her full year exchange in D3520 Taiwan. Jessie spoke at many Rotary Clubs and at their District Conference. She presented one of the flags she brought back to our Newton Club president, **Tom Williams**, recently.



Kurt Bookout and **Rotary Club of El Dorado** president **Jay Moorman** welcome **Tessa Saehlbrandt**, a Rotary Youth Exchange Student from Germany to her first El Dorado Rotary meeting. Tessa will be attending El Dorado High School and will be living with Kurt and Kacy Bookout.



Juana Peraita, a Rotary Youth Exchange Student from Spain was welcomed at the airport by **Rotary Club Winfield** Rotarian **Lucy Herlocker Freeman** (left), and her nieces, as well as Rotarian **Theresa McCoy**, Juana's first host-mom. Lucy will also be a host mom to Juana later in the school year. Juana will attend Winfield High School.

Teo Soler Cruz (2nd from left) a Rotary Youth Exchange Student from France was welcomed at the airport by **Rotary Club of Newton** Rotarians **Frank Stucky** (2nd from right left), and Teo's first host parents **Nora and Michael Kelting** (on the each end). **PDG/Youth Exchange District Chair Rod Kreie** also met Teo. Frank Stucky, who speaks French, will be Teo's Counselor during his stay in Newton.



Did You Know?



Australian accountant **Ian H.S. Riseley**, a member of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria, was selected by the Nominating Committee and will become the president-nominee on 1 October if there are no challenges from other candidates. Riseley has been a member since 1978, and has served Rotary as treasurer, director, trustee, RI Board Executive Committee member, task force member, committee member and chair, and district governor.

Updated "Lead Your Club" series now online

Are you preparing for a year as a club leader? Check out the new Lead Your Club series, which includes vital information about the role and responsibilities of the club [president](#), [secretary](#), [treasurer](#), and recommended [committees](#).

An update: Club and district leaders can now delegate access to their My Rotary accounts

Here's a change so new it didn't make it into the new Lead Your Club series: If you're going on vacation or just need help keeping up with online reporting, you can now delegate access to your My Rotary account to a member of your club or district. That person can fulfill online responsibilities on your behalf for however long you need to grant him or her access. Learn how the process works in the handy [quick guide](#).

Learn today by clicking this link: <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/learning-reference>

The Elephant in Rotary's Living Room

In my travels as a newly fielded district governor, I've run into a misperception that several clubs have told me is getting in the way of membership growth.

The elephant in the room? **ATTENDANCE**

Let's step back. Several years ago, Rotary's Council on Legislation declared that almost ANY legitimate Rotary activity qualifies as a make-up. This includes not only attending another club's meeting, but also a committee meeting or board meeting, working on a project (some clubs say for at least one or two hours), etc. "Etc." means anything that can reasonably be called a Rotary service activity. Now, of course to get "credit" for a make-up, the member has to report that qualifying activity to the club secretary. Most clubs use a sign-in sheet at a committee meeting or project and then forward the whole list to the secretary.

Measuring Engagement

Why did the Council do that? Because the point of tracking attendance is not to make people come to meetings. When measured this way, it's a measure of engagement — a key performance indicator of how your Rotary club is doing at involving members in Rotary activities. Believe me, we have the data to prove that when a member isn't engaged and involved in the club, it's a short trip to a resignation letter. Look at your members' attendance percentages. Those at the bottom of the list are thinking about

resigning. What can you do to get them engaged, involved, and — hopefully — passionate about something the club is doing?

More importantly, tracking engagement (attendance is a surrogate) is an important way of ensuring that members get the return on their Rotary investment that they deserve. Members who don't show up for club activities aren't getting the benefit of Rotary, and if we can identify those folks early, we can intervene and get them involved in something they're interested in.

Participation versus Attendance

So, let's not only treat attendance as a key performance indicator for engagement but let's explain it the same way to prospects. Rather than, "You have to attend four meetings a month," say, "We expect you to participate in some Rotary activity four times a month — you pick the activity that works for you, and you pick the time." I think that's a whole different message, and actually what we're attempting to promote and measure.

It's not about making people come to meetings. It's about offering them a platform where they, in their own ways and based on their own preferences, can *Be a Gift to the World*.

From "Rotary Voices," August 13, 2015

Club News from around the District

Rotary Club Old Town: Our 2015-16 President **Kirstin Awe** "awed" the audience in her State of the Club Address with past president **John Brewer** (right) and president-elect **Will Pyles** (left) supporting her upcoming term in office.



Rotary Club E. Wichita: Four more of our scholarship recipients were introduced by **Celeste Balog**. **Marquita Huerta** (North High) and **Ocean Swartz** (Derby High) received our George Fahnestock scholarship and will attend Wichita State. **Drew Scanlon** (Goddard High) is at WSU and **Aleeya Hubbard** (North High) will attend KU.

Rotary Club Old Town: We've changed our meeting format to now include a **Rotary Tidbit!** Members are asked to share their tidbits from reading the Rotarian, surfing rotary.org or one of the Rotary newsletters they are subscribed to. Members will vote on the best tidbit and the member will win bragging rights for a week!

Rotary Club Hutchinson: Our club was able to tour Woodwork Manufacturing & Supply in Hutchinson where we got an inside look into both the operations and history of the company. (Sounds like a Fireside Meeting!) Rotarian **Jay Schrock** worked his way up from an entry-level position to President of the company.



Rotary Club W Wichita: We plan to paint 11 playground maps this year. Club members and W. Wichita Interact Club members and friends helped paint a map at Benton Elementary on July 18. Kan-

sas Rainbow Girls provided volunteers to help us do the map at Clark Davidson Elementary in Goddard and on August 1 Interactors again assisted painting a map at All Saints Catholic School.



Rotary Club W. Sedgwick Co. Sunrise & W. Wichita: Our outgoing RITE teachers have returned and spoke to our clubs. Epifana (Epi) Luna (Irving Elementary), Shaylin King (Colvin Elementary), and Barbara Barrios (Wichita Special Ed Para) spent 4 weeks in Panama working in 3 different locations there. Our clubs sent along with them teacher's supplies, children's books and teaching resources to use and share with Panamanian teachers.



Rotary Club Kinsley: Our club members continue to work at the Palace Theatre where we have done many renovation projects.



Kinsley-Offierle Elementary



Lewis Elementary Map

We also painted two playground maps with the kit provided by DeAnn Sullivan and the W. Wichita club at two schools, despite the heat. The principal and Superintendent expressed appreciation of the project.

Rotary Club Andover: Our club's signature event, "Haus of Brews" happens for the 7th year on September 26. Visit this link or see the flyer on the next page.

<http://us1.campaign-archive1.com/?u=1ceafaec74d2608640a4d3f0&id=816ca8eea6&e=dacd85dc5d>

Rotary Club Newton: At two meetings in July we pass the hat for purchasing "back to school" items that stock the shelves in the Salvation Army Service Center in Newton. Our annual picnic will be Sept. 15 at the Old Mill Plaza.

Rotary Club Old Town: We will set and serve an ice cream sundae bar for the families at St. Anthony's Family Shelter again this week. This is a fun project for our club!



Rotary Club E. Wichita: We received thanks for our grant to the Dear Neighbor program which helps those in the Hilltop community, a poor and high-crime area of the city. Our

Rotary Foundation News

Africa Polio-Free for one year—August 11 marked one full year without a single case of polio in Africa. Africa's last case occurred in Somalia on Aug. 11, 2014. When Africa goes 3 years without a case of polio, WHO will certify the region as polio free.

A Simple Way to Make a Legacy Gift—Life Insurance can be a great way to make a generous gift to charity. Many people have policies that are no longer needed to provide for loved ones. They may not think of these policies as assets available for charitable giving. What could be simpler than naming The Rotary Foundation as the beneficiary of an insurance policy? Consider turning an unneeded policy into a gift that helps secure the future of The Rotary Foundation.

Rotary has a Gift Acceptance Policy that covers insurance gifts. Here is a summary for your quick and easy reference:

- Anyone can name The Rotary Foundation as the beneficiary of any life insurance policy, at any age, for any amount. The gift might not qualify for recognition or tax benefits, but the proceeds will ultimately support the many important activities of the Foundation, such as clean water or peace studies.
- To be recognized as a **Benefactor** or **Bequest Society** membership a person can name The Rotary Foundation as a primary beneficiary of an insurance policy other than a term life policy. Due to the short-term nature of term policies and the uncertainty of contingencies, Rotary does not provide Benefactor or Bequest Society recognition for term or contingent policies.
- Rotary can accept ownership of an insurance policy if The Rotary Foundation is named as sole beneficiary and the insured is within 15 years of actuarially calculated life expectancy. The Trustees set this policy based upon a cost-benefit analysis, taking into account the cost of administration and other reporting requirements. If approved and otherwise qualified, the donor is recognized with **Major Donor** recognition and may receive some tax benefits.
- TRF does not actively promote the purchase of new insurance policies for the purpose of making a gift to Rotary, however, TRF staff are available anytime to discuss the donor's objectives.

More Club News

grant to Ember Hope was also recognized for helping the 6,500 kids in foster care.

Rotary Club E. Wichita: Three more scholarship winners visited our club: **Vy Lam** (Wichita West) studies at Wichita State; **Yadira Chavez** will be a junior at Kansas University; and **Stanley Assimonye** is a senior at KU and has been a recipient all four years.

Rotary Club Wichita: We will have a Red Cross Blood drive at our meeting location Sept. 14-15.

THE 7th ANNUAL
HAUS OF BREWS
 PRESENTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF ANDOVER

@ TREESCAPES
1202 N. Andover Road • 7:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.

Enjoy an evening with friends sampling a unique selection of international beer and food alongside live music! All event proceeds benefit local community service projects.

EARLY-BIRD ADMISSION { \$25 } Buy E-Ticket Now

Discount available only until Friday, September 11. Tickets \$30 at the door the night of the event.

PRESENTING SPONSOR: **Meritrust** CREDIT UNION...
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MUSIC SPONSOR: **State Farm** Tony Durano, Agent
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT as of July 31, 2015				
	7/1/2015	7/31/2015	NET GAIN	Goal
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2015-2016	
Andover	23	23	0	
Arkansas City	61	61	0	75
Beaver	24	24	0	
Boise City	15	15	0	15
Cimarron	26	26	0	
Derby	65	65	0	
Dodge City	34	34	0	44
East Wichita	122	119	-3	
El Dorado	49	50	1	
Garden City	42	42	0	
Greensburg	11	11	0	
Guymon	27	27	0	
Hugoton	22	22	0	
Hutchinson	120	120	0	
Johnson	16	15	-1	20
Kingman	32	32	0	37
Kinsley	14	14	0	
Larned	19	19	0	
Liberal	44	44	0	47
Newton	53	53	0	62
Pratt	60	62	2	
Sublette	14	14	0	
Syracuse	15	15	0	
Texhoma	19	19	0	
Ulysses	38	38	0	42
Wellington	19	19	0	
W. Sedgwick Co	44	45	1	
West Wichita	63	64	1	70
Wichita-DT	384	382	-2	425
Wichita-Old Town	13	13	0	
Winfield	88	88	0	
TOTALS	1576	1575	-1	

Thank you for submitting your membership goal! Others not reported (yet).

MEMBERSHIP REPORT as of June 30, 2015					
	7/1/2014	6/30/2015	NET GAIN	Goal	YTD
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2014-15		to Goal
Andover	23	22	-1	23	-1
Arkansas City	57	61	4	100	-39
Beaver	18	24	6	18	6
Boise City	14	15	1	15	0
Cimarron	26	26	0	26	0
Derby	68	65	-3	70	-5
Dodge City	38	32	-6	38	-6
East Wichita	125	121	-4	150	-29
El Dorado	49	49	0	52	-3
Garden City	41	41	0	41	0
Greensburg	12	11	-1	20	-9
Guymon	27	27	0	27	0
Hugoton	25	22	-3	26	-4
Hutchinson	123	120	-3	123	-3
Johnson	17	16	-1	17	-1
Kingman	32	32	0	32	0
Kinsley	14	14	0	14	0
Larned	22	19	-3	22	-3
Liberal	46	44	-2	50	-6
Newton	51	53	2	57	-4
Pratt	64	60	-4	64	-4
Sublette	16	14	-2	16	-2
Syracuse	21	15	-6	21	-6
Texhoma	16	19	3	16	3
Ulysses	38	38	0	42	-4
Wellington	19	18	-1	19	-1
W. Sedgwick Co	45	44	-1	45	-1
West Wichita	63	63	0	70	-7
Wichita-DT	390	383	-7	425	-42
Wichita-Old Town	17	13	-4	17	-4
Winfield	84	86	2	87	-1
TOTALS	1601	1567	-34	1743	-176

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2014-2015
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Send your articles and
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Be a gift to the world

2015-2016 RI Theme
K R (Ravi) Ravindran
Sri Lanka

Rotary International
Convention
May 28-June 1, 2016
Seoul Korea



WORK ON!!!!!!!

What Paul Harris
Said

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Newsletter

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District Conference Registration Form

Name: _____
 Name for your badge: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Club Name: _____

Circle all that apply: PDG DG DGN AG
 President President-Elect Secretary Treasurer
 First time attendee Club-member Paul Harris Fellow

Vegetarian Meal? Yes No

The Damage (Or register online www.rotary5690.org)

Full registration # _____ x \$ 100 each
 (After September 20th registration is \$ 115)
 Friday night Only # _____ x \$ 55 each
 Saturday All Day # _____ x \$ 65 each
 Saturday Night Only # _____ x \$ 35 each
 Friday Golf # _____ x \$ 40 each
 Just the Dance # _____ x \$ 10 each
 Total Due \$ _____

Name(s) of Guest(s): _____

Mail Payments to : Rotary District Conference
 PO Box 14
 Newton, KS 67114

Make Checks Payable to: Rotary District Conference

An Invite from DG Yoder

The theme for this years' District Conference is "Be the Ripple." This is my personal invitation to each of you to come and share fellowship as we have our first-ever District 5690 "Spelling Bee," listen to great motivational speakers, be entertained by the classic rock band that played at the last Governor's Ball, and meet other Rotarians like yourself. Golfers will also have a chance to play Sand Creek Station on Friday. I hope you walk away from this conference appreciating the many great things that Rotary does around the world, and that there are many local, regional, national, and international service opportunities for all Rotarians. I will see you in Newton!

Friday Schedule - Golf-morning tee times, Happy Hour starts at 5:00 PM followed by the Foundation Banquet & Spelling Bee

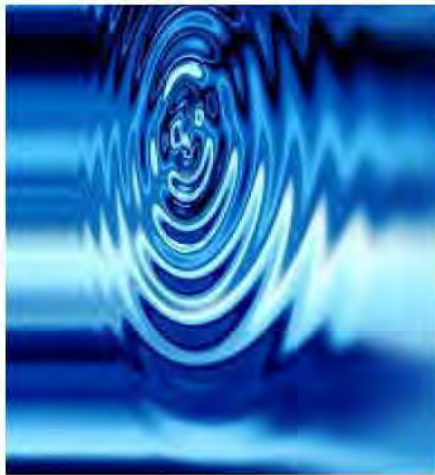
Saturday Schedule - Continental breakfast, followed by Annual business meeting, breakouts, guest speakers, youth exchange, awards & recognitions and other fun stuff. Evening Happy hour starts at 5:30 followed by dinner and dance.

Questions? Call Rod Krete : 316-283-0737
 Kim Manring : 316-772-6836
 Conf. Registrar - Kent Erb: 316-772-6447

We have reserved a block of rooms at a very low rate of \$ 79 per night. Please reserve a room as soon as possible!



ROTARY DISTRICT 5690
 Venue: Meridian Center
 Event Hotel: Holiday Inn Express
 1430 E. Broadway Court, Newton
 Tele: (316) 804-7040



"Be the Ripple"

**ROTARY
 DISTRICT
 5690**

District Conference

October 2-3, 2015

Meridian Center, Newton Kansas



John Smarge

John Smarge comes from Naples, Florida. His passion for Rotary and his humorous delivery have been enjoyed by Rotarians around the world. He will talk about Rotary service and share some of the real life Rotary experiences. For a past RI Director he's pretty cool.



"Spelling Beer" on Friday night

Something new – an old fashioned spelling bee where there's heckling and beer – a great combination. We will have snacks and other beverages too. Who in your club will best represent you? We need a contestant from every club! And they should bring their very own group of hecklers! Immediately following the Foundation Banquet Friday night! Casual dress encouraged – wear your favorite sport team jersey or club shirt!

Please call DG Yoder or one of the District Conference Committee members with the name of your candidate as soon as possible!

Your Conference Lineup

Why should I go to the District Conference? Because I want to learn how to make the world a better place!

Saturday Night – The Exceptions

One of the 3 most popular bands in the state of Kansas, the **Exceptions** have been around for many years and were recently admitted into the Kansas Music hall of fame. They play a little of everything, but they have been known to bring a 70 year old out of their wheelchair when they play their Classic Rock music.

Feel free to invite your friends and potential Rotarians for this and other parts of the conference. A great recruiting tool!

Kansas Barn Sale – Kansas Coliseum

Spouse event – Ranked by Country Living Magazine as one of the top 7 craft shows in the USA. Twenty miles from the event hotel on Saturday) October 3rd from 9:00 to 5:00!

What Else to expect at the conference:

- Meet your Youth Exchange Students
- Learn a little about Rotary
- District Awards & Recognitions
- High focus on fun & fellowship
- Great fun for spouses too

Ron Denham



Ron Denham is a legend in the world of Sanitation and Clean Water. Ron will share his passion for the work Rotary does saving lives by giving the gift of clean water all over the world. A mechanical engineer, Ron was educated in England and spent most of his career in Toronto, Canada. One of the most sought after Rotary speakers, you will know why what we do is so very important as you hear Ron's message.



Richard "Dick" Jones

Dick is our Zone Membership Coordinator and next year DG Yoder will have a major emphasis on membership working on developing a 3-year membership visioning plan for the District.

Dick will lead discussions on membership and share valuable resources that will help us promote membership and member retention in Rotary. You will walk away with new ideas