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Message from

District Governor Ivanhoe Love, Jr.

Season's Greetings Rotarians!

The holiday season is right around the corner and the district leadership team hopes that you and your family are safe and getting into the holiday spirit.

We are halfway through the Rotary year. Thank you for the warm hospitality that has been extended to me during my official visits to fifty-five (55) of the 58 clubs in our district.

It was impressive to see the extent of community involvement that our clubs participate in. Rotarians are making a difference and we all should be proud of the accomplishments that have been made toward improving the quality of life within our communities — addressing education needs of children, confronting environmental concerns, feeding those in need and much more.

Yes, it's a great day to be a Rotarian. Your hard work and committed dedication to Service Above Self is making this holiday season enjoyable for someone other than yourself. We want you to know that we are all in this together.



As we reflect on our past accomplishments, let us imagine the future. Continue to work toward reaching our goals to increase our membership while maintaining current members; embracing diversity, equity, and inclusion; and increasing our contributions to the Rotary Foundation and polio eradication.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all that you do! May your season be filled with warmth, good health, and happiness as we Imagine Rotary together!

Ivanhoe Love, Jr.

2022-2023 District Governor
Rotary D5680



There will be an abbreviated edition of the newsletter in January due to your editor's travel schedule.

Have a wonderful holiday season everyone!

PDG Geri



Rotary



RYLA One-day Camp Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023 RYLA Camp Week - May 30-June 3, 2023



RYLA for 2023 is coming soon!

Last year we held the one-day session again and it was a huge success. So this year we will offer the one day session again plus the full camp at Southwestern College.

The one-day session will be held at the Cosmosphere in Hutchinson, KS on February 25, 2023.

The full session will be held on May 30 to June 3, 2023 at Southwestern College in Winfield. The camp is open to current high school Freshman, Sophomore, or Junior students that your club selects.

Registration and information for each session is available at <https://www.sckans.edu/undergraduate/leadership/rotary-camp/> or at the [district website](#). You may send students to either camp based on your preference and their schedule. Help your students DISCOVER their leadership potential.

If you have questions, please contact Dean Kennedy at 620-212-4107 or dean.kennedy@communitynational.net

Call for District 5680 Governor Nominations for 2025 - 2026

The month of November begins the process for selecting the District 5680 Governor for the 2025-2026 Rotary year. One of the most important things a club can do is to allow the district to benefit from your club's leaders by encouraging them to be a District 5680 leader.

Clubs are invited to submit their suggestions for nomination for Governor of District 5680 for the Rotary Year 2025-2026 (July 1, 2025—June 30, 2026) no later than January 15, 2023. To be eligible for Governor, a candidate must have the qualifications and agree to accept the duties of a Governor as set forth in the 2022 Manual of Procedure (MOP). Earlier this month, DG Ivanhoe Love sent copies of the applicable pages of the MOP as well as other important documents related to the nomination of a district governor to all club presidents via email.

Pertinent dates for the District Governor Nomination process are as follows:

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| November 20 | District Governor invited clubs to submit suggestions to the nominating committee in an official call to all club presidents via email. Candidates submitted will be considered by the nominating committee. |
| Dec / Jan | Additional announcements for District Governor will be published in the December and January issues of the monthly newsletter. |
| January 15 | Deadline for the receipt by either the governor or the nominating committee chair of club nominations of District Governor candidates. |

February 15 Deadline for selection of nominee for governor by the nominating committee. The nominating committee chair will promptly notify all candidates of the decision.

This position is challenging but very rewarding and you are asked to review your member list and consider nominating a candidate. If you have questions, call any committee member.

Send your suggestions to Nominating Committee Chair PDG Fred Heismeyer at 3205 W Bayview St, Wichita, KS 67204, or email him at fred@leadingandteaming.com. You may also send suggestions to Nominations Committee Secretary Rod Kreie.

The Nominating Committee is as follows:

Amy Lash Esau, Wichita Old Town (2025) (Small Clubs)
Paul Monty, Washington (2023) (Medium Clubs)
Kelle Thompson, Winfield (2024) (Large Clubs)
PDG Fred Heismeyer, East Wichita
PDG Dana Brewer, Concordia
PDG Kurt Harper, Wichita (downtown)
PDG Andrea Krauss, Russell
PDG Sterling Hall, Sublette

Committee Secretary - **PDG Rod Kreie**,
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Ukraine Delegates Visit Wichita

Three Ukrainian leaders, participating in the Open World Program, spent November 4-12 in Wichita examining the theme: Administration of Healthcare Facilities. The Ukrainians were hosted by Rotarians from the West, East and Downtown clubs.



While in Wichita, the delegates met with local leaders to share ideas and experience for supporting their work in Ukraine. Their program included visits at the Kansas College of Osteopathic Medicine, University of Kansas Medical School, Starkey, Ascension Via Christi hospitals, Red Cross, the Kansas Health Foundation, Catholic Care Center, Guadalupe Clinic, Interim Home Health and Hospice, Medical Loan Closet, Resthaven Mortuary and with several medical practitioners (chiropractor, pediatrician, podiatrist, family practice, pain medicine, and cardio-thoracic surgeon). Cultural activities are planned for them as well, such as



OPEN WORLD
LEADERSHIP CENTER

dinners with Rotary families, shopping, an evening at Chicken and Pickle, and museums including the new

health exhibit at Exploration Place.

The team from Ukraine presented programs at the Rotary Clubs of West Wichita and East Wichita. They shared their knowledge and first-hand experience of what it's like being in the medical profession at times of war. The visiting delegates were:

Dr. Oksana Lutska, Director, Velikohayiv Outpatient Clinic of General Family Medicine, Ternopil Region

Dr. Oleksandr Fizer, Director, Svaliava City Hospital, Zakarpattia Region

Dr. Iurii Ordynskyi, Medical Director of Surgery, Rivne Regional Clinical Hospital, Rivne Region

Mariya Moskovko, PhD Researcher, Lund University, Sweden, accompanied the delegates as their facilitator

Svitlana Mefford, Translator and Interpreter, Chicago, IL

East Wichita Recap—Ukraine Program

As of November 1, 2022 more than 1,100 healthcare and medical institutions have been damaged or destroyed in Ukraine as a result of the Russian invasion, which began on February 24, 2022. Today's speakers were here as a result of the "Open World" program, which was founded in 1999 by then-Librarian of Congress James Billington. Rotary International receives a grant from Congress to fund the program and reimburse participating clubs for their expenses.



L-R: PDG Fred Heismeyer
Dr. Oksana Lutska
Joyce Heismeyer
Dr. Iurii Ordynskyi;
President Dane Estok
Dr. Oleksandr Fizer
Mariya Moskovko
Svitlana Mefford

Through Open World, Rotary clubs in 280 U.S. cities have hosted nearly 4,000 of the program's more than 29,000 total delegates. The program is geared toward the exchange of knowledge, with accountable government, social and health issues, and special education remaining at the core of the program (*Information courtesy of RI*)

The delegates shared the progress that has been made to restore healthcare and facilities since the Russian invasion. Healthcare facilities were specifically targeted in the invasion. Both patients and medical personnel have been attacked. In addition, hospices and houses for seniors have been destroyed.

As a result, people have moved to the western part of Ukraine, with many of them living on hospital grounds. In

occupied areas of the country, private medical practices have been taken away. Resorts in western Ukraine have been converted to medical resorts.

Another consequence of the invasion is the destruction of the energy infrastructure, which has led to many challenges as medical professionals continue to offer healthcare while protecting their facilities. According to our speakers, medical staff do bear arms to defend their country. Going through the pain

and challenges of this war has united Ukrainians as they fight back.

Our guests expressed gratitude for the assistance that Rotary clubs throughout the world and American citizens have provided. As fellow Rotarians, it is our continuing hope and prayer that peace will be restored soon in Ukraine and that its citizens can once again live in freedom.

Thank you to Deb Brinegar, Ann Corriston, and Ric Wolford for sharing this article from EWR's Rotary Notary.

NOTE: There are 2 video recordings of the presentations. [E Wichita is here](#) (does not include slides; program begins 13 minutes in) and [West Wichita is here](#) (with slides). Slides can be [requested here](#).

Comments from our Open World Program Ukraine Delegates

To fully appreciate the impact of our International Exchange and Visitors Programs, please read this!

Oksana Lutska - "This trip broke my stereotypes about life in the United States and about healthcare in the United States. Everything is much more interesting and nuanced than I imagined"

Oleksandr Fizer - "It is difficult to fit the entire volume of impressions and emotions into a few sentences, but I am going to give it a try anyway: The trip broke my stereotype about how goals may be achieved through actions of one team, rather than at the expense of individual qualities. A leader must be able to create a team, unite it, and listen to different opinions.

Secondly: I am extremely impressed by the openness and sincerity of the Rotarians and their desire to change the world for the better. From now on I will try to follow their principles as much as I can, in my own life"

Yurii Ordynsky - "My initial contact with Rotarians occurred at the beginning of the war in Ukraine: I observed how organized and purposeful the organization of aid for Ukraine can be, how a team of caring people constantly had a great desire to help.

Once I got to the US and met members of Rotary in person I saw with my own eyes how open, organized and purposeful the people are. The meetings in the clubs that we visited were incredible in terms of emotional connection and support.

We had the honor to present our country and highlight the problems that arose in the medical field from the Russian invasion. All meetings ended with great interest and desire to support Ukraine.

I was impressed by the 4 principles of Rotarians (The Four-Way Test), with which every meeting began, and I will definitely use them in my everyday life and work.

Regarding the organization of the meeting program: we are in awe of what we saw, the program is completely

balanced, which gave us an opportunity to understand the organization of healthcare in the USA - from primary care to highly specialized care. Thank you for the warm welcome!"

Maria Moskovko, facilitator - "It was a very special and humbling experience for me to facilitate a delegation of Ukrainian medical professionals at the time of war. I got to witness how eager, excited and motivated they were to learn from each of the meetings, conversations, and site visits. I, together with the delegates, also got to experience great hospitality and support from the members of Rotary International, who were hosting us, as well as the people we met in the local community. The program was very well designed to fit the interests of each of the group members and to immerse the visitors into the different aspects of the healthcare system in the US.

We would like to thank everyone who devoted their time to planning the program and/or meeting with us in person."

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The group enjoyed a day at a Buffalo ranch—and even hand fed some of them!

Upcoming Events

January 15, 2023

Deadline for submitting
2024-25 Governor Nominations

February 25, 2023

RYLA Pop-up (One Day)
Cosmosphere
Hutchinson, KS

March 30-April 1, 2023

PETS
(President-elect Training)
Salina, KS

May 27-31, 2023

Rotary International
Convention
Melbourne, Australia
[Register here](#)

May 30 - June 3, 2023

RYLA Camp
Southwestern College
Winfield, KS

October 20-21, 2023

District 5680 Conference
Russell, KS



Club News from around the District

Interact Club Russell: Russell Interact celebrated Rotary Interact week by spending time with after school elementary students



and helping them make craft projects. Fun times and lots of laughs.



Rotary Club Clay Center: Our Mural Movement project has been going strong for the last 2 years. Both our club and Rotary D5680 are recognized as Da Vinci level contributors on our new bronze plaque-as well as the Rotary logo at the bottom. This project has raised over \$250k in all, and has installed 25 murals. It would not have occurred without Rotary. 5 of 7 'Mural Movement' Committee Members are now Rotarians. A KAKE TV Feature story can be viewed [here](#).



Rotary Club W Wichita:

We held our Annual Soup and Dessert luncheon and raised \$750 for ShelterBox. Ed Frey, the District's ShelterBox committee chair presented the program.



Rotary Club Great Bend:

We were excited to have November's junior Rotarians join our meeting today at the new Tellers 1872 restaurant. In the photo they are joined by our president Khrist Thexton.



Rotary Club W

Wichita: The Open World Team, hosted by our club, gave a moving presentation during their visit here.



Rotary Club Arkansas City:

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



Rotary Club Guymon: We love to see the smiles on those faces! We have been presenting dictionaries to third graders in Guymon. The dictionaries are given out each year to every third grader in Texas County. They are partially funded by Guymon Community Enrichment Foundation with the Guymon Rotarians.



Rotary Club W Wichita: Sharon West, Terry Gardner & Bob Broeckelman presented the November David Weber Extra Effort Awards at Buckner and Lawrence Elementary.



Rotary Club El Dorado: It's that time of year! We delivered dictionaries to all 3rd graders in El Dorado. We absolutely LOVE seeing how excited the kids get when receiving these!!



Rotary Club Andover:

Club members John Porterfield (Service Chair) and Scott Hannon (President) presented \$6,000 to City of Andover Mayor Ronnie Price. The Parks and Recreation department will use the money to replace trees in front of the city hall that were damaged by the tornado.



Rotary Club Pratt: Our members Kelly, Don, A.C., Mike & Ian helped prepare and set up lights in Lemon Park.



Rotary Club Washington: Our Annual Festival of Trees and auction have been a primary focus of our club. Check out our [Facebook](#) page to see some of the great items we had in the auction!

All proceeds from our "Soup Splash" were given to KSDS (Service Dogs).



More Club News

Rotary Club Wichita DT:



We are back in-person reading and giving books to young readers in Title I schools though Reading is Fundamental (RIF), now in its 35th year!



Rotary Club Newton:

We had a Rotary club float in the Newton Lions Club Christmas Parade. President Greg Hansen (aka the Red Baron) built the plane (with a few helpers) and Rtn Amy (aka Snoopy) rode the float. Members rode and tossed candy. The Rotary wheel was lit.



Rotary Club Guymon: The District Rotary Club of the Year traveling trophy spent the last few weeks at the Main Street Guymon office and moved today to the City Managers office. We are so proud of the honor of being named the Club of the Year of such a wonderful District!



Rotary Club E Wichita: The club funded and delivered 85 full Thanksgiving dinners to those in need. 21 Rotarians/family members helped to deliver the meals.



Rotary Club Kinsley: We had fun distributing 3rd grade dictionaries to the Lewis elementary school.



Rotary Club W Wichita:

Our Thanksgiving crew shopped for and delivered groceries for 4 families. The crew consisted of 8 Rotarians, 4 Interact Students and 2 daughters. We do this at Christmas, too.



Rotary Club W Wichita
Our Interact

Club had 12 kids who brought items for Paxton Blessing boxes.



Rotary Club Guymon: Guymon Rotarians helped decorate the Rotary Pavilion at Thompson Park, a part of the Home for the Holidays Light Extravaganza. Thanks to our Rotarians and all the other volunteers that added this to the beautiful light show.



Rotary Club Derby: Derby Rotarians hit the streets to deliver Dictionaries to every 3rd Grader in the USD 260 District.



This is just one of our club's biggest project in giving back to the community and supporting education.



Rotary Club Salina: Our annual service project is with the MLK Jr. Childcare Center. Members collect "bells" and buy gifts for these children. This is our largest community service project of the year and many children only experience the joy of packages to unwrap through this program



Rotary Club Colby: We sponsored meals for the Annual Veteran's Celebration. Our club donated \$900 to sponsor a veteran



We also participated in 2022 Kansas reads to preschoolers. We gave the book "Not a Box" to registered daycares and preschools.



Rotary Club Andover: Congratulations to the RC Andover! The club was the ONLY club in D5680 to win all 3 Rotary Foundation banners for 2021-22. PDG Fred Heismeyer presented the banners to the club at a recent meeting.



Top 3 Annual Per Capita Giving - #2

100% Giving Club - every member contributed to TRF

Sustaining Member Club - every member contributed at least \$100 to TRF

Well done, Andover!

More Club News

Rotary Club Colby: We presented 3rd grade dictionaries to Oakley Public School and St. Joseph's School.



Rotary Club Pratt: In addition to helping set up the lights in Lemon Park, we also helped with the parking other activities for the Christmas in the Park event.



Rotary Club W Wichita: Many of our members rang the Salvation Army Bells, another annual tradition in our club.



We look forward to our Annual Ugly Sweater contest. The winner receives



Rotary Club Newton: Congratulations to Rtn Jasper Eicher (left) who received our club's Service Above Self award, presented by club president Greg Hansen at our annual holiday party!



Rotary Club Washington: The Horse Soldier Monument and 9-11 Memorial dedication was a huge success. DG Ivanhoe Love, Jr. was prominent at the event talking with Rotarians and military.



It was a day-long event highlighted by some of the soldiers in attendance including local hero Mark Nutsch, copters flying overhead, events, and tee-shirt sales. A large attendance, despite the cold weather, enjoyed the unveiling of the monument itself. Our Rotary Horse Soldier Monument committee met every Wednesday for weeks leading to this big event!

Our Club received a wonderful thank you note from several who attended thanking us and saying, "Your Rotary organization is very instrumental to Washington and it is greatly appreciated."



Local Hero Mark Nutsch



It was a great day in Washington, Kansas for the Horse Soldier Monument Dedication



DG Ivanhoe



December is Disease Prevention & Treatment Month



Upcoming District Governor Visits

DATE	CLUB
December 22	Hugoton
January 10	Ness City ++
TBD	Lindsborg ++
TBD	Larned ++

++ Club has NOT confirmed the visit date. If this is your club, please have your 2022-23 President confirm this by responding to jheismeyer@gmail.com

District 5680 Membership Report As Of November 30, 2022

	7/1/2022	11/30/2022	NET GAIN
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2022-2023
Abilene	53	49	(4)
Andover	26	28	2
Arkansas City	54	60	6
Atwood	21	22	1
Beaver	13	13	0
Beloit	39	39	0
Boise City	20	20	0
Cimarron	23	23	0
Clay Center	58	60	2
Colby	47	47	0
Concordia	30	30	0
Derby	56	56	0
Dodge City	36	38	2
Downs	10	10	0
East Wichita	69	75	6
E-Club	15	15	0
El Dorado	29	31	2
Ellinwood	18	18	0
Ellis	11	10	(1)
Garden City	34	31	(3)
Goodland	19	19	0
Great Bend	36	36	0
Guymon	25	28	3
Hays	68	67	(1)
Hays Sunrise	15	15	0
Hill City	9	9	0
Howard	13	11	(2)
Hoxie	19	20	1
Hugoton	14	14	0
Hutchinson	88	86	(2)
Johnson	10	10	0
Kingman	21	21	0
Kinsley	5	5	0
Larned	9	9	0
Liberal	36	36	0
Lindsborg	7	7	0
Lyons	21	24	3
McPherson	30	28	(2)
Ness City	23	23	0
Newton	63	61	(2)
Norton	11	11	0
Oberlin	28	29	1
Osborne	10	10	0
Phillipsburg	48	32	(16)
Pratt	60	60	0
Russell	40	39	(1)
Salina	109	113	4
Sharon Springs	6	5	(1)
Sterling	18	21	3
Sublette	17	20	3
Syracuse	16	16	0
Texhoma	12	12	0
Ulysses	22	22	0
Washington	32	32	0
Wellington	7	7	0
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	42	43	1
West Wichita	62	62	0
Wichita-Downtown	373	374	1
Wichita-Old Town	10	10	0
Winfield	70	66	(4)
TOTALS	2186	2188	2



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2023 RI Convention
May 27-31, 2023
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