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Message from District Governor

Dean Kennedy



Dear Dream Team,

What is Rotary all about? What do Rotarians do? When I joined Rotary over 25 years ago, I heard a lot about meet and eat Rotary Clubs. In fact, we probably had some of those clubs in our District then, but times have changed and so have the Rotary Clubs. I know and you know that Rotary is doing good in your community and world but the question becomes, do non-Rotarians know that and what are we doing to inform them? Rotary joins leaders, shares ideas, and takes action.

This article is going to deal with several of our changes in Rotary that are here or coming. Is your club ready for those changes? How flexible are your membership options? Here are four ways to implement the new options for membership flexibility approved during the 2016 Council on Legislation.

1. Change your meeting schedule—you can change the date and time of your club meeting or have groups that meet at different times and places as long as you meet twice a month.



2. Relax attendance requirements—attendance is important but it can be at a meeting or a project

3. Offer different membership types—Family, Junior, corporate, or partners are just a few and you can think of others.

4. Invite Rotaractors and young professionals to be members of your club.

These changes may require you to update your bylaws but anything is possible if you dream a little. This is the year that we increase membership in District 5690!

Another change this year is in the grants area. Each club will be provided a grant to cover the cost of one student to attend RYLA. All you have to do is recruit the student and get them to RYLA (Rotary/Southwestern Youth Leadership Camp) which will be held May 30 to June 3, 2017 at Southwestern College in Winfield. The theme this year is "Lights, Camera, Action." All the information is located at <http://www.sckans.edu/undergraduate/leadership/rotary-camp/> or there is a link on the district website.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Mar. 23-25, 2017
PETS
Wichita Marriott

June 10-14, 2017
Rotary Intl. Convention
Atlanta, Georgia USA

Oct. 20-21, 2017
District Conference
Derby, KS

May 30-June 3, 2017
RYLA
Winfield, KS

Sept. 14-17, 2017
Zone Institute
Houston, TX



Message from District Governor Dean Kennedy (cont'd)

Another important date for the President-Elects and President-Elect Nominees is March 23-25, 2017 at the Wichita Marriott. This event starts on Thursday evening with a fun event and ends on Saturday at noon. DGE Robert, District Trainer Fred and the PETS committee have a super program that you won't want to miss. It will not be like previous years. It is critical that District 5690 have super attendance. This is the FIRST time that this training has been held in District 5690. The Clubs in District 5690 requested that we have the train-

ing moved and the District Board has done that. Please support this event with 100% attendance from the District 5690 clubs. Register NOW!

Dean Kennedy
District Governor 5690
2016-17
Rotary Club of Winfield



Kurt Harper selected to be District Governor 2019-2020



Kurt A. Harper has been selected to be the District 5690 Governor for 2019-2020 (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020). Kurt is from the Rotary Club of Wichita (aka Wichita Downtown Club) and has been a Rotarian for 21 years. Kurt has held several of the offices in his club and been active at the district level chairing the USA – Russia ICC Committee. His Rotary service has taken him to Russia where he has developed strong relationships both with Russian Rotarians and others. Kurt is a Paul Harris Fellow. He also has served on other area boards including the Wichita Bar Association, Episcopal Social Services and the Wichita Symphony Society.

Kurt lives in Wichita with his wife, Kelly, and has 2 grown children. He is an attorney with Sherwood, Harper, Dakan, Unruh and Pratt, LC.

Register for PETS Now!

2017-18 Club Presidents-elect have been receiving information as they prepare to attend the President-Elect Training Seminar in Wichita on March 24-25. The fun begins Thursday evening, March 23, so plan to arrive then. Training begins promptly at 8:45 a.m. on Friday and concludes at noon Saturday.

Use this link to register for PETS:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07edsc79vyf4a9d6e1&llr=zpax4ohab>

More information on PETS is on the next page of this newsletter and at

<http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50021/SitePage/pets-2017>

NOTE: If your club can provide a door prize for PETS, please contact District Trainer Fred Heismeyer at fred@leadingandteaming.com.

District 5690 Governor Robert Mendoza chairs this multi-district training meeting with Kansas Districts 5670 and 5710. Presidents-elect from all three districts will be in Wichita for training, so make them welcome for the first ever PETS in Wichita.



March 23, 24 and 25

Wichita, Kansas
Marriott Wichita Hotel

PRESIDENT-ELECTS - MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY ENGAGING IN
SERVICE to your Club
FELLOWSHIP with fellow Rotarians
LEARNING more about our organization

All Club President-Elects should be making plans to attend this year's PETS. Each Monday for the past few weeks, you have received a pre-PETS emails providing you resources to prepare you for PETS training and to help you better serve as president of your club. So, if you have not already registered, please do so as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing you at PETS!

Registration details and hotel reservations can be found at:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07edsc79vyf4a9d6e1&llr=zpax4ohab>

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR 2017 PETS

Thursday – March 23

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Registration

6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Evening Adventure (social at Aero Plains – Delano District)

Hosted by Sedgwick County Clubs

Friday – March 24

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Registration

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Breakfast

8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

General Session - Setting the Stage

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Coffee Break

10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Breakout 1 – by club size

11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

District Meetings – session 1

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Lunch - keynote - Kelly Atkinson

1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Breakout 2 – by club size

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

District Meetings – session 2

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Snack Break

3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Breakout 3 – by club size

5:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Dinner - keynote by Joe Dino - Leading by Example

Saturday – March 25

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Breakfast

9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

District Meetings – session 3

11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

General Session/Closing – Public Image keynote by Lilly Wu

Breakout Sessions (by club size) Topics

PLANNING: Get Your Ducks in a Row,

LEADING: Do You Have the Sense of a Goose?,

RYLA—Rotary Youth Leadership Camp Coming SOON!



Some people may define a leader as one who is in charge of a group or activity. However, a true leader is a servant first. Rotary Leadership Camp offers an opportunity to discuss the possibilities and responsibilities of being a servant leader, and highlights what Rotary is doing in different communities!

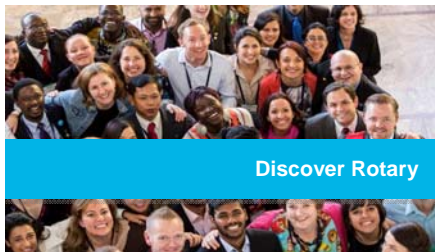


Throughout the camp students will learn about themselves and others, and about motivation and teamwork. The students will discover that he or she cannot be a leader without being a servant first. To find out more information on how you or a high school student you know can be a part of Rotary Leadership Camp go to this link: <http://www.sckans.edu/undergraduate/leadership/rotary-camp/>

Remember that EVERY club in District 5690 will be provided a grant to cover the cost of one student to attend RYLA. All you have to do is recruit the student and get them to RYLA (Rotary/Southwestern Youth Leadership Camp) which will be held **May 30 to June 3, 2017 at Southwestern College in Winfield.**

"Discover Rotary" PowerPoint

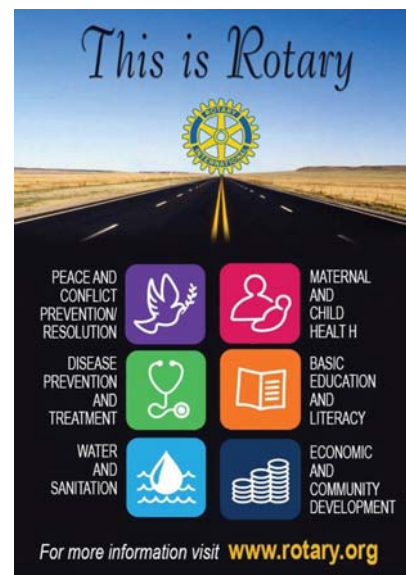
Focus on Membership



Check out this new resource you can use to promote Rotary's values, history, and membership benefits.

Download the [Discover Rotary](#) presentation, available in regional versions, from the [Membership](#) page of [My Rotary](#). Use this PowerPoint at to introduce Rotary to the public, including prospective members.

In Discover Rotary, you can add slides with information and images that reflect your club. Also, you can combine your presentation with your club brochure and a [Prospective Member brochure](#), which is available at Rotary's [shop](#).



For more information visit www.rotary.org

Footprints Not Fingerprints



At a recent Club meeting, I heard a fellow Rotarian say that Rotary should leave footprints not fingerprints. This idea has stayed with me and I pass this along so that we can think about the footprint we make as leaders in our community and the footprint we make through our service above self.

The essence of this idea is that we should always be thinking what long-term, sustainable impact are we having on others through the work that we do. Do we do a “flash-in-the-pan” type of project or are we strategically thinking of how we are bettering lives. How do we do this? We understand the importance of purposeful planning – looking at what is truly a need



and not just an observation of a member. We commit to environmental scanning – the fancy concept of understanding our community, its resources, its culture and its politics. We reach out to others and find strong partners (businesses, non-profits, education, etc.) and work with these partners to develop the responses that will be sustainable and create the most positive impact. Finally, each Rotarian needs to commit to using her/his professional skills in their formal/informal leadership within the club.

We have many great opportunities for Rotarians and Rotary Clubs across District 5690 to leave footprints! Keep on walking forward to a better community.

*Column submitted by Fred Heismeyer,
District 5690 Trainer*

Bill Gates to Keynote RI Convention in Atlanta



Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, will speak at this year's Rotary International Convention June 10-14 in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. The convention is expected to attract

40,000 Rotary club members from over 160 countries, and inject an estimated \$52.3 million into Atlanta's economy.

Often described as a “mini-United Nations”, Rotary's third convention in Atlanta will transform the Georgia World Congress Center into a cultural kaleidoscope as the organization's global network of volunteers gather to exchange ideas on how to improve lives and bring positive, lasting change to communities around the world.

Registrants will engage in workshops and hear from a lineup of world-class speakers, including Bill Gates, co-chair, of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The

Gates Foundation and Rotary International have an ongoing match of 2:1 to support polio eradication efforts up to \$35 million a year. Today in [Bill and Melinda Gates' Annual Letter](#) they reaffirmed the important role Rotary has played in polio eradication.

“Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation have been working together on polio eradication for a long time, and our strong partnership will continue through the final years of the effort,” said Rotary International President John Germ. “With the most effective resources in place, it's possible that we will soon see the last case of polio in history. At the convention, Bill will say more about how we can — and will — end polio.”

Note: Link to letter is https://www.gatesnotes.com/2017-Annual-Letter?WT.mc_id=02_14_2017_02_AL2017_TLK-TLK_&WT.tsrc=TLKTLK

Source: Rotary Weekly, Feb. 17, 2017



Join Fellow Rotarians in Atlanta for the 2017 Rotary Convention and the 100th anniversary of the Rotary Foundation.

Important deadlines

15 December 2016: Last day for early-registration discount (\$340 Rotarians/\$70 Rotaractors)

31 March 2017: Last day for preregistration discount (\$415 Rotarians/\$100 Rotaractors)

14 June 2017: Last day for online registration (\$490 Rotarians/\$130 Rotaractors)

<http://www.riconvention.org/en/atlanta>

Rotary Zone Institute September 14-17, 2017 in Houston

What is a Zone Institute? A Rotary Zone Institute is like a mini international convention, filled with incredible speakers, fellowship, invaluable training, and inspiration.

It's open to **any and all people** interested in engaging current Rotary values and efforts.

Come to be inspired by a wide range of exceptional speakers and trainers from across the world.

Get information directly from the Rotary leaders making a difference in our communities every day.

Ask questions and express your views on the impact and direction of Rotary.

And most importantly, your voice **WILL BE HEARD!** Reporting mechanisms in place at the Rotary Institute funnel your input directly to Rotary International. This is an incredible way to stamp your mark on our world efforts.

But not to worry...it's not all work! There's always time to enjoy the unique flavor of the host city. See below for highlights of the last two institutes.

For more information and to register go to www.rizones21-27.org and click on "Rotary Institute"

District Scholarship Application Selection is underway!

More than 100 applications for the twelve (12) \$1,000 Rotary District Scholarships have been received. The Scholarship Committee is now reviewing and selecting the winners. Scholarships will be awarded March 15. Funds are made available from the 2016-17 District Grant funds through The Rotary Foundation..

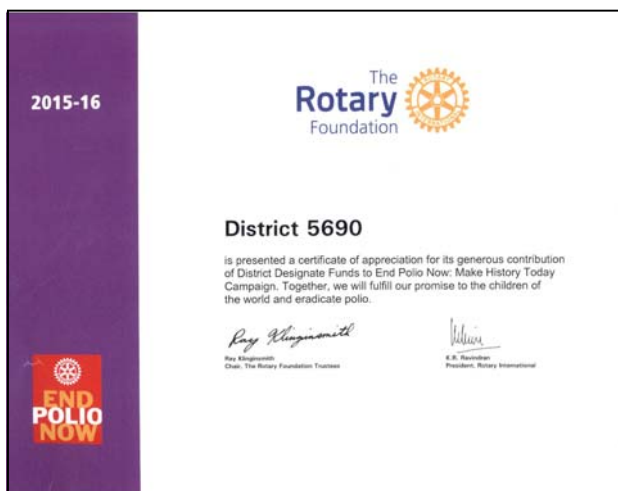
A Future You Can Depend On - The Rotary Foundation

In unsteady times many people will look for security. The Rotary Foundation is celebrating its 100th year of service and provides a proven track record of growth and impact.

In 2016 Rotary was honored for the fourth time in a row with a four-star rating by Charity Navigator, recognized as the "World's Outstanding Foundation" by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, and ranked among the top three worldwide charities by CNBC.

As you, your clients and friends look for a steady partner this year, please remember that Rotary is leading the way as a charity you can trust. Professional staff are available to help with charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, gifts of life insurance, donor advised funds, and other charitable planning.

Source: Rotary Planned Giving Newsletter, February 2017



D5690 Recognized

District 5690 was presented with a special certificate recognizing our district for its generous contribution of District Designated Funds to End Polio Now: Make History Today Campaign.

The certificate was received from Zone 27 Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, Larry Dimmitt (Topeka) who is also our Rotary International Director Nominee for 2018-20. It is signed by 2015-16 Rotary Foundation Chair Ray Klingensmith and Rotary International President K. R. Ravindran.

Thank you, District 5690 Rotarians for your contributions to The Rotary Foundation!

Club News from around the District

Rotary Club Arkansas City: We are celebrating our 100th Anniversary. Come join us!

Saturday, February 25, 2017
Mudbugs Cajun & Zydeco Bank
Contact Sarah Griggs at
sgriggs@pmma.org
or call 620-441-7442



Rotary Club W. Wichita: We handed out bookshelves to 1st graders at Lawrence and Benton Elementary schools.



Rotary Club Andover: One of the great things about service to others is being able to build relationships across the world, and while in Zimbabwe on our clean water project it came to the attention of our club that while our past efforts with sponsoring school desks had gotten every student off of the ground and at a desk at the smaller school of 170 students, the Ruware school with over 600 still had about two thirds of its students sitting on the ground. To help out the Andover Rotary Club donated funds to build desks that would get another 60 students off of the ground.



Rotary Club Sunrise: Dalia Hale received our club's Service Above Self award. She has been a member since Feb. 2007 having served as club president for 2 consecutive terms as well

as on the board and chair of many committees. She is heavily involved with the RITE program making arrangements for the exchanges, setting up and implementing the schedules for both incoming and outgoing RITE teachers and serves as a home host to our international guests. She is on the Friends of the Boundless Playground Committee to help raise funds in the new phase of development of the Playscape. Congratulations, Dalia!

Rotary Club W Wichita:

President Cindy; RITE Coordinators: Shelli Kadel & Dalia Hale; Founder of the RITE project for our two west side Rotary clubs; Armida Hight; and this year's inbound RITE team from Argentina & Panama.



Rotary Club Sunrise: Our club received thank you cards from the Kensler staff and several of our Christmas families expressing their appreciation for the groceries and gifts our club provided for the families at Christmas.



Rotary Club Wichita: Our "Rotary Wraps" project was a tremendous success. In less than a month, cash and clothing donations were received from our members which helped provide coats, scarves, mittens and hats to needy children in 22 local elementary schools. While our club supports these schools through the Reading is Fundamental (RIF) program, this project afforded the opportunity to contribute in a different but critical way. Many heart-felt messages of gratitude from principals, administrators and librarians for our unsolicited concern and community outreach have been received.



Rtn. Chris Zachary presented last month's Extra Effort Awards to these 5th graders.

Rotary Club Sunrise: Club members packed 720 food packages which will feed over 4,300 children at a recent Numana event.

District 5690 Membership Report As Of January 31, 2017

Club	7/1/2016	1/31/2017	NET GAIN
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2016-2017
Andover	27	31	4
Arkansas City	61	54	-7
Beaver	22	22	0
Boise City	18	16	-2
Cimarron	23	22	-1
Derby	61	57	-4
Dodge City	32	35	3
East Wichita	115	104	-11
El Dorado	50	47	-3
Garden City	41	43	2
Guymon	27	27	0
Howard	16	16	0
Hugoton	22	19	-3
Hutchinson	114	112	-2
Johnson	18	16	-2
Kingman	32	32	0
Kinsley	15	15	0
Larned	18	18	0
Liberal	45	46	1
Newton	56	60	4
Pratt	54	59	5
Sublette	14	15	1
Syracuse	15	21	6
Texhoma	19	19	0
Ulysses	36	33	-3
Wellington	20	17	-3
W. Sedgwick Co	43	42	-1
West Wichita	65	61	-4
Wichita-DT	372	384	12
Wichita-Old Town	10	10	0
Winfield	85	90	5
TOTALS	1546	1543	-3

Rotary Releases \$35 million to combat Polio

Rotary has released another \$35 million in grants to support the global effort to end polio. Nearly half of the new funds, \$16.15 million, will support emergency response campaigns in Nigeria and the Lake Chad Basin, where four cases were detected last year after Nigeria had previously gone two years without a case.



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