

District 5680 News

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March – Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month



As we move through March, I want to take a moment to highlight Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month. This is one of Rotary's core areas of focus and something that truly changes lives—because clean water impacts everything from health to education to economic growth.

In District 5680, we have clubs doing great work, and I want to encourage you to share it. If your club has done a project, is working on one, or has supported a global grant, please send in photos and a short write-up. We want to highlight what you are doing and tell your story.

I also challenge each club to think outside the box this month. Is there a way to do a project and invite non-Rotarians to be part of it? This is a great opportunity to not only serve, but to grow membership and get others involved in what Rotary is all about.

Let's keep working toward having every club involved in at least one service project and continue setting those membership goals. What you are doing matters, and it is making a difference both here at home and around the world.

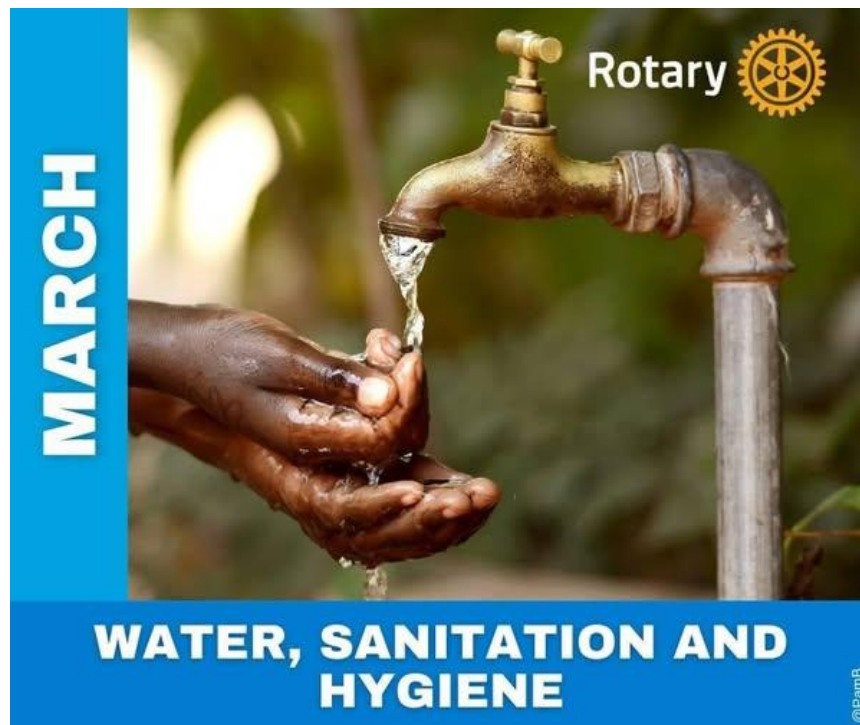
Thank you for all you do.

Deb Minkler -

District Governor 2025-2026

Rotary District 5680

Atwood, KS Club



Club News from District 5680

The [Rotary Club of Salina](#) celebrated the start of [#Rotaract](#) week with a presentation on [#ServiceAboveSelf](#) and the history of Rotaract from John Hendrick. Our club stayed after the meeting and assembled Birthday Cake in a Box kits for Salina Food Bank.



Randy Bowles and 12 Interact students did a great job cleaning up the Sunrise Rotary Playscape. [Rotaract Club of the Rotary Club of West Wichita](#)



Rotaract Club of Salina--What a great week serving our community!
#RotaractWeek



A Great Week with **Rotary Club of Pratt!** We were excited to recognize Skyline High School Students of the Month, Jordan House and Kolton Bishop.



Rotary Club of Pratt featured Brandon Wade, Pratt High School Choral Director, and the very talented Pratt High Singers. Now in his 15th year at PHS, Mr. Wade shared his enthusiasm for music and his belief in the voice as the "premier instrument."



Etta Walker, Rotary Club of Goodland-St Francis loads up to deliver Meals-on-Wheels. Goodland Rotary delivers meals for 4 weeks each year; March and November.

The [Rotary Club of Ness City](#) has been busy for the past month or two. The Partner Night Event raised money for various causes; see the big check photos. The Partner Night was a success, thanks to the three ladies on the committee.



From the District Membership Chair: Growing Rotary-Together

Hello Rotarians,

One of Rotary International's consistent priorities is intentional, sustainable membership growth-and that growth almost always starts with a personal invitation. Clubs don't grow because people stumble upon Rotary; they grow because someone cared enough to ask.

This Month's Membership Focus: Inviting with Purpose

Inviting with purpose means being thoughtful about who we invite and why. It's less about filling seats and more about sharing Rotary with people who are aligned with our values and eager to serve. The most effective invitations come from genuine relationships and clear stories about what Rotary offers.

This month, I encourage clubs to shift from a passive mindset ("people know where to find us") to an active one. Who in your network would benefit from Rotary? Who would add energy, perspective, or skills to your club? When invitations are personal and meaningful, they feel less like recruitment and more like connection.

Rotary's global membership goals remind us that growth happens when clubs empower every member to be an ambassador. You don't need a formal campaign to invite someone-you just need a conversation and the confidence to extend the ask.

If your club would like help creating an invitation strategy or coaching members on how to confidently invite others, I'd be happy to help. You can reach me directly at alana.mcenary@pec1.com.

Thank you for continuing to share Rotary with others and for helping our clubs grow with purpose.

Try This-This Month:

Ask every member to personally invite one person to a Rotary meeting, service project, or social event this month.

Thank you!

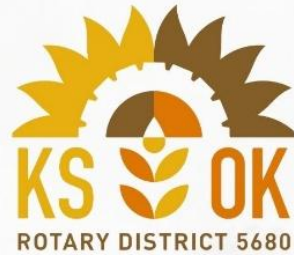
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The poster features the Rotary District 5680 logo at the top, which includes a sunburst and the letters 'KS OK'. Below the logo, the text reads 'ROTARY DISTRICT 5680', 'ROTARY GRADUATE STUDY', 'SCHOLARSHIP', and 'PROGRAM 2026'. A circular inset image shows a young woman with glasses smiling while holding several books. To the left of the image, the text states 'DEADLINE APRIL 17, 2026' and 'PURPOSE -' followed by two bullet points: 'Assist students attain a graduate or undergraduate degree outside their country' and 'An emphasis upon developing international understanding of peace and good will'. At the bottom, there is a dark blue button with the text 'APPLY AT' and the URL 'https://rotary5680.org' below it. The background of the poster is white with blue and yellow curved stripes.



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.





May 26 - May 29, 2026
Southwestern College

Register Today
www.sckans.edu/leadership
Go to service outreach/rotary club



Liberal Fire Relief Fund

Just a quick reminder that donations to the Liberal Fire Relief Fund are due by March 31, 2026. PDG and Liberal Rotary Club member Ivanhoe Love Jr. is asking that all District 5680 Rotarians donate at least \$50. This effort will support the 12 volunteer fire departments that were involved with these wildfires. Money may be sent to D5680 Treasurer Kent Erb at 921 W. 17th St., Newton, KS 67114, using the link or QR code below. Clubs are encouraged to consider making a donation as well. You may remember that the Liberal Rotary Club and District 5680 have each made a \$1,000 donation to support the efforts. Please consider making your donation by March 31st. Thanks for any donation you can make.

<https://square.link/u/uvXBKc3n>

and QR code:

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Meet DG Deb

Do you want to meet our District Governor in person? One of her last in person visits to a Club will be at the Rotary Club of Beloit on April 7th at 12:10 p.m. in the Beloit Municipal Building. Please join her!!

DISCOVER PURPOSE

THROUGH SERVICE



Join us on a Rotary Service Trip to Patanatic, Guatemala. This is a meaningful opportunity to make a real impact while experiencing the culture and community of this beautiful country. Participants will work alongside local Rotary partners and community members on community driven service projects, which include school improvements, clean water initiatives, women and baby preventative health initiatives, and home visits of elderly.

 **15** JULY 2026
THROUGH
 **22** JULY 2026

TRIP DETAILS

- 1 Location**
Patanatic, Guatemala (Lake Atitlan region)
- 2 Dates**
July 15-22, 2026
- 3 Cost**
\$1,559 per person plus Airfare Cost (includes lodging, group meals, in-country transportation, and transportation to/from airport, airfare not included)
- 4 Project Support**
Recommend each participating club donate \$500-\$2000 for project support

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT GLORIA HOMEIER AT 785-483-1139
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Heart of America Rotary E-Club Update

At the last 5680 District Conference, I requested that clubs in the district provide urgently needed children's and prenatal vitamins for malnourished and undernourished children in the Philippines. I must say that the District showed its generosity by providing several hundred bottles of



both types of vitamins worth several thousand dollars! That was Step 1 of the journey. Step 2 involved sending the vitamins (115 lbs.) by ship and overland to the Philippines which took 95 days. The vitamins arrived at their initial destination on February 15, 2026. Our Philippine connection, BigHoop Charities, who works with malnourished children and their mothers, divided the vitamins on the basis of need

and delivered both the vitamins and dehydrated meals to targeted villages. It is interesting to note that ingredients for our dehydrated meals are produced by the



Yours truly, holding two of our precious beneficiaries!



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Outreach Program where our DGE, Isaac McNary, serves their Vice President of International Development.

Daghan Salamat (Thank you) District 5680 Rotarians!

District 5680 Membership Report As of March 31, 2026

Club	7/1/2025	3/31/2026	NET GAIN
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2025-2026
Abilene	53	51	(2)
Andover	18	20	2
Arkansas City	68	61	(7)
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	19	(7)
Derby	55	55	0
Dodge City	30	34	4
East Wichita	67	62	(5)
E-Club	16	17	1
El Dorado	31	30	(1)
Ellinwood	13	13	0
Ellis	10	9	(1)
Garden City	22	19	(3)
Goodland	13	14	1



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Send your articles and club information to:

MARCH 2026 DISTRICT 5680

Great Bend	28	26	(2)
Guymon	23	26	3
Haskell County (Sublette)	16	17	1
Hays	52	50	(2)
Hays Sunrise	12	8	(4)
Hill City	7	9	2
Howard	10	10	0
Hugoton	13	11	(2)
Hutchinson	86	83	(3)
Kingman	21	19	(2)
Kinsley	5	4	(1)
Liberal	32	32	0
Lyons	21	19	(2)
McPherson	27	25	(2)
Ness City	21	22	1
Newton	55	57	2
Norton	11	8	(3)
Oberlin	29	28	(1)
Osborne	9	8	(1)
Phillipsburg	44	37	(7)
Pratt	72	61	(11)
Russell	39	35	(4)
Salina	96	91	(5)
Sterling	13	12	(1)
Syracuse	18	15	(3)
Texhoma	8	9	1
Ulysses	16	18	2
Washington	31	29	(2)
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	36	38	2
West Wichita	70	79	9
Wichita-Downtown	347	356	9
Wichita-Old Town	8	8	0
Winfield	60	58	(2)
TOTALS	1966	1918	(48)

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End Polio 2026 News

2026 is shaping up to be a great year in our efforts to eradicate Polio. There has only been one case of Wild Polio so far in 2026! It is encouraging to see positive momentum and ever-increasing collaboration by the partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI)

This month it has come crashing home to me that I will be taking over as District Governor in just a few short months. I am passionate about the work that Rotary does to End Polio, but I need help! Our district is looking for someone to step up and take on the position of PolioPlus chair. We are here to support, guide, and encourage, but we need a point person to take this on. If you are interested, please email me at isaac@rotarykiltguy.com

Yours in Rotary Service,

Isaac McNary

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