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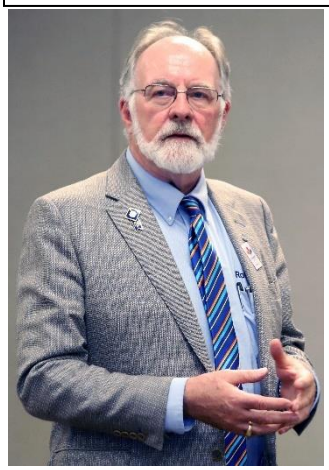
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Jeff Horlacher's Letter



We are one month into our Rotary year, and I am confirming what I suspected: You people of Rotary District 5680 are wonderful! I have been welcomed with so many smiles and warm greetings at each club. I look forward to meeting each of you. I am reminded this is "road construction season" and to be aware. If there is construction in your area, please let me know, and of an alternate route if you know of one. I enjoy traveling Kansas anyway and rode Bike Across Kansas for 20 years. I am getting reacquainted with the state and am looking forward to getting to know the panhandle of Oklahoma as well. Especially when we have had a little rain, the prairies where we

live are beautiful. I prefer the two-lane highways and exploring the hidden treasures of our district.

It is interesting to know Rotary by the numbers. Worldwide we have about 1.4 million members and provide approximately 47 million hours of service annually. If I am doing the math right, that works out to about 2.79 hours per member per month. That's doable. And with the power of working together, we can make a tremendous difference in our district and communities. At this point in time our district has 2020 members – down 84 from last year. So, can we do 2.79 hours of service from each member this next month? That is 5,638.59 hours of service in our district! What an impact that can be. Please, each club set up a spreadsheet, and keep track of our volunteer hours. There will be awards for your service. I would like to achieve a net growth in membership numbers for District 5680 this year. Who have you invited to be a Rotarian? And once they joined the club, how have you helped them to grow into a Rotarian, not just a member who is fun to have lunch with?

I received a very welcome phone call this morning from John Ockenfels. He and Peter Teahen are the two Rotarians from Iowa who flew their Cessna 210 around the world. They will present at our District Conference November 1-2, 2024, about their flight and the need to eradicate polio from the world. Here is the link to an article about them on the Rotary International website:

A flight to fight polio | Rotary International

If you want to look up their plane, the tail number is N732WP.

More details about the district conference will be announced soon. Save the dates: November 1-2, 2024. It will be here in Colby, Kansas at the City Limits Convention Center. I have already saved a block of 100 rooms at the Comfort Inn and Holiday Inn Express.

I have three goals for our District: Each club will build a Little Free Library and establish it in a suitable location. I am working with the Little Free Library organization, and they have offered a 20% discount to our district. The second is for each club to provide a "Birthday party in a sack." These can be distributed to children in need through your local food bank, or other avenues for people in need.

The third is for each club to plant sugar maple trees. I am also working to get those at a discount for a bulk order. I have six of these trees in my front yard, and they are a focus in Colby every autumn.

I agree with President Stephanie Urchick that we need to continue our focus on mental health. Let's not take our attention away from this and extend a caring hand to others with compassion and support.

Jeff Horlacher

District Governor 2024-2025

District 5680

Club News from around the District



Rotary Club of Liberal entered this float in the city Fourth of July parade.

"I'm not crying, you're crying!" Kim Hurtig, **East Wichita Rotary** Executive, shed tears of joy as three of her favorite people surprised her during a "This Is Your Life" presentation thanking her for her years as our Club Executive. Daughter Heidi Anderson, Granddaughter Nora Anderson, and husband Tony Hurtig were there live, with many more friends and family sending recorded surprise messages. Michael Moeder put together the "This Is Your Life" presentation for Kim.





Michael Moeder received the "Rotarian of the Year" award from Darin Kater for his dedication to finding speakers for our meeting and his all-around service to **East Wichita Rotary** club.







Three **East Wichita Rotary** members received "Service Above Self" awards. (L), Anthony Ndungu was recognized for his technical abilities and willingness to help set up audio-visual presentations for our meetings. (Center) Brittany Sweeney served as our club treasurer, keeping track of funds and providing monthly

financial reports. (R) Anne Schneider received an award for writing our club's newsletter, the Rotary Notary, and taking photos. This is her second "Service Above Self" award since joining the club in 2006.





Service was the theme of our last **Sunrise Rotary Club of West Sedgwick County** meeting as we gathered at the Kansas Food Bank to do some sorting and organizing of food products. 15 club members worked with the food bank staff to get the product in the right bins for eventual distribution to needy people throughout Kansas.

Ella Fikan and Hannah Hernandez presented their RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) Camp Experience at the July 9 club meeting. They did a great job and no doubt they will be future community leaders! **Rotary Club of Colby.**





"It was great to have Senator Roger Marshall visit **Rotary Club of Atwood**. Deb DePorter Minkler, Rotary District Governor Elect of 5680, discovered he was a past District Rotary Governor in 2015. He took a picture with her and sent it to her signed. Service above self." It was great to have Senator Roger Marshall visit Atwood.

Rotary Club of Washington hosted District Governor Jeff Horlacher as part of his official club visits. He presented Rotary president Scott a banner from Rotary International. After the meeting, DG Jeff helped the library committee assemble items for the new Tiger Den, kid's area. Both club and **Rotary District 5680** grant funds were used in the remodel.



President Scott & DG Jeff





Washington Rotarians Devon, Denise, Jill & Caitlin

During the first meeting of the new Rotary year, past Club Presidents of the **Rotary Club of West Wichita** participated in their tradition of passing the gavel "through the years" to incoming Club President, Ed Frey. Each past President shared a highlight from their tenure, reflecting on the memorable moments and achievements that defined their year of leadership.



The **Rotary Club of West Wichita** was excited to launch the sponsorship of their new Satellite Club at their July 2nd meeting. The **Rotary Satellite Club of West Wichita** - Service, organized by WW member DeAnn Sullivan, begins with an enthusiastic group of 13 charter members. This new club will hold bi-monthly meetings independently and collaborate with the West Wichita club on various service projects and activities. United by a shared mission, they eagerly anticipate the meaningful impact they will achieve together through their collective efforts, service projects and activities. United by a shared mission, they eagerly anticipate the meaningful impact they will achieve together through their collective efforts.



The Rotary Club of East Wichita and the **East Wichita Rotary Foundation** celebrated its scholarship recipients in July. Rotarians look forward each year to having its scholarship students visit the club and having each talk about their previous year and hearing about their goals for the upcoming year. EWR was able to award 11 scholarships this year and since 2009, the club has awarded over $22,000.00 in scholarships. Students who receive a scholarship must attend a Kansas college or technical school. Scholarships are automatically renewed each year providing the student is demonstrating academic progress and continues to go to school in Kansas.







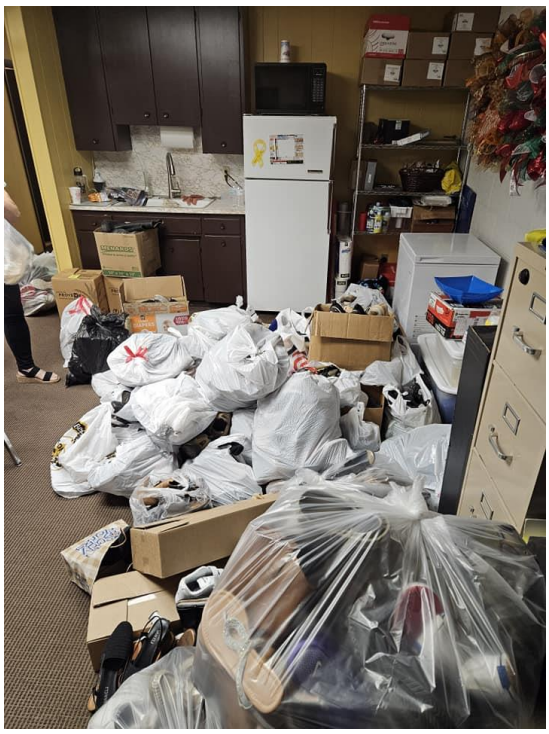
Members from four clubs in the Wichita area hosted a New Generations program participant this past summer. Chloe Cousins, a recent college graduate from France, came to Wichita to learn more about sports marketing and did an internship with the Wichita Wind Surge baseball team. Chloe experienced American baseball from the inside as she learned how the team attracts fans, engages the audience during the game, and celebrates sport victories. Chloe also experienced her summer in Kansas attending local events and festivals, traveling through the Flint Hills, enjoying both a tennis and golf tournament, and even taking a trip to Florida and Ohio.

This picture is all her host families as we had one last time to say good-bye to our friend.



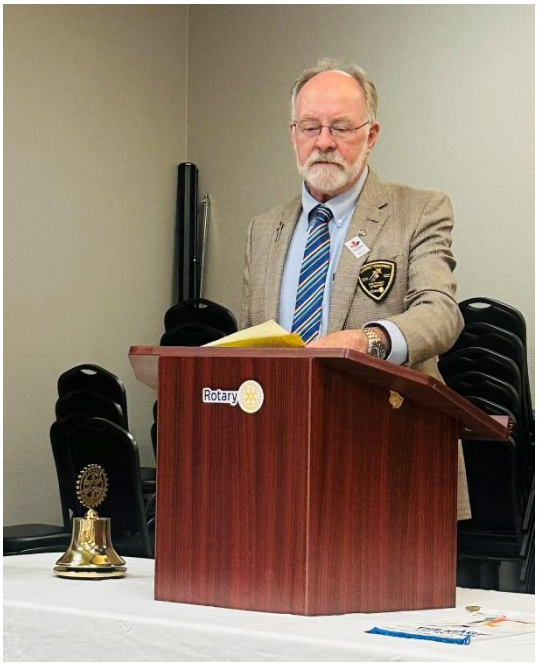
Rotary Club of Norton Shoe drive progress...over 600 pairs of shoes so far!





Rotary Club of Guymon members gave out notebooks at the 2024 Children's Health Fair.





Rotary Club of Great Bend had the opportunity recently to hear from new district governor Jeff Horlacher. Jeff brought greetings from Rotary International and updated the club of developments and community successes in our district and worldwide.

Open World Project

In support of Rotary's area of focus on World Peace, the Rotary Club of West Wichita has organized an Open World Project for over 20 years. In the past we've hosted delegates from Russia and Ukraine. The East Club has hosted Armenia. This year's team is from Georgia with a theme of Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development.



Days were filled with learning from a wide variety of businesses and nonprofit professionals and entrepreneurs in Wichita including the CML Collective, Empowered, the Redler Institute of Culinary Arts, and NXTUS. At each session the delegates shared their own knowledge and experience as they learned from our community. They observed pitches made at One Million Cups and participated in a round table discussion hosted by Wichita Independent Business Association. They visited the Learning Lab, K-State Extension Services, WSU Center for Entrepreneurship and even a local farm! Groover Labs published this story after their visit there: Groover Labs story



Evenings and the weekend fun took them to a working buffalo ranch, Strataca, Top Golf driving range, the iconic Keeper of the Plaines and Wichita's troll.

One evening included a couple of hours learning Pickleball with Rotarians from our newly formed Rotary Satellite Club of West Wichita - Service.



While this program was organized by the West club, host families came from the East, West, Downtown and Andover clubs. Many community leaders gave their time for the program. And the Georgians helped! They prepared several wonderful Georgian dishes for the farewell dinner hosted by Rotarians from the East and Downtown clubs.





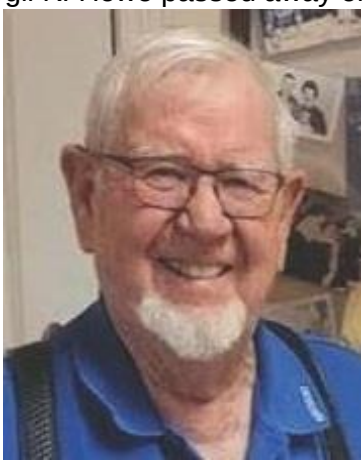
RI President Stephanie Urchick

DG Jeff Horlacher met the new Rotary International president Stephanie Urchick in Orlando in January at the International Assembly while training for his District Governor position. She is a member of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA, and is the second female RI president.



Remembering PDG Virgil K. Howe

Our District was saddened to learn that Past District Governor Virgil K. Howe passed away on May 27, 2024. Virgil served as District 5670 Governor in 1998-99. He was a longtime member (1988) of the Rotary Club of Hays, the third Rotary Club he belonged to. He served in many roles at the club, district and zone level. He was involved in projects in his community and around the world, with a special interest in The Rotary Foundation and PolioPlus. Virgil was a strong supporter of Rotary and during his life, he sponsored OVER new members into Rotary. He was a Paul Harris Society member and started and developed that program in District 5670. He and his wife Ginny were multiple Paul Harris Fellows and Major Donors and Bequest Society members.

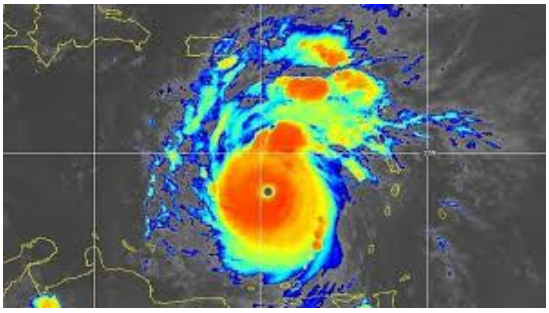


Read Virgil's full obituary here https://www.keithleyfuneralchapels.com/obituaries/virgil-howe

and view an interview with Virgil made prior to his death on the District 5680 website.

(https://app.vidgrid.com/view/wytuUJZnosjC/?sr=0K5tUu).

Rotary Response to Hurricane Beryl



At International Assembly, the training in Florida for District Governors I became friends with Debbie Roopchand, the current District Governor for district 7030 in the southern Caribbean. Those 17 islands composing the district took a direct hit from Hurricane Beryl. I have contacted her, and we are exploring ways we may help in their hour of need. They have set up a donation page that will go to their district, and they will decide where the funds can be best used. It is interesting that these are 17 different nations, and Rotary is a unifying force in the area. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. 160 mph winds do a lot of damage, and heavy rain adds to the potential for mudslides and flooding. https://donate.rotarydistrict7030.org/events/district-7030-disaster-relief-fund

DG Jeff Horlacher

What do cotton candy, corn dogs, Ferris wheel and Rotary have in common? The Kansas State Fair.

ROTARIANS - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Rotary is going to have a booth at the Kansas State Fair this year. It is our opportunity to inform Kansans about Rotary and all the good we do in our state. However, we need volunteers to help staff at the booth. If you are willing to volunteer, just contact PDG Fred Heismeyer. fredheismeyeriii@gmail.com The fair is Friday, September 6 – Sunday, September 15, with hours being 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. We would like to have 2 Rotarians per shift and will provide talking points to help present Rotary in the State. Currently we have five clubs who have committed to staffing a full day and additionally we have 15 individual volunteers. The days we need individual Rotarian volunteers are Sunday, September 8, Monday, September 9, Thursday, September 12, Friday, September 13, and Sunday, September 15. This means that we need 12 volunteers per day for a total of 60.

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING TO HELP ROTARY GROW AND INFORM.

Serving locally and globally
Fred

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District 5680 Membership Report as Of July 31, 2024

Club	7/1/2024	7/31/2024	NET GAIN
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2024-2025
Abilene	55	55	0
Andover	20	21	1
Arkansas City	68	69	1
Atwood	24	24	0
Beaver	17	17	0
Beloit	37	37	0
Boise City	18	18	0
Cimarron	18	18	0
Clay Center	63	63	0
Colby	44	44	0
Concordia	25	25	0
Derby	58	58	0
Dodge City	32	33	1
Downs	9	9	0
East Wichita	64	65	1
E-Club	16	16	0
El Dorado	29	29	0
Ellinwood	17	17	0
Ellis	8	8	0
Garden City	28	28	0
Goodland	13	13	0
Great Bend	28	28	0
Guymon	36	35	(1)
Haskell County (Sublette)	17	17	0

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This is your newsletter!
Send your articles and club information to:

Hays	56	55	(1)
Hays Sunrise	12	12	0
Hill City	7	7	0
Howard	9	9	0
Hugoton	14	14	0
Hutchinson	90	89	(1)
Kingman	21	21	0
Kinsley	5	5	0
Liberal	34	35	1
Lyons	24	24	0
McPherson	27	27	0
Ness City	23	23	0
Newton	59	57	(2)
Norton	10	10	0
Oberlin	30	30	0
Osborne	9	9	0
Phillipsburg	31	31	0
Pratt	71	73	2
Russell	38	38	0
Salina	98	98	0
Sterling	17	17	0
Syracuse	19	19	0
Texhoma	12	12	0
Ulysses	18	18	0
Washington	32	32	0
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	37	37	0
West Wichita	63	75	12
Wichita-Downtown	342	338	(4)
Wichita-Old Town	10	10	0
Winfield	58	58	0
TOTALS	**2020**	**2030**	**10**

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District 5680 Leadership Transformation Grants

District 5680 has been awarded 25 grants to participate in the programs of the Kansas Leadership Center. The Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) is a non-profit organization committed to fostering leadership for stronger, healthier and more prosperous Kansas communities.

The KLC offers three programs that build on each other:

- **When Everyone Leads** is the introductory one-day program that focuses on personal leadership competencies. It focuses on leadership as an activity – recognizing that every individual has the capacity to lead. It helps participants stretch and grow their leadership while addressing their toughest challenges. When Everyone Leads is valued at $149.
- **Your Leadership Edge** is the seminal, two-day deep dive into individual leadership for those who have completed When Everyone Leads. It focuses on helping leaders understand how to move out of their comfort zone and engage in meaningful leadership. It centers on the KLC's leadership framework based on Five Guiding Principles and Four Proufound Competencies. Your Leadership Edge is valued at $399.
- **Lead For Change** is reserved for teams who have already completed the other two KLC courses. It is an immersive, three-day training that must be experienced in a team. Lead For Change is valued at $799 per individual.

Who Should Attend?

Each club should consider sending up and coming leaders from their club and community. The virtual sessions are ideal for clubs in western Kansas. Leaders who have done the first program should consider the second program.

How To Register

To Sign Up for When Everyone Leads or Your Leadership Edge, we ask that you do two things:

1. Visit the KLC website at: www.kansasleadershipcenter.org. Create a personal account and register using the code Rotary2024 to waive the tuition fee.
2. Notify District 5680's Learning Facilitator, Arlen Honts, of your interest in order that we might track Rotarians who are taking advantage of this grant. Arlen Honts' contact is:

akhonts@att.net 316-648-7484

Those interested in Lead For Change must make arrangements through District Learning Facilitator, Arlen Honts.

5 REASONS WHY WE MUST ERADICATE POLIO

1 YOUR GIFT WILL IMPROVE LIVES.
Today, 20 million people who would otherwise be paralyzed by polio are walking, and 1.5 million people who would otherwise have died are alive.

2 YOUR GIFT WILL INVEST IN THE FUTURE.
If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year. A polio-free world will be a healthier world for children everywhere.

3 YOUR GIFT WILL IMPROVE CHILD HEALTH.
Polio surveillance networks and vaccination campaigns also monitor children for other health problems, like vitamin deficiency and measles, so we can address them sooner.

4 YOUR GIFT WILL LOWER HEALTH CARE COSTS.
The global effort to eradicate polio has already saved more than $27 billion in health care costs since 1988, and expects to save $14 billion more by 2050.

5 YOUR GIFT WILL MAKE HISTORY.
Polio eradication will be one of history's greatest public health achievements, with polio following smallpox to become only the second human disease eradicated from the world.



At the end of the 1980s, more than 350,000 children were paralyzed by polio every year. Today, Rotary and its partners have reduced the incidence of polio by 99.9%. However, until we see the last of the poliovirus, eradication efforts need additional funding to:

IMMUNIZE
more than 400 million children against polio every year

IMPROVE
disease surveillance systems to detect any poliovirus in a person or the environment

HIRE
more than 150,000 health workers to go door to door to find every child

Donate now at endpolio.org

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