

District 5680 News



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Message from

District Governor Fred Heismeyer

A Busy Time for Rotarians

Serving to Change Lives can require a lot of time and effort. Whether we are working locally or globally, it always seems like there is more we can do. As Rotarians, we are seen by the

community as People of Action and this time of year we are People of Action on steroids. So, here is a short list of things we want you to be aware of and engage in:

- 1. A Club challenge to raise funds for Shelter Box, USA. The challenge asks each Rotarian to donate \$10.00 to Shelter Box, USA to help in Haiti relieve and recovery. This challenge ends on September 30. All club/individual donations should be sent to Kent Erb, D5680 Executive Secretary/Treasurer, 921 W. 17th St., Newton, KS 67114
- Promoting the eradication of Polio and recognition of World Polio Day on October 24th. See more information regarding this initiative elsewhere in the issue of the newsletter.
- Encouraging fellow Rotarians to attend the upcoming District Conference. You don't want to be a missing piece of this Rotary puzzle. The conference is October 29/30 in Wichita, Kansas. See details about the



the number of electors each club has (based on July 1 membership numbers) and a code for those electors to use to wave the registration fee. Please limit giving the code to only the number of club members attending as official electors. All other Rotarians must pay the registration fee.

- 4. In conjunction with the district conference, Rotarians can participate in the Rotary Leadership Institute. This is an educational track within the conference. RLI is a good experience for any Rotarian, but it is especially useful for future club/district leaders. Go to the district website and click on the conference link to register for RLI.
- 5. One of the fun elements of the district conference is the Silent/Live Auction during the Saturday dinner. We ask that each club bring an item for the auction and recommend item price to be between \$100.00 \$150.00. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE RI FOUNDATION. Everyone wants to be a winner!
- 6. Service Above Self is our motto and







DG Fred Heismeyer (cont'd)

doing community projects is our game. Therefore, we Have a good fall and we will see you at the conference are collecting toilet paper for HEAD-TO-TOE HY-GIENE at the district conference. We will collect the toilet paper and then package the rolls for distribution. We are encouraging each Rotarian to bring a large package (at least 30 rolls) of toilet paper to the conference.

7. Clubs should be looking ahead and planning on elections in December for the next presidents. It is very important to have a PE identified in December so that communication can begin with DGE Ivanhoe and planning for PETS.

Joyce and I are excited to continue to visit the clubs in our district and get to know more Rotarians. We are also very excited about the upcoming district conference. PLEASE DON'T BE THE MISSING PIECE OF THE ROTARY PUZ-ZLE! Your club's representation is very important for motivation, engagement, sharing, and of course fellowship.

Challenge to Support ShelterBox

DG Fred shared a challenge to each club to help raise much needed funding for emergency funds to aid the earthquake victims in Haiti. The challenge was for each Rotarian to donate \$10 to Shelter Box USA, an international partner with Rotary International. Deadline for submitting funds to our district office is September 30. Donations should be sent to:

> Kent Erb, D5680 Exec. Secretary/Treasurer 921 W 17th St. Newton, KS 67114.





(we hope).





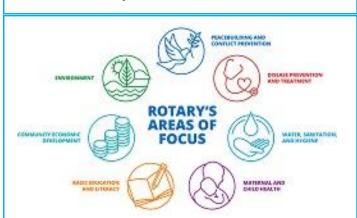
Fred Heismeyer

District Governor 2021-22 District 5680



- One new member
- One new fundraising idea
- One local service project
- One friend

Rotary's Areas of Focus



Rotary's area of focus icons promote the causes that reflect the critical humanitarian issues that our members address worldwide. The Brand Center has newly redesigned graphics for individual areas of focus and the whole list in various colors and easier-to-use formats. You'll also find guidelines for using them. What is two plus 4? Use these icons in social media, on websites, and in other materials to show the causes your club supports.

- Environment
- Peace & Conflict Resolution
- Disease Prevention & Treatment
- Water & Sanitation
- Maternal & Child Health
- **Basic Education & Literacy**
- **Economic & Community Development**

Don't Miss

District Conference

Register today at

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rotary-district-5680conference-registration-172191899607

Be sure to visit the <u>district website</u> for details, agenda and information about our outstanding speakers and entertainment!

Meet the RI President's Representative at District Conference



Jacqueline Howard's Rotary experience began in January of 1994 when she became a member of a Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team to D-3860 in the Philippines. That experience built a passion to make a positive impact in the World through Rotary. Jacque helped found and became a Charter Member of the Rotary Club of Pulaski County, MO in 2002. She

served as the second President of the club while serving as host counselor for the Club's first Rotary Youth Exchange student. Jacqueline served as District Governor

(2020-2021) after serving in variety of leadership capacities helping to support and strengthen clubs.

Jacqueline earned a BSN and MBA. Her professional experience includes progressive leadership positions in psychiatric and mental health nursing. She served in Nurse Executive positions for over forty years and has since retired Jacque is a Life member of the Association of the United States Army and seeks opportunities to engage with the military communities through Rotary.

Jacqueline is a Major Donor of The Rotary Foundation, Paul Harris Society member, Benefactor, and Bequest Society member.

Important District Conference Information

The District 5680 Conference is only a few short weeks away and we want to see your club represented. As you may know, each club has "electors" that officially represent your club in any business of the district. These Rotarians are your voice and vote. The number of electors is based upon the membership number for your club on July 1. Electors' conference fee (\$150.00) is covered by the district and is designed to ensure your club's representation. Since registration is online (www.rotary5680.org) your official elector(s) must use a promo code so not to be charged for the conference. Contact your club president or 4. secretary for the code.

ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION:

 Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is an educational track of the District Conference. RLI participants will join all other conference attendees for meals, receptions and keynote speakers.

RLI begins promptly at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, October 29th. This is a different start time from the other district conference events. **Rotary District 5680 is subsidizing attendees of the RLI track \$50 to attend RLI** Presidents, do not register your RLI attendees as an Elector.

2. We will have a silent/live auction. We ask clubs to

- bring an item to be auctioned off with an estimated value of \$100.00 \$150.00.
- 3. The conference agenda includes a service project. We are collecting packages of toilet paper (recommend packages of 30+ rolls) and ask each attendee to participate. During Saturday, we will repackage the rolls into distributable packages. These are given out, along with other hygiene items, to those in need.
- 4. We will remember those Rotarians who have passed since our last conference, last October. If you club has had one or more deceased Rotarians, send their name(s) to me ASAP at fred@leadingandteaming.com
- Go to <u>www.rotary5680.org</u> for details about the conference, registration and hotel links, and to read more about our guest speakers.
- Friday evening fellowship reception is costume optional. Please encourage attendees to consider celebrating Halloween in Rotary style.

We are looking forward to your club being represented at the upcoming District Conference. Please don't be the missing piece of the Rotary puzzle.

Engage Students in your Community to Stop Child Trafficking

An initiative that RI President Shekhar is championing is to Contest Overview: Students will work independently or "EMPOWER GIRLS AND WOMEN". One of the ways we can become part of this important initiative in our district is to focus fellow Rotarians and our clubs on ending human **trafficking.** The creative Rotarians in our district have an opportunity to highlight their skills and do good in our world by submitting an advertising campaign to end human trafficking targeted to school kids. Please read the information below and consider submitting an entry.

LET'S SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES!

The Rotary Clubs of Kansas and Missouri are thrilled to present the 1st annual Students Stopping Traffic contest. This competition invites students to use their endless creativity to help end child trafficking in our communities. Why is this competition so important? Child trafficking is all too easy to ignore. Too often, we believe it can only happen overseas, far away from our friends, family, and community. That's a dangerous myth.

In fact, child trafficking is happening right here in Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri.

in teams using their creativity to stop child trafficking. "Traffic stopping" ideas must be submitted by December 15th, 2021 to submissions@studentsstoppingtraffic.org. Finalists will be asked to present their

ideas (via video conference) to a panel of judges who will select the winning ideas!

Submission ideas can be:

- 1. An advertising campaign educating kids on signs to look for.
- 2. A live event that puts a spotlight on child trafficking.
- A social media initiative getting other kids to join the cause and share information.
- 4. Or something even bigger that no one has thought of yet!

Even a small idea can turn into the winning idea that sparks change. Go to the website to learn more. https:// studentsstoppingtraffic.org/. Cash prizes

go toward school projects. However, the ultimate reward: Saving kids from trafficking.

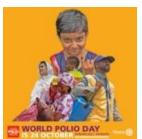
Join Us for World Polio Day



To celebrate World Polio Day on October 24 promote awareness of Rotary's polio eradica-

tion efforts, raise funds, and plan club events. Let's engage our communities in the

fight against polio, because as long as polio exists anywhere, it remains a threat everywhere. Download the World Polio Day Toolkit for resources and tips for participating in promoting a poliofree world.



Be sure to register your club participation for World Polio Day on endpolio.org to show how Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs around the world are striving to eradicate polio. Club presidents who register their events, fundraisers, and promotions by 14 October will receive access one week early to download Rotary's World Polio Day Global Update program, which is scheduled to broadcast on 24 October on Facebook and at endpolio.org.

Register your club's participation here. **Donate today!**

Dane Estok New PHS Member

Congratulations and thank you to East Wichita Rotarian Dane Estok who recently joined the **Paul Harris Society!**

The club's program was more Rotary-centered than most,



hearing from Past District 5670 Governor, Randy Krug, about the Paul Harris Society, a designation for donors/ members that pledge to give \$1,000 each year to The Rotary Foundation.

Our own president-elect, Dane Estok, is one such donor; and he was presented a certificate by PDG Krug, with thanks for Dane's generosity to The Rotary Foundation, to help its mission of good works and service here and around the world! It was a very interesting presentation, enjoyed by a large group of members.



If you would like to join the prestigious Paul Harris Society, contact District Paul Harris Society Coordinator, Randy Krug or any district leader.

District Governor Visits



Garden City



Wellington



Abilene



Hill City



Oberlin



Norton



Phillipsburg



Downs

Derby

Upcoming District Governor Visits—October



See many more photos and stories of club visits at our district <u>Facebook</u> <u>Page</u>. Be sure to like the page to receive updates.



Sublette



Pratt



Hugoton

Liberal

Ever Closer to Ending Polio Now—We Can Help

Congratulations to all Rotarians in KS OK District 5680! Together with fellow Rotarians worldwide, we did our part to End Polio by raising, including all available matches from the Rotary International World Fund, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and others, over \$528,000.

Together, all of US raised the full \$50 Million Gates Foundation challenge amount for 2020- 2021. The amount Our District raised will, at \$3 per child, fully immunize (Polio+) over 176,000 of Our World's precious children!

As District PolioPlus Chair again this year, I am extremely pleased with those results and am excited to see what WE can do this year! This year's End Polio Now Campaign is dedicated to PDG Dr. Paul Nelson, beloved pediatrician and past End Polio Now chair for many years.

It is essential that all of us undertake planning of this year's Club PolioPlus Projects. Carrying out those Projects lead-



ing up to or around World Polio Day on October 23, would add to the excitement. Last year RI President Elect Jennifer Jones joined us live at our Virtual Dis-**10** trict Conference, as she literally went around the World, celebrating victories over Polio.

I have provided each club president, secretary and PolioPlus chairs with Project Idea lists. As Rotarians, you are being asked to volunteer to lead and or help!

Finally, we need Rotarians with a passion for Service, especially those who want to Stamp Out Polio, to Serve with me on the District's PolioPlus Committee.

PDG Dana Brewer, PolioPlus Committee Chair

Phone: 785.614.1089

Email: danabrewerdg5680@gmail.com

WOW! This year's Zone Institute was a "BLAST"

This year's Zone Institute was hosted in Houston, Texas, and the meeting had a space theme "Blast Off - Launch Rotary". Several D5680 Rotarian leaders were involved with high impact training and good Rotarian networking. Our team tackled topics such as leading a district team, increasing and engaging members, compelling reasons for Founda-

tion giving, and how to stop human trafficking. Additionally, the team was exposed to Shelter Box, Hot Meals, USA, and Rotary action groups focusing on literacy and education, empowering girls, fighting against slavery, ending polio, and hybrid planning among many others. It was training full of interaction and incredibly good information.

DGE Ivanhoe said of his experience, "the biggest take away and that I got from attending the Zone Institute this year is a better understanding that if the district is going to be successful in achieving its goals, as outlined by the strategic plan, it's going to require teamwork from all district leadership. This will mean that assistant / area governors need to communicate with their clubs and clubs with their AGs. The DG, DGE and DGN and district committee chairs will need to work in unison, which is central to success, while discovering ways to engage our members and extend Rotary's reach within the community, the district, country and the world."

Deb Minkler, Atwood Club President, relayed her experience by saying "I found myself in Houston, TX where I attended the 2021 Rotary Zone Institute; a leadership and learning opportunity that I never expected - learning from my fellow Rotarians, networking, meeting up with old



friends, as well as making new friends along the way. Learning how to be a better leader won't only help me, it will help others around me. I knew I wanted to grow more within Rotary but wasn't sure where that might lead. After attending this Zone, I felt moved to work with the public image committee and grow an organization that I believe in with my whole heart. Service

above Self not only changes other people's lives, but yours as well."

Rotarian Joyce Heismeyer said, "what an amazing experience I had attending the Membership track at Rotary Zone. As expected, there is no magic for attracting and retaining membership; however, it was a great reminder that sometimes the simple answer works. JUST ASK! Many members, me included, originally joined Rotary because a business associate or friend asked. We often stay in Rotary because of the connections we make. You never know what connections you will make when attending a Rotary event. I happened to meet the high school principal from my high school. For me, it was a great example of how Rotary connects us."

The 2021 Zone Institute was a great Rotary experience and a BIG thanks goes out to D5680 attendees, DG Fred Heismeyer, DGE Ivanhoe Love, DGN Gloria Homeier, PDG Andrea Krauss, PDG Rod Kreie, Rotarian Deb Minkler, and Rotarian Joyce Heismeyer for engaging in another level of Rotary training.

> Submitted by DG Fred Heismeyer See photos and another story on pg. 5

Club News from around the District

Rotary Club W Wichita:

Saturday, October 9 6:30pm-9pm Newman University Dugan-Gorges Conf Ctr. Wichita, KS



Click here for more information

Proceeds are channeled through our club's W Wichita Charitable Foundation to fund projects such as books for 1st graders, groceries during the holidays and during the school year, map paintings and more!



Rotary Club W Sedgwick Co. Sunrise:

20th Anniversary Golf Tournament

Monday, October 18

Registration & lunch starts at 11:00am Shotgun start at 12:00 noon Silent Auction to follow Reflection Ridge Golf Course, Wichita, KS Click here for more information

Proceeds support the charitable projects of the Rotary Club of WSC—Sunrise.

Rotary Club Russell:

Public Image at Work

This billboard is on I-70, eastbound just west of Russell.



Rotary Club Great Bend: About 65 Rotarians, spouses & friends were served a mouthwatering catfish dinner by Lorenzo's Catering of Larned. We were joined by many district leaders.



Membership Chair, Craig Neeland; State Rep. Tory Marie Blew; DG Fred Heismeyer





(L-R) DG Fred Heismeyer; AG Bob Obee; DGN Gloria Homeier; PDG Andrea Krauss; AG Lee Musil seated).

Clubs have new meeting places!

Andover—Butler Community College - Grizzly Den 715 E 13th (Thurs)

Beloit—Municipal Building Basement (Tues)

Cimarron—Shepherd's Center on N Main (Tues)

Concordia—Mother House, 1300 Washington St. (Thurs)

Johnson—Neighborhood Café, 105 S. Main (Wed)

Hill City—Average Joe's Bar & Grill (Tues)

Ness City—More Than Coffee, 121 W Pennsylvania (Tues)

Osborne—Pizza Hut 1st Thursday; YOPOS Mexican Restaurant 3rd (Thurs)

Pratt—Pratt Community College, Student Center, Rm 312 (Thurs)

Phillipsburg—Willers, 1310 Hwy 36 (Thurs)

Sublette—Pride of Life, 105 Becknell Avenue (Wed)

Rotary Club Pratt: The donation of the flagpole at the soccer/track complex is one example of how the Rotary Club of Pratt provides service and financial support annually to many Pratt community organizations through the club's community and/or district grant programs. Community organizations are encouraged to submit grant requests for special projects. Grant applications are available from any board member.



Rotary Club Kinsley: Our club served Fried Corn during Offerle Fun Days Celebration as our latest fundraiser. It was a super hot day and we wished we didn't have to have the charcoal grill going! It

was a fun event with great Rotary exposure.





More Club News

Rotary Club Atwood: The Rawlins County Square Deal recently covered a story that our club supported with a contribution. A new group at the local high school called "Promoting Active Minds" has about 35 stu-



dents involved with the mission of encouraging people to learn about, talk about and seek help for mental health issues, without shame or silence.

Rotary Club Ellinwood: The USD 355 Administrative Team read to Mrs. Cherry's and Ms. Goldsberry's Kindergarten classes this past Wednesday as part of the Ellinwood Rotary Club's Rotary Reading Day. Books were selected and students answered questions about various themes in each story. It was a fun way to get students excited about reading and literacy!"



Rotary Club Derby: Many club members with help from Derby

with help from Derby High School JROTC and family and friends completed

another playground map at Paul B. Cooper Elementary.

In the News!



DG Visits in Abilene & Oberlin Newspapers!

Rotary Club Washington: Our club was actively planning and holding a Day of Remembrance in Washington on September 11. Working with the Lions club, we raised money for the Mark Nutsch Horse Soldier Memorial to be built in downtown Washington.

Our club president, Ron Nutz acquired a piece of the World Trade Center (WTC) recently - probably only the third piece in the State of Kansas. It's 4,000 lb. of metal from ground zero and it will be a center-piece of the memorial.

Mark Nutsch is from Washington and served as the former commander of the first Green Beret unit which went into Afghanistan after the bombing of 9-11. His harrowing and heroic true story would become a major motion picture (titled "12 Strong" based on the novel "Horse Soldiers." Click here to read his full profile. - it's a great story!

Our club provided hayrack rides through town prior to the movie, "12 Strong," the movie adaptation of the book, being shown in the evening. Many contributions were made in addi-

tion to funds raised in the auction (70% of the items were donated by Washington Rotarians. Excitement in the community is high!.

Club President Ron Nutz would be pleased to bring the WTC trailer to your club for a presentation within a reasonable distance.





Upcoming Events

October 29-30, 2021
District Conference
Wichita Marriott

March 31-April 2, 2022 PETS 2022 Wichita Marriott June 4-8, 2022 Rotary International Convention Houston. TX

Rotary Zone Meeting in Houston

We have clubs and districts in Rotary, but did you know we also have "Zones"? A Rotary Zone is composed of groups of districts within a geographical area. D5680 is in Zone 29. Go to the <u>district website</u> to see what area our zone covers. The leader of a Zone is a Rotary Director. Susie Howe (TX) is our director.

District Leaders attend training workshops and hear inspirational speakers as they prepare to serve in their Rotary leadership roles. DG Fred Heismeyer, D5680 DGE Ivanhoe Love, DGN Gloria Homeier participated, as well as many other district leaders.

From DGN Gloria Homeier: One very impactful training that I took was on Human Trafficking. Human Trafficking is forcing someone to work or perform sex acts against their will. Rotary is taking on Human Trafficking like the eradication of polio. They know that they cannot stop this overnight but with educating Rotarians and pulling together the resources of all Rotarians we can start to put an end to Human Trafficking.

Kansas is a HUB for Human Trafficking with 1-70 running thorough the state. This is the corridor that transport victims from California to New York. In Kansas in 2017 over 470 individuals identified themselves as victims. We would all like to think this does not affect us — until it does. Until our child, our grandchild, our friend's child or someone

else we know goes missing. The time to act is before it happens. As District Governor Nominee, I hope to put together programs that will educate Rotarians and find impactful solutions by collaborating with other agencies so that as Rotarians we can do our part to end Human Trafficking.



PDG with Past District Governors. Director Suzie Howe speaks to the group and answer s questions.



DGN Gloria Homeier developed a strong interest in Human Trafficking at Zone.

She also met her "class-

mates" who will serve as DG the same year she does. (2023-2024)



Also—See article by DG Fred Heismeyer for more about the Zone meeting in Houston—it was a BLAST!

More Photos from Zone Meeting



DG Fred - Learning More About Rotary!



Rotary is Fun!!







DGN Gloria begins her training



DGE Ivanhoe continues his training



All dressed up for the banquet and introduction of 2022-23 DGs

Clockwise from bottom right: Rotarian Joyce Heismeyer; DG Fred Heismeyer; PDG Andrea Krauss; DGE Ivanhoe Love; DGN Gloria Homeier; Deb Minkler (RC Atwood)

District 5680 Membership Report As Of August 31, 2021

Club	7/1/2021	8/31/2021	NET GAIN
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2021-2022
Abilene	47	47	0
Andover	23	24	1
Arkansas City	58	57	(1)
Atwood	25	25	0
Beaver	15	15	0
Beloit	39	39	0
Boise City	20	20	0
Cimarron	23	23	0
Clay Center	55	55	0
Colby	46	46	0
Concordia	35	34	(1)
Derby	58	55	(3)
Dodge City	38	38	0
Downs	10	10	0
East Wichita	67	72	5
E-Club	16	16	0
El Dorado	30	31	1
Ellinwood	16	16	0
Ellis	11	11	0
Garden City	38	39	1
Goodland	21	19	(2)
Great Bend	41	38	(3)
Guymon	25	25	0
Hays	61	62	1
Hays Sunrise	15	15	0
Hill City	14	14	0
Howard	10	10	0
Hoxie	20	20	0
Hugoton	16	16	0
Hutchinson	94	92	(2)
Johnson	13	13	0
Kingman	22	22	0
Kinsley	6	6	0
Larned	16	16	0
Liberal	39	40	1
Lindsborg	7	7	0
Lyons	23	22	(1)
McPherson	35	33	(2)
Ness City	23	23	0
Newton	60	63	3
Norton	14	14	0
Oberlin	31	28	(3)
Osborne	11	11	0
Phillipsburg	48	48	0
Pratt	51	54	3
Russell	37	37	0
Salina	117	116	(1)
Sharon Springs	6	6	0
Sterling	14	14	0
Sublette	17	17	0
Syracuse	13	13	0
Texhoma	12	12	0
Ulysses	25	25	0
Washington	33	33	0
Wellington	10	9	(1)
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	34	35	1
West Wichita	59	59	0
Wichita-Downtown	378	392	14
Wichita-Old Town	13	13	0
Winfield	74	74	0
TOTALS	2228	2239	11



District 5680



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

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2021-22 RI President Shekhar Mehta

Calcutta INDIA

How well did you read this newsletter? Did you find a clue or instruction so you can be entered into our quarterly, semi -annual and annual drawings for Paul Harris Points to help you reach your next level of giving?

Questions: Contact Newsletter Editor Geri Appel

Did You Know?

We have a link on YouTube!

