

# District 5680 News

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## District Governor Jeff Horlacher's Letter

I am already preparing myself to attend the Rotary International convention in Calgary, Alberta June 21-25. I encourage all Rotarians to attend an international convention. You will come home filled with enthusiasm, proud of being a Rotarian, and inspired to encourage your club and district to do more. Rotary has such an amazing impact on our world, and we have improved the quality of life for many, and allowed many to continue to live, and not die of illness, starvation, or many of life's complications and challenges. Our district has some who had planned to attend dropout, so there are spots available. I encourage everyone to consider attending.



We are nearing the end of the Rotary year. All clubs should log onto Rotary Club Central <https://my.rotary.org/en/login> and update their goals and review what still needs to be done. Much of this will be reporting what had been done, but there is still time to complete activities and report greater service participation, social activities, and take some classes in the Rotary Learning Center.

I would like each club to go to the Resources section of Rotary Club Central and examine the Rotary Club Health Check. Each member should complete this survey. The district and local club can use the results to strengthen the Rotary experience for all members. I am proud of our clubs, but I also know we can improve, and we can look back in three years proud of the progress we have made.

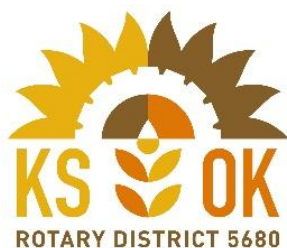
How are your Little Free Libraries? I confess I am putting the final coat of paint on ours in Colby, and it will be mounted this week. I will include a guest book, to hear what people think of the library, and to hear how people enjoy using it. Let us get photos of the libraries for the next District newsletter. I am excited to hear how they are being implemented.

Has your club selected high school students to attend RYLA? It is fast approaching, and all students I have talked to have reported a fun and valuable experience.

Let us enjoy spring and enjoy Rotary outside, socializing with fellow Rotarians, completing service projects, and enjoying our beautiful District 5680! I enjoyed the beauty we got to call home on my club visits. We truly are blessed to be here. Thank you all for helping to make District 5680 a great place to live.

**Your Governor**

**Jeff Horlacher--District Governor--District 5680**





Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive youth leadership experience organized by Rotary Clubs and districts to develop leadership skills for our youth while having fun and making connections.

The RYLA for District 5680 will be held May 27 to 30, 2025 at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas and is open for high school Freshmen, Sophomores, or Juniors. The students are selected and sponsored by a Rotary Club but may also be sponsored by a family Rotarian since it is open to Rotarian family members. Do you have a family member, neighbor, or friend that will benefit from this experience? Each Rotary Club in the District has a \$100 scholarship from District 5680 available to use for their students. **NOW** is the time to submit those applications.

All information is available at [www.sckans.edu/leadership](http://www.sckans.edu/leadership) and then service outreach/Rotary Camp.

For more information please contact Dean Kennedy at [dean.kennedy@communitynational.net](mailto:dean.kennedy@communitynational.net).

## Club news from across District 5680

### A storybook collaboration: FHSU Rotaract and Rotary unveil Little Library for Tiger Tots

HAYS, Kan. - An outdoor library is something FHSU's Tiger Tots staff had wanted for years. So, when Carol Solko-Olliff, member of Hays' Noon Rotary Club and co-advisor for the FHSU Rotaract Club, offered to partner with Tiger Tots to bring an outdoor library to the Tiger Tots play area, Director Sara Stroup said she "absolutely agreed."



The Rotary Little Library project is a Rotary 5680 District-wide project to bring "little libraries" to communities within the Rotary District.

According to Solko-Olliff, FHSU's on-campus childcare center was "the perfect site" for FHSU's Rotaract Club's Little Library. Rotaract, a new college-age service organization sponsored and advised by the Hays Sunrise Rotary Club and Noon Rotary Club, is committed to community service and giving back to the Hays and FHSU communities.



"Rotaract has also been actively securing hundreds of children's books to keep it filled for the Tiger Tots children to have books available daily throughout the school

year to take home with them and encourage and promote reading," Solko-Olliff said.

At Tuesday morning's outdoor library ribbon cutting, Tiger Tots were clapping and cheering when their new Little Library was unveiled.

"Thank you," they shrieked in unison. Around 20 people attended the ribbon-cutting, which was held on International Children's Book Day. After its unveiling, Dr. Paul Adams, dean of the College of Education, took a moment to express his appreciation for the library.

"It is always good to have partnerships between the community and Fort Hays," he said.

"This is an investment in future Tigers and up-and-coming citizens of Hays. Thank you very much for your support."

The [Rotary Club of Salina](#) proudly supports the Spring Spruce Up for 2025 with a \$750 donation. The donation goes toward updating equipment used during the day of service as well snacks and drinks for participants. Thank you Jane Anderson for your commitment to making sure Salina has a city wide clean up day! Pictured from left to right are Club President Kyle Smith, Club Community Service Chair John Hendrick, Rotary member and Spring Spruce Up Coordinator/ Friends of the River Executive Director Jane Anderson, and Past President Jeni Adams.



The [Rotary Club of Clay Center](#) recently celebrated the 89th playing of The Masters golf tournament with a themed social event. The gathering featured a player lottery, golf-themed door prizes, a putting contest, and Masters-inspired drinks and attire. Winners of the putting contest were Amy Hoch Altwegg and Jim Gierhan. Pictured is Rotary Club President Thomas Mulligan and Putting Champion Jim Gierhan.





Our [Rotary Club of West Wichita](#) had a great time painting a colorful United States map at Clark Davidson Elementary in Goddard, KS! We're proud to support education in a fun, hands-on way. Hopefully this bright new addition helps students learn more about the USA—state by state!

The [Rotary Club of Winfield](#) got to celebrate some of our amazing Rotarians this week as they were honored for their generous giving to the Rotary Foundation. The Foundation is responsible for funding Rotary initiatives both locally and globally.

**Dr. Liz Frombgen PHF (not pictured)**  
**Lucy Herlocker Freeman PHF (not pictured)**  
**Pat Headrick PHF**  
**Shirley Jester PHF**  
**Anthony Stonerock PHF**  
**Laura Bradbury PHF+1**  
**Cindy Goertz PHF +2**  
**Jim Gaddie PHF +3**  
**Ron Godsey PHF +4**  
**Dean Kennedy PHF +7**



The honorees are pictured here with Club Foundation Chair, Curtis Dick, and District 5680 Foundation Chair, Donna Pfeifer.



The [Rotary Club of Great Bend](#) had an outstanding group of Junior Rotarians for April. Pictured with club president Rebecca Popp and sponsor and Pat Cale are from left Thomas Armatys, Blake Streck, Slade Mohr, Elle Anne Reed and McKenzie Laviolette. We want to thank these students for their wonderful participation at our club meetings this month and wish them the best in their future endeavors. They are all now qualified to apply for the Junior Rotarian scholarships.



Thanks to the [Rotary Club of Lyons](#), the basement floor at the Lyons Rotary Community Service Building is totally done!





El Dorado has a new Little Free Library near the north fence by Dillons. **Rotary Club of El Dorado** spent time in April picking up trash and installing the library! A year ago, they installed the fence to catch loose trash.

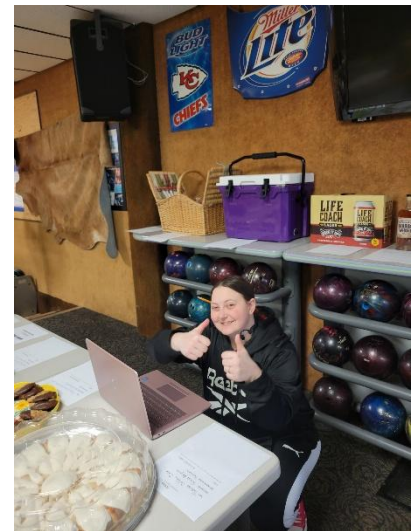




April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and guest presenter Mandy Wingfield from the Family Crisis Center Inc. provided a very informative program to the [Rotary Club of Pratt](#).




The [Rotary Club of Washington](#) held their 37th year manning the airways for Rotary Radio Day!! This year they raised \$ 8900 from advertising and silent auction. The proceeds support: RYLA scholarships, Local scholarships, youth baseball, PolioPlus, Library remodel of the children's section and the local food bank.






Silent Auction items for Washington Rotary Radio Day

**APRIL 2025 STUDENT OF THE MONTH**



**HANNAH HERNANDEZ**

Parents:  
James and Lori Hernandez

SPONSORED BY:   
**COLBY ROTARY**

Hannah Hernandez, a home-schooled Senior in Colby, is the Colby Rotary Club's Student of the Month for April 2025. From a young age, Hannah has been able to take advantage of opportunities to participate in a wide variety of family, church, school, 4-H, music, acting, sports, and volunteer or paid work experiences. She has served in various leadership positions in these activities including with the Rotary Interact Club through which she participated in two Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Trainings. Hannah has also won awards for her writing, speeches, dog training, and science knowledge.

Along with her high school classes, Hannah has been taking various college classes through Colby Community College. After high school graduation, she plans to attend the University of Kansas to major in Sports Media and Marketing. Her goal is to become a professional sports commentator.





*MaKenzie Baker--Washington County HS*



*Jaci Winter-Clifton-Clyde High School*

Rotary Club of Washington has named Students of the Month from Washington County since 2004. Here are the spring awards.



*Mathew Kearn--Linn High School*



*Hannah Zarbynicky--Hanover High School*



Thanks to the [Rotary Club of Colby](#) who worked the Community Shred Event last Saturday. Special thanks to Marla and Josh for coordinating this annual project.

[Rotary Club of Colby](#) Trash Pick-Up Team along with the Heartland Christian School students that helped. Special thanks to Mike for organizing the 'Trash Pick-Up Teams' Project.



## How do you update your Rotary Club Runner profile?

1. **Access your ClubRunner profile:** Go to your club's homepage, log in, and navigate to the "Member Area".
2. **Locate My ClubRunner:** Click on the "My ClubRunner" tab.
3. **Access My Profile:** Click the "My Profile" link.
4. **Edit your information:** Click the "Edit" button above your personal information.
5. **Make your changes:** Enter or edit your personal data in the appropriate fields.
6. **Save your changes:** Click the "Save" button to finalize your edits.

This video demonstrates how to update your Rotary.org profile with a photo and other information:

<https://youtu.be/CdXICUDPd1s>

If you know a Rotarian that is not getting the District newsletter directly, they are in need of updating their profile. Please share this information with them.

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## Disaster Network of Assistance - Rotary Action Group Annual General Meeting

### Zoom Info - NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Topic: Disaster Network of Assistance - Rotary Action Group Annual General Meeting

Time: Jun 17, 2024 08:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) - (UTC - 04)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82148555413?pwd=oMsacxIIWNwgETMKRj1EfA3IFbSiFJ.1>

Meeting ID: 821 4855 5413

Passcode: 259552

Rotary **DISASTER NETWORK of ASSISTANCE** | **ROTARY ACTION GROUP**  
Rotary International | Rotary Action Group

🎧 LIVE WEBINAR

Disaster Network Assistance RAG presents  
**DISASTER RESPONSE LEARNING EXPERIENCE**

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**  
"DISASTERS TEST US. OUR RESPONSE DEFINES US."  
**K R RAVINDRAN**  
Rotary International President 2015-16

**PANNEL DISCUSSION**

"2010 - Earthquake Haiti"  
**Barry Rasin**  
Rotary International President 2018-19

"2025 - Earthquake Myanmar"  
**PDG Jeson Lim**  
DG Special Representative Indo China, District 3350

"2015 - Earthquake Nepal"  
**Robert A. Stuart, Jr.**  
Rotary International Director 2005 -07

**PDG Keshav Kunwar**  
Team Leader, End Polio Now Coordinator 2017-20, South & South-East Asian Countries

**TUESDAY, 13TH MAY 2025** | 6.00 PM IST | 8:30 PM SGT  
8:30 AM EST | 7:30 AM CST

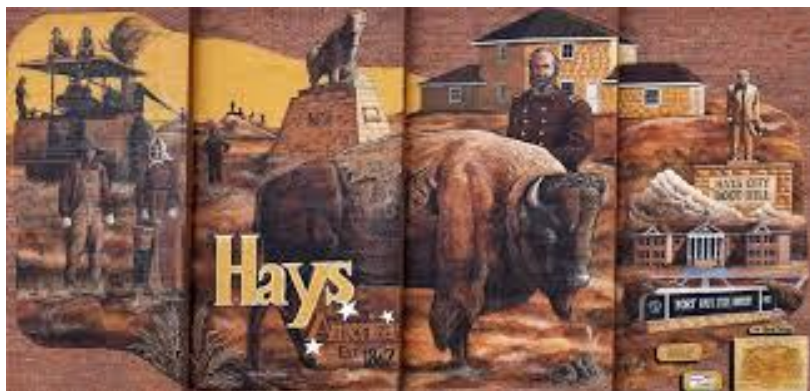
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**Moderator**  
**PAG Mike Terrelonge**  
Board Director (Rotary Caribbean Partnership) 2018-Present, District 7020

## Join Us for the 2025 District Conference: Wild West Connection!

DGE Deb invites you to join us at the District Conference in Hays. Mark your calendars for an exciting weekend from October 17 to October 19, 2025, as we gather for the 2025 District 5680 Conference: Wild West Connection! This is an incredible opportunity for fellowship, learning, and networking, all set against the vibrant backdrop of the Wild West.

The conference will kick off on Friday night with a fun-filled evening at Thirstys, where we'll enjoy great food, laughter, and the chance to connect with fellow Rotarians. More details will be shared soon, so stay tuned!



Throughout the weekend, we will feature inspiring speakers who will share their insights and experiences, along with engaging sessions designed to enhance our skills and knowledge as Rotarians. This is a perfect opportunity to learn, share, and grow together.

Don't miss out on this chance to connect with fellow members, expand your network, and foster new ideas that will benefit our communities.

We encourage you to reserve your hotel room now to ensure a comfortable stay. <https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/rooms> Or you can call and use the word **ROTARY** for the discount. We can't wait to see you at the Wild West Connection! Let's saddle up for a weekend of fun, learning, and meaningful connections.



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Now Hiring -  
**District 5680  
Executive  
Secretary**

- Flexible hours - avg 10 hrs wk
- Pay \$675 Month
- Strong organization and communication skills required
- Adept at scheduling
- Knowledgeable about district policies
- Formulate meeting agendas and zoom meetings
- Attend key training events

**KS OK**  
ROTARY DISTRICT 5680

Send Resume With  
References To  
**rotary5680@gmail.com**  
316-772-6447

Full job description at [rotary5680.org](http://rotary5680.org)  
Deadline April 15

## Global Grant to Provide Mobile Eye Clinic



PDG Curtis Dick is pleased to announce that our district received news on April 24, 2025 that a joint Global Grant Application between our district and the Rotary Club of Ranchi, Jharkhand, India in District 3250 for the purpose of equipping and setting up a mobile eye clinic has been approved by The Rotary Foundation in the amount of \$40,225. District 5680's portion of the grant is \$8,000 and will be funded through District Designated Funds that come back to our district three years post giving to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation.

Our district has enjoyed a long partnership with District 3250, a very poor area that covers the two states of Jharkhand and Bihar in the northeast portion of India. Previous matching grants have provided clean drinking water and sanitary toilets to schools throughout the district, 3 dialysis centers, upgrades to an existing eye hospital, a mobile blood collection clinic, and more. **The total amount of 12 grants from 2005 - 2025 is \$438,127.**

Ranchi is the capital city of the state of Jharkhand with a population of more than 1.5 million. There are also numerous small villages nearby and the residents suffer from blindness and other eye related problems, most of which are preventable and curable. The Rotary Club of Ranchi will partner with the Yogoda Satsanga Sevashram Hospital, which is a free health care provider with trained ophthalmologists and other health care professionals. Their expertise will ensure high quality and comprehensive eye examinations. The hospital will assist in equipping the mobile van to provide the best eye exams possible and they will assume the role of data collection and records maintenance.

## Rotary Young Professionals Forum



The **Rotary Young Professionals Forum** will take place June 13 and 14, 2025, in Ensenada, BC, Mexico, for Zones 25A, 25B, and 29. This Forum aims to identify and prepare future leaders for our organization at the club, district, and regional levels, focusing on three fundamental pillars: **People, Planet, and Purpose**.

We are inviting young Rotarians and Rotaractors aged 40 and under from clubs and districts within Zones 25 and 29. The event will be conducted in both Spanish and English and will feature international external speakers.

There is more information on the Zones 25B & 29 website: <https://zones25b-29.org/Stories/rotary-young-professionals-forum-june-13-14>

**DGE Deb Minkler invites you to her  
Passing of the Pin.**

Please read the information below and plan to attend. All District Rotarians are invited.

*You're Invited!*  
TO  
ROTARY DISTRICT 5680'S  
**PASSING OF THE PIN**  
A TRANSITION OF ROTARY DISTRICT GOVERNORS  
HOSTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF ATWOOD AND  
INCOMING DISTRICT GOVERNOR



June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.

Shirley Opera House 503 Main Atwood

RSVP to [debrdg2526@gmail.com](mailto:debrdg2526@gmail.com). Cost \$25.00

## Rotary International comes to North America

# MAGIC ALL AROUND

21-25 JUNE 2025 • CALGARY, CANADA



Make Calgary the first of many conventions

We hear it over and over from members: Everyone needs to experience the [Rotary International Convention](#) at least once.

## District 5680 Membership Report As Of April 30, 2025

Club	7/1/2024	4/30/2025	NET GAIN
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2024-2025
Abilene	55	54	(1)
Andover	20	19	(1)
Arkansas City	68	69	1
Atwood	24	22	(2)
Beaver	17	16	(1)
Beloit	37	33	(4)
Boise City	18	22	4
Cimarron	18	17	(1)
Clay Center	63	64	1
Colby	44	45	1
Concordia	25	26	1
Derby	58	57	(1)
Dodge City	32	29	(3)
Downs	9	7	(2)
East Wichita	64	69	5
E-Club	16	16	0
El Dorado	29	35	6
Ellinwood	17	13	(4)
Ellis	8	10	2
Garden City	28	25	(3)
Goodland	13	13	0
Great Bend	28	29	1
Guymon	36	31	(5)
Haskell County (Sublette)	17	16	(1)
Hays	56	52	(4)
Hays Sunrise	12	12	0
Hill City	7	7	0
Howard	9	11	2



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Club	7/1/2024	4/30/2025	NET GAIN
Hugoton	14	13	(1)
Hutchinson	90	86	(4)
Kingman	21	20	(1)
Kinsley	5	5	0
Liberal	34	34	0
Lyons	24	22	(2)
McPherson	27	27	0
Ness City	23	20	(3)
Newton	59	55	(4)
Norton	10	11	1
Oberlin	30	30	0
Osborne	9	9	0
Phillipsburg	31	44	13
Pratt	71	73	2
Russell	38	40	2
Salina	98	100	2
Sterling	17	13	(4)
Syracuse	19	18	(1)
Texhoma	12	7	(5)
Ulysses	18	18	0
Washington	32	32	0
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	37	35	(2)
West Wichita	63	75	12
Wichita-Downtown	342	346	4
Wichita-Old Town	10	10	0
Winfield	58	57	(1)
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>(1)</b>



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## Kansas Food Bank Challenge

The Rotary Club of Syracuse hosted Lisa Knoll of the Kansas Food Bank in Garden City for a program describing the operations of the KANSAS Food Bank through Southern and Western Kansas. The food bank recently opened a hub in Garden City, which allows food and fresh produce from the main Wichita location to more efficiently reach those in need in Western Kansas. The food bank supports food pantries, Bob Boxes (Bob Dole's program for assistance to the elderly) and other similar organizations who assist those in need of food.

The number of Kansans of all ages who go to bed hungry in the evenings is shocking when you hear the numbers the first time. The club voted to donate \$10 per member to the Kansas food bank. We challenge the other clubs of our district to match our \$10 per member contribution. It's not only going to an important cause but also will reflect very well on our clubs in our communities. Water wells in Panama, heifer projects in Europe and the Polio Project are extremely important, but we can't look over those in need in our own communities who are going to bed hungry. Your contribution can be designated for a local organization or left to the discretion of the food bank where they believe the most need exists.

If you have questions, contact Lisa Knoll at the Kansas Food Bank in Garden City at 620-568-8415 or email [lknoll@kansasfoodbank.org](mailto:lknoll@kansasfoodbank.org). The main website is [kansasfoodbank.org](http://kansasfoodbank.org). If our district clubs support our challenge, we would like our district to challenge other districts throughout Kansas and the rest of the nation to support the charitable food organizations that benefit their communities.

Mark Davis President of the Rotary Club of Syracuse

Please mail contributions to: Lisa Knoll c/o

Kansas Food Bank  
1204 Taylor Plaza E  
Garden City, KS 67846





## Together, We End Polio

Fellow Rotarians,

A stunning anniversary quietly passed us by in April with very little fanfare or acknowledgment of the worldwide implications. On April 12, 1955, the Salk Polio vaccine was declared safe and billions of lives around the world were set free from the threat of a terrifying and debilitating disease! Here we are, 70 years later and there are only 7 cases of Wild polio infections so far this year! As a piece of bonus trivia, Jonas Salk refused to patent his vaccine, offering it freely to the world. While it personally cost him millions of dollars in lost profits, it proved that he was of the Rotary spirit of Service Above Self!



Join us as we push to End Polio Now by joining the PolioPlus Society here: <https://forms.gle/9CKkKhr8urrxoVUu6>

Yours in Rotary Service,  
Isaac McNary  
District Governor Nominee  
Chair - PolioPlus Committee