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ROTARY SADDLE SUMMARY OF THE MONTH

May Rotary Focus:



Youth Service – Investing in the Leaders of Tomorrow

May is Rotary's month to celebrate **Youth Service**, a time to recognize the importance of empowering young people and helping them develop into confident leaders, engaged citizens, and compassionate community members.

One of the greatest investments we can make is in the next generation. Through programs such as Interact, Rotaract, RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards), youth exchanges, scholarships, mentoring opportunities, and community service projects, Rotary provides young people with the tools they need to succeed and make a positive impact in the world.

Youth today face many challenges, including social pressures, mental health concerns, bullying, and uncertainty about the future. Rotary clubs have a unique opportunity to create safe environments where young people feel valued, supported, and encouraged to discover their strengths. By listening to their ideas and involving them in meaningful service, we help build confidence and leadership skills that last a lifetime.

District 5680 clubs continue to make a difference by supporting local schools, recognizing student achievements, sponsoring leadership development opportunities, and engaging youth in service projects that strengthen our communities. Every interaction with a young person is an opportunity to inspire them to serve above self.

As Rotarians, let us continue to ask ourselves: How can we better support the youth in our communities? What opportunities can we create for young people to lead, serve, and grow? Together, we can help develop the leaders who will shape the future of our towns, our state, our nation, and our world.



Thank you for your commitment to Rotary and for investing in the lives of young people. The seeds we plant today will create a brighter tomorrow.

***District Governor 2025-2026
Rotary District 5680
Atwood, KS Club***

Meet your next DG

For those of us that haven't met me yet, I'm Isaac McNary and I am so excited to take on the role of District Governor on July 1, 2026! All you need to know about me is: I wear kilts, I am a passionate Rotarian, and I want to change the world! Simple, right?!?

As I prepare to take up the DG role, I have one overarching goal for our district. **MORE**. I want our clubs to do more projects to impact their community and the world. I want more people to join our clubs as members, I want more coverage of the amazing things we do, and I want more of YOU reading this to help me achieve that goal. You have passion, you have talents, you have ideas, and I need you on my district teams. Wherever your passions are pointed, I want to find a place for you to accomplish even more on our team. This is an open invitation to you: Join me on this crazy wild ride over the next year and beyond! If you are ready to take the leap and be part of MORE, shoot me an email: isaac@rotarykiltguy.com

I'm looking forward to visiting all our clubs over the coming months and sharing my heart with you in person. I can't guarantee fireworks, but I can promise you it will be unlike any DG visit you have ever seen before.

Sincerely,
Isaac McNary #DGKiltguy

Yours in Rotary Service,
Isaac McNary
The Kilt Guy - (316)-461-0512

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Alana & Isaac McNary

Club News from District 5680

MAY DAY FUN! The [Rotary Club of West Wichita Satellite Club](#) made May Day Baskets to deliver to the residents at Goddard Medical Lodge, Sandpiper and Lake Point care facilities. Such a fun day of laughing, eating cookies and crafting. Service above self at its best!

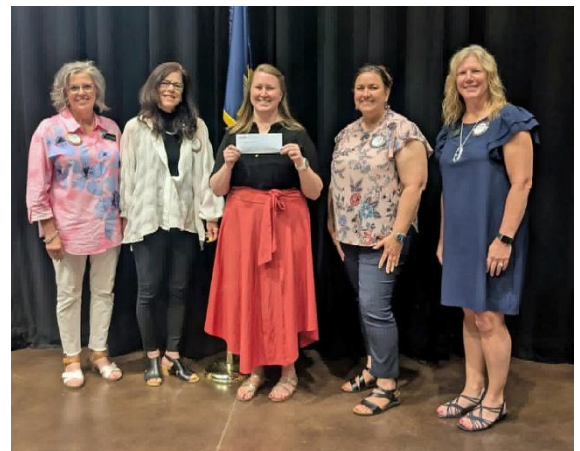


COLOR RUN: The [Rotary Club of West Wichita Satellite Club](#) helped Benton Elementary with their color run grilling hot dogs for both students and their families.

President Amy Prater introduced Superintendent Tony Helfrich. He introduced the Pratt High School Students-of-the-Month, Josiah Schmidt and Carlito Lara. Each student discussed their school activities and college plans. Good luck Josiah and Carlito! [Rotary Club of Pratt](#)



The [Rotary Club of Hutchison](#) presented 2026 Rotary Grants. We gave away over 20k in grants to organizations that provide opportunities to Reno County youth!



At the [Rotary Club of Guymon](#), David Player was presented with his THIRD Paul Harris award.



Sherry Stonecipher presented the May Students of the Month: Azul Hernandez and Dayanara Guevara.

Gillian Minge from Hanover was recognized by the [Rotary Club of Washington](#) as one of Washington County's seniors that represent Rotary's ideal of "Service Above Self." Students are nominated by school staff and selected by Rotary members for recognition of exceptional academic performance, leadership, community service, and character.





The [Rotary Club of Washington](#) recognized one senior from each school district in Washington County. WCHS Senior Layla Tholstrup was recognized for her Academic Integrity, Character, and Service throughout her High School career. Awards were presented by Club President and USD 108 Superintendent of Schools, Denise O'Dea, and incoming Club

This is a late submission from the [Rotary Club of Old Town Wichita](#), but one thing that makes our club members happy is service to others. This is one of our projects to help school children in (mostly) South Central Kansas. We worked with Project Teacher to pack school supply filled with zipper bags. They send them to teachers to share with the students.



Each year, the [Rotary Club of Andover](#) offers several \$500 mini grants to Andover teachers for community projects that their students will accomplish. The teachers apply via a written grant application and this year the following 7 grants were awarded:

1. US Veteran Tribute organized by Andover eCademy
2. Kids for kids who serve underprivileged youth and poverty, Andover High School
- 3 Bread Donations organized by Andover Middle School
4. Cakes for a cause organized by Andover High School
5. Bucket Golf stations organized by Andover High School
6. CAPS medical student community engagement
7. Community helper appreciation by Cottonwood Elementary School





Congratulations to Hadley Musson for being named the **Rotary Club of Arkansas City's** Service Above Self Student Honoree for the month of May.

At 92, Robert "Bob" Goebel is continuing a lifetime of service through giving. His new designated fund at WF will provide long-term support for the **Rotary Club of West Wichita** while also investing in Wichita's future.



CONGRATULATIONS to the Classes of 2026!! And special congratulations to our scholarship winners from the [Rotary Club of El Dorado](#)! Alawna Herrman, recipient of the Clifford Stone Junior Rotarian Scholarship, and Reese Willhite, recipient of the Shirk Memorial El Dorado Rotary Scholarship. We are extremely proud of these students and wish them the best in their future!!



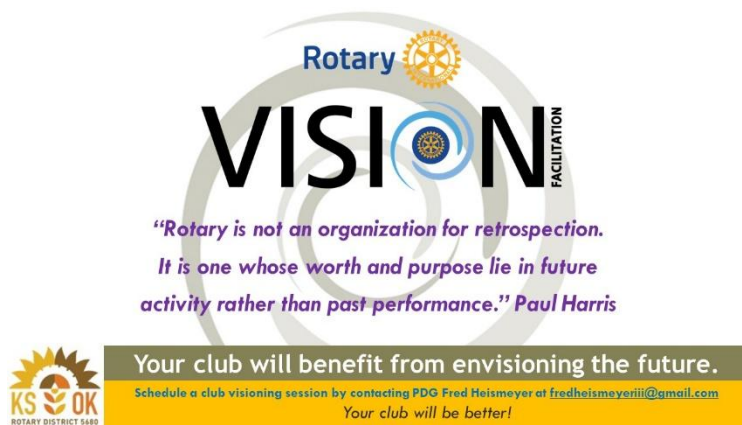
The [Rotary Club of Pratt's](#) Service Committee Chair Suzan Patton extended special thanks to everyone who participated in Rotary's "Epic Day of Service" on May 16.



Members of the [Rotary Club of Dodge City](#) enjoyed an update on our own Boothill Museum, the fun activities that are scheduled for the summer, the events through the whole year, as well as the menu for the ice cream parlor and membership and room rental information. Lynne Johnson, executive director and Amy Guerrero, Asst Director are pictured here with Nathan Haskell, Dodge City ROTARY club President



we plan for the upcoming Rotary new year, many clubs are setting goals and direction. One very important way to do this is to have a Visioning session for your club. Club Visioning offers you a way to not only plan for the upcoming year, but to set direction for at least three years. Clubs in our district that have participated in the Club Visioning process over the past few years have become stronger, provided more service to their communities, infused energy into Rotarians, and grown in membership.



You can explore more details about Club Visioning on our district's website - www.rotary5688.org/page/club-visioning. Contact PDG Fred Heismeyer fredheismeyeriii@gmail.com for more information and to answer any questions you may have.

Final reports for 2025-2026 District Grants are due June 30. The report form can be found on the District 5680 website under "Grants". Or use this link to take you directly to the grants page.

District Grant reporting form

Retention Starts with Relationships

From the District Membership Chair: Growing Rotary—Together

Hello Rotarians,

Rotary International often reminds us that retention is just as important as recruitment. While people may join for service or professional growth, they stay because of relationships.

This Month's Membership Focus: Retention Starts with Relationships
Most members don't leave Rotary because of a single issue—they drift away when they no longer feel connected. Strong relationships create accountability, belonging, and meaning. When members feel noticed and missed, they're far more likely to stay engaged.

This month, I encourage clubs to pay attention to the quieter signs of disengagement. Who hasn't attended recently? Who seems less involved than they used to be? A simple check in or invitation can make a powerful difference. Retention doesn't require big programs—it requires care.

Building relationships aligns directly with Rotary's emphasis on healthy clubs and sustainable growth. When clubs focus on connection, they strengthen not only membership numbers but also the overall club experience.

If your club would like support in re-engagement of members or strengthening relationships, I'm here to help. You can contact me anytime at alana.mcnary@gmail.com.

Thank you for the relationships you build every day and for helping Rotary remain a place where people belong.

Try This This Month:

Have one member reach out personally to someone who hasn't attended recently to check in and reconnect.

In Rotary Service,

Alana McNary

District Membership Chair

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

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District 5680 Membership Report As of May 31, 2026

Club	7/1/2025	5/31/2026	NET GAIN
	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP	2025- 2026
Abilene	53	48	(5)
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	16	(1)
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	64	(3)
E-Club	16	17	1
El Dorado	31	28	(3)
Ellinwood	13	13	0
Ellis	10	9	(1)
Garden City	22	19	(3)
Goodland	13	14	1
Great Bend	28	25	(3)
Guymon	23	28	5
Haskell County (Sublette)	16	16	0
Hays	52	49	(3)
Hays Sunrise	12	8	(4)
Hill City	7	9	2
Howard	10	10	0
Hugoton	13	11	(2)



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MAY 2026 DISTRICT 5680

Hutchinson	86	83	(3)
Kingman	21	19	(2)
Kinsley	5	3	(2)
Liberal	32	32	0
Lyons	21	17	(4)
McPherson	27	25	(2)
Ness City	21	21	0
Newton	55	57	2
Norton	11	8	(3)
Oberlin	29	29	0
Osborne	9	8	(1)
Phillipsburg	44	37	(7)
Pratt	72	60	(12)
Russell	39	35	(4)
Salina	96	89	(7)
Sterling	13	12	(1)
Syracuse	18	16	(2)
Texhoma	8	9	1
Ulysses	16	19	3
Washington	31	29	(2)
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	36	38	2
West Wichita	70	75	5
Wichita-Downtown	347	371	24
Wichita-Old Town	8	8	0
Winfield	59	59	0
TOTALS	1965	1921	(44)



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End Polio 2026 News



**WORLD POLIO DAY
IS 24 OCTOBER**



Start planning your event now to help [End Polio](#)

I heard a story recently from a friend who had visited Pakistan to see the work that they were doing to end Polio. The vaccine distributors are some of the bravest people in the world, and most of them are women. Male workers are not allowed to work with the women of the house unless the man of the house is present, so most of the workers are women who can work with the families to distribute the vaccines. These women walk into dangerous, hostile situations with people who do not trust outsiders and many have been killed as they are working to save these communities. When my friend asked one of the female workers why they were doing it, knowing that they were risking their lives, their response was simple. "I have children too".

The dedication, love, and overwhelming courage of the people on the front lines should be an inspiration to us all. As nations draw back their funding from supporting the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, it is our time to step up. If these brave women can risk their lives to save a child, I am more than happy to support them in any way that I can. Will you join me? You can even sign up to give on a monthly basis by visiting <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>

Yours in Rotary Service,

Isaac McNary

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