



District 5680 News



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Message from

District Governor Ivanhoe Love, Jr.

Greetings Rotarians

The month of February is peace building and conflict prevention month

I encourage each Rotary Club president to schedule a program during the month of February focusing on ways to promote peace building and conflict prevention.

Rotary Clubs within our district are in a perfect position to influence our community leaders to seek ways to promote peace and prevent conflict by bringing together people from all walks of life to encourage diversity, equity and inclusion, and to work side by side for the common good of all within our community.

I have traveled around the district and many of you heard me say that Rotary could be the platform to bringing divided communities together by developing community service projects promoting Rotary's motto: Service Above Self.

An example of such a service project is the one currently underway within our district. District 5680 has provided a \$500 grant for any club wishing to participate in a food packaging project that could involve community members from outside of Rotary - **an excellent way to promote goodwill.**

February is also Black History Month. This is an opportunity for Rotary to em-



brace the contributions that black Americans have made in our country, in our state and in our local communities. I encourage Rotarians to make themselves visible at events celebrating black history that will be happening in several of our communities ..Join me by promoting the good work that

Rotary does and invite African Americans to come to a Rotary meeting with the possibility of joining our organization

Let's have a birthday party. Paul Harris, a Chicago attorney, conducted the first Rotary Club meeting in Chicago on the 23rd of February 1905 and we will be 117 years old. So Happy Birthday Rotary. I wonder what Paul Harris would say about the organization he created if he was alive today?

Let's imagine what Rotary will look like in another 117 years. The contributions we're making now around the world and at home will most certainly benefit future generations.

Lets Imagine Rotary together

Ivanhoe Love, Jr.

2022-2023 District Governor
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Presidents-Elect Training March 30th- April 1st, 2023

President Elect Training (PETS) is being held March 30 to April 1 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Salina.

President-Elect registration fee is free (the club has prepaid for each PE). However, anyone wanting to know more about Rotary is welcome to come to PETS. ***President-Elect Nominees are strongly encouraged to attend!***

All attendees are encouraged to bring toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss for our E Club dental project.

For more information [Register here](https://www.rotary5680.org)

Hotel Reservations

[Click here](#) to reserve a room using the "Kansas Rotary Cub" room block. Room block code: KSRC23
Group name: Kansas Rotary Club
Deadline: March 1, 2023

If you have any issues, please contact the hotel reservations department at 785-309-0440 EXT 0



PETS Featured Speakers



Pat Merryweather-Arges is our Rotary International Director (2022-24). She has served in numerous Rotary-related positions and is a member of the Rotary Club of Naperville, IL

Professionally, Pat is Executive Director of Project Patient Care where she works with patients, families, and caregivers to have their voice heard in health and healthcare through advocacy, public health policy, and collaboration with providers. She is a strong business development professional skilled in Nonprofit Organizations and has lead quality health improvement initiatives with the federal government and served in executive leadership roles in a hospital membership association.



Ed O'Malley is the founder and past president and CEO of the Kansas Leadership Center. He is now the CEO of the Kansas Health Foundation. Ed has worked with many non-profit organizations (including Rotary) with leadership and development training.

He is a sought-after speaker and consultant and is heavily involved in the civic life of Kansas, his community and his national efforts to enhance civic engagement in the U.S.

RYLA One-day Camp Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023 RYLA Camp Week - May 30-June 3, 2023



TWO RYLA SESSIONS IN 2023

Last year we held the one-day session and it was a huge success. So this year we will offer the one-day session again plus the full camp at Southwestern College.

One-day Session
Cosmosphere
Hutchinson, KS
February 25, 2023
DEADLINE SOON—REGISTER TODAY

The full session will be held on May 30 to June 3, 2023 at Southwestern College in Winfield. The camp is open to current high school Freshman, Sophomore, or Junior students that your club selects.

Deadline is fast approaching so go to <https://www.sckans.edu/undergraduate/leadership/rotary-camp/> or at the [district website](#) for information and registration form. You may send students to either camp based on your preference and their schedule. Help your students DISCOVER their leadership potential.

If you have questions, please contact Dean Kennedy at 620-212-4107 or dean.kennedy@communitynational.net

Rotary Club of Garden City - 100th Anniversary



The Garden City, City Commissioners, proclaimed January 16 as the 100th Anniversary Day of the Rotary Club of Garden City with a proclamation presented to the club, by Mayor Deb Oyler, a Rotarian.

The club celebrated with extended hours during their regular

meeting time on Wednesday, January 18, from 11:30- to 1:30, at the Garden City Community College who prepared the meal. The room was decorated with Rotary International flags, a collection of old song books and a table with 100 years of memorabilia. The celebration was emceed by President-Elect, Hunter Carson and Treasurer, Liz Scheopner. District Governor Ivanhoe Love Jr. spoke on the Future of Rotary and ended with a presentation of a certificate "Honoring 100 Years of Membership" from Rotary International President, Jennifer Jones.

Liz Scheopner, club Treasurer, gave the group a brief history of both Rotary in general and the local club with a little trivia game. Longtime members, Mike Collins (1980), Dave Jones (1991,) and Ray Purdy (1977), all shared some fond memories of years past. Ray shared that when he first joined the club, there were still several original members which were part of the club.



Ray Purdy

Club president-elect Hunter Carson then acknowledged all members of over 20 years (10) with a remembrance gift from the club. All members were asked by President Pam Tuller to send her "What Rotary Means to Me". These were shared in the program which was handed out. Our "Most Special Rotarian", Past District Governor, Stewart Boone who has been a member since 1952 and now lives with his daughter in Virginia, sent the following and none of us could have said it better!

I wish that I could be with you today as you celebrate this big milestone of 100 years. I am proud to be a part of the Rotary Club of Garden City. The club is just a few years older than me, as I was born in 1924. Best wishes for the next 100 years. What Rotary means to me..."In small town USA, I have an international brotherhood. And any time that I desire I can look in my worldwide directory and find a member with a similar classification. I can aspire to greater exposure in fulfilling my desire to extend my service above self whenever and wherever I choose. Never am I really, alone in life. I can find Rotary fellowship any-time and anywhere. Smile and the world smiles with me. Language is never a barrier."

Submitted by Liz Scheopner



Rotary Graduate Study Applications Now Being Accepted for 2023-24



The Rotary International District 5680 scholarship program assists students wishing to attain a graduate or undergraduate degree in a field of their choice in a university outside their country with an emphasis upon

developing international understanding, peace and good will.

US applicants must come from within the geographical bounds of District 5680 and receive endorsement from a local District 5680 Rotary Club. International students

must attend graduate studies within District 5680. International students must meet documented criteria on page four of the application. Applicants may be required to appear before the District 5680 Scholarship Committee.

The Graduate Student Scholarship Application, and 2023-24 Scholarship Checklist is at this link:

<https://rotary5680.org/page/grants-scholarships>

Questions? Contact our District Scholarship Chair [Carol Solko-Oliff](#), 785-628-4176

Rotary Peace Fellowship - Do you have a prospect?



Applications are now open for the 2024 [Rotary Peace Fellowship](#)! Help us promote it and find the next cohort of global peacebuilders. If you know any peace and development leaders in your community, encourage them to [apply](#) for a fully funded master's degree or professional development certificate at one of our Rotary Peace Centers around the world. You can also use the [referral form](#) to tell us about potential candidates. Follow the [Rotary Peace Centers Facebook page](#) to learn more or write to rotarypeacecenters@rotary.org.

In Memoriam



The district was saddened to learn of the death of Past District Governor-5670 (2006-2007) **Bill King**. Bill was a long time member of the **Rotary Club of Great Bend**.

William T. "Bill" King, M.D., 87, passed away Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at the University of Kansas Health System – Great Bend Campus.

A resident of Great Bend for almost 60 years, Dr. King was the Chief of Staff and OB/GYN of Central Kansas Medical Center; as well as the Deputy Coroner for Barton County. During his 30 years of OB/GYN practice, Dr. King delivered 3,699 babies and performed 4,100 surgeries.

Dr. King was an Eagle Scout and a member of the First

Presbyterian Church, where he was a Deacon, Elder and Treasurer. He and Mary served as National Skippers for Presbyterian Mariners and led many Mariners in Mission work camps. In 1996, they served 10 weeks as medical missionaries in Pakistan.

Dr. King was very active in the community. He was a member of the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce, Great Bend Country Club, and Barton County Health Department Health Advisory Council. He served on the board of directors for Central Kansas Court Appointed Special Advocates, Great Bend Library, and Barton County Historical Society. He was also District Governor for Rotary District #5670, President and Secretary of Great Bend Rotary.

[More details here](#)

Rotary Club Old Town:

We have added new floral choices.! New varieties include baskets of impatiens, a colorful calibrachoa (callie) mix and small pots or flats of sweet potato vines. Order today! Questions? RotaryWichi-taOT@gmail.com

[Order here today!](#)



[Learn more and register here.](#)

Rotary Club Andover:

We are back for our 3rd year! Mark your calendars: **May 23, 2023 at Terradyne Country Club.**

RITE—Rotary Intercounty Teacher Exchange

RITE Coordinator for Wichita and Sunrise Club member, Dalia Hale, Shelli Kadel and Armida Hight educated and entertained many area Wichita clubs about District 5680's commitment to this long-standing and important Rotary program.

Our District has participated in the **Rotary Intercounty Teacher Exchange Program** since 1996! The Inbound Program allows teachers of English from Panama and Argentina to come to Wichita for a four-week immersion experience! The teachers stay in Rotarian's homes and get to have a real "native" experience while expanding their knowledge of the English language and American culture.

The Outbound Program allows for three Wichita teachers to head to Panama, also for a four-week immersion experience. Since our inception of this program, we have received 84 teachers from Panama and Argentina here in Wichita and have sent 74 teachers from Wichita to Panama.



*L-R: Shelli Kadel; Dorila (Dori) Cascante.
Armida Hight, Dalia Hale*

This year's incoming RITE teacher, Dori, comes from Panama and has spent the past 4 weeks learning and working in area schools with other second-language teachers in USD259. In addition, she has participated in many cultural activities. She shared her experiences with area clubs and expressed her appreciation for the opportunity.

We are now recruiting Outbound teachers to go to Panama for 4 weeks this summer.



Celebrating her birthday with hosts



Wichita Area Rotary Clubs Learn about Human Trafficking

Members from eight (8) Wichita Area Rotary clubs met in a joint meeting Monday, January 30 to learn more about the issue of human trafficking in our area and how Rotary might assist in helping to stop it and assist those who are rescued. An audience of nearly 250 attended including many dignitaries and local politicians to learn more. Wichita Mayor, Brandon Whipple, presented "Human Trafficking Awareness Month" proclamations from both the City of Wichita and the State of Kansas.

Michelle McCormick, State Attorney General's office, served as moderator. Panelists were: Jennifer White - ICT SOS; Alice Osburn - Sedgwick County District Attorney's office; Natalie Daemen - Wichita Police Department detective; Debbie Kennedy - Wichita Children's Home; and John Ferreira - Homeland Security Investigations.



A call to action by Rotarians was issued asking interested members to be part of a cross-club committee to research, discuss and decide what Rotary can do. The committee will likely be a commitment of 1 year or more.

To view the meeting [click here](#). The program begins at about 7 minutes.



DEI - Resources for You and Your Club

“People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” - Maya Angelou

How does your club welcome others who are not members?

As Rotarians, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion is ingrained in us through the Four Way Test. DEI has been a part of and has continued to grow and develop in Rotary since its founding. Now, with Rotary International's commitment to DEI, we are seeing DEI more and more in our programs, conferences, and training.

So, what is DEI and where do you start learning about it and what benefits it can bring your club? Luckily, RI has provided us with numerous resources. Here are a few:

1. My Rotary Learning Center - learn.rotary.org
 - a There are numerous interactive courses and webinars on the Learning Center.
 - b In the upper left-hand corner of the learning center, click on “Learning Topics” and scroll down to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Resources and Discussion.
2. Discussion Groups - <https://my.rotary.org/en/>



[exchange-ideas/groups](#)

- a. For a short time only (they are being discontinued this year) you can join discussion groups on the My Rotary Website
- b. Topics include LGBT Diversity & Inclusion, DEI, Rotarians against Racism, Gender Equity in Rotary, PWD's (People with Disabilities), and many, many more.
3. Several websites on both the My Rotary and the Rotary International sites have lots of information as well.

<https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/about-rotary/diversity-equity-and-inclusion>

<https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/diversity-equity-and-inclusion>

<https://my.rotary.org/en/rotarys-diversity-equity-and-inclusion-taskforce>

Finally, February is Black History Month: Check out the webinar “Exploring the Black Experience in Rotary” from the Learning Center.

Submitted by: Thea Howard-Dickson (She/Her)
District DEI Committee Chair

Emergency Appeal From ShelterBox



ShelterBox is launching an emergency fundraising appeal. Your support will contribute to our Turkey and Syria Earthquakes response as part of our general fund. We believe that the best way for us to be impactful is by staying flexible, and it is essential that we have funds available to support those affected by disasters around the world.

A series of powerful earthquakes have devastated southern Turkey and northern Syria. Thousands of buildings

have collapsed leaving people homeless in the middle of a bitter winter.

ShelterBox is responding. Please donate today to provide emergency shelter for families affected by the earthquakes and other disasters around the world.

Contact Ed Frey, D5680 Shelter Box Chair, at edfrey55@gmail.com or 316-285-5453 for more information or check out the link below.

<https://www.shelterboxusa.org/turkey-earthquake/>

Upcoming Events

February 25, 2023
RYLA Pop-up (One Day)
Cosmosphere
Hutchinson, KS

March 30-April 1, 2023
PETS
(Presidents-elect Training)
Salina, KS

May 27-31, 2023
Rotary International
Convention
Melbourne, Australia
[Register here](#)

May 30 - June 3, 2023
RYLA Camp
Southwestern College
Winfield, KS

October 20-21, 2023
District 5680 Conference
Russell, KS

Keep an eye on your e-mails, social media, and our newsletter for other upcoming events such as the next Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI).

A Very Good Tired in Guadalajara!

In an interview, singer/songwriter Harry Chapin tells the story of his grandfather telling of being “good tired”. This is when you lay your head down at the end of the day, exhausted, but filled with the knowledge that you did good for others.

Being “good tired” was the case for Joyce and PDG Fred Heismeyer as they participated in a week of Rotary service in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Joining fellow Rotarians from Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, Texas, Kansas, and Illinois (including Rotary International Director Elizabeth Usovicz), the team did medical, vision, and dental services for over 1,200 children and adults as well as construction projects which included installing water filters, sealing a roof, mixing and pouring a cement ramp and patio, sanding and varnishing 100 school desks, and painting five classrooms.



The week of service was an international service partnership of D6820 (Mississippi) and D4140 (Jalisco, Mexico) and continues a multi-year effort to help the poor in areas of Guadalajara. Joyce and Fred were invited to join this year's team by PDG Ed and Fran Thurmond. Fran and Ed attended this year's district conference and were RIP Jennifer's representatives. While the work was hard, it was rewarding to see smiles on those who received glass-



es, had their teeth fixed, or received medical care for the first time in perhaps years. It was also heartwarming to have hugs from kids and adults alike for the work to improve their schools/community centers, and the words of gratitude from principals, teachers, and community representatives at the three schools and one community center.



However, the week was not all work. Fred and Joyce got to know and work alongside fellow Rotarians and joined the team for a tourist day at Tequila, Mexico (yes, the home of tequila) with tours of an Agave farm, tequila distillery, of course tequila tasting, and several dinners at wonderful restaurants, each evening full of laughter, fun, and music.

The chorus of the Up with People song “One to One” seems to sum up the experience for Fred and Joyce. It reads:

*One 2 one, we change the world by giving to another
A helping hand along the way
A simple act of love is what changes are made of
So, one 2 one we change the world.*

The international service team of 25 Rotarians from six districts came together to help change the world, doing good, and creating lasting change in the communities of Guadalajara.

Thanks to Fred & Joyce Heismeyer

February is Peace & Conflict Resolution Month



Attn: Band Lovers Everywhere

The U.S. Navy Band will perform a free concert in Wichita on March 6 at 7pm at Central Community Church, 6100 Maple St.

The band is the Navy's premier musical organization. They will perform a variety of popular and classical favorites and 10 local high school bands will join them to perform John Philip Sousa's "Washington Post."

[Click here for free tickets.](#)



**Rotary District 5680 (Kansas & Oklahoma) and
Districts 1440, 1450, 1461, 1470, and 1480 (Denmark)
Invite You To Join Them In Providing Clean Water To
Ukraine**



Our six Rotary Districts are cooperating to provide water purification units for communities devastated by the war in Ukraine. Each unit can provide 180 gallons per hour of clean water. We are creating the units to be portable or truck mounted so they can provide water to multiple neighborhoods or villages. Each unit costs \$4,000 (€3,900). Our goal is to provide a minimum of 50 units. We are partnering with District 2232 in Ukraine to distribute the units to areas hardest hit by the war's destruction of water purification facilities and power plants.



Will your club join us in this effort? Consider raising funds to provide one, two, three, or even more water purification units.

To participate, contact: Foundation Chair Donna Meier-Pfeifer
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District 5680 Membership Report As Of January 31, 2023

Club	7/1/2022 MEMBERSHIP	1/23/2023 MEMBERSHIP	NET GAIN 2022-2023
Abilene	53	51	(2)
Andover	26	28	2
Arkansas City	54	61	7
Atwood	21	23	2
Beaver	13	17	4
Beloit	39	39	0
Boise City	20	20	0
Cimarron	23	23	0
Clay Center	58	60	2
Colby	47	52	5
Concordia	30	30	0
Derby	56	55	(1)
Dodge City	36	38	2
Downs	10	10	0
East Wichita	69	73	4
E-Club	15	15	0
El Dorado	29	31	2
Ellinwood	18	18	0
Ellis	11	10	(1)
Garden City	34	28	(6)
Goodland	19	19	0
Great Bend	36	38	2
Guymon	25	27	2
Hays	68	62	(6)
Hays Sunrise	15	9	(6)
Hill City	9	9	0
Howard	13	11	(2)
Hoxie	19	17	(2)
Hugoton	14	16	2
Hutchinson	88	85	(3)
Johnson	10	10	0
Kingman	21	21	0
Kinsley	5	5	0
Liberal	36	38	2
Lyons	21	24	3
McPherson	30	26	(4)
Ness City	23	23	0
Newton	63	58	(5)
Norton	11	11	0
Oberlin	28	29	1
Osborne	10	10	0
Phillipsburg	48	30	(18)
Pratt	60	64	4
Russell	40	39	(1)
Salina	109	109	0
Sharon Springs	6	5	(1)
Sterling	18	21	3
Sublette	17	20	3
Syracuse	16	16	0
Texhoma	12	12	0
Ulysses	22	22	0
Washington	32	30	(2)
Wellington	7	7	0
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	42	43	1
West Wichita	62	61	(1)
Wichita-Downtown	373	369	(4)
Wichita-Old Town	10	10	0
Winfield	70	63	(7)
TOTALS	2170	2151	(19)



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2022-23 RI President
Jennifer Jones

Windsor-Roseland
Ontario CANADA



2023 RI Convention
May 27-31, 2023
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