



# District 5680 News



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## Message from

### District Governor Dana Brewer

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Our year began with Holger Knaack's theme "Rotary Opens Opportunities!", chosen even prior to the Coronavirus becoming the Covid 19 Viral Pandemic.

To put this pandemic into perspective, the last global pandemic killed multiple millions of souls around the world over 100 years earlier - the influenza pandemic of 1918-1920.

Over the past year and one half, Rotarians, while often as socially isolated as others similarly situated, learned to be resilient. We have, by and large been able to withstand or recover quickly from, difficult conditions.

Rotarians also had to be adaptable, tenacious, irrepressible, steadfast and perseverant.

Through all the challenges that we were mostly able to embrace as Opportunities, We Rotarians carried on. We persevered. We emerged more capable and determined than ever to maintain our relationships with other beloved Rotarians and to continue to serve where we are needed!

We accomplished much together. Two Food for Our Neighbors Projects enabled our 60 Clubs to distribute nearly one-quarter million meal servings of nutritious and life sustaining Food to those neighbors across our Kansas-Oklahoma Rota-



ry District. That was done with the able assistance of F & A Foods in Concordia, which delivered pallets of the dried, processed, and containerized meals from the Outreach Program in Des Moines, Iowa, to delivery hubs, with Clubs

there making handoffs to other area Clubs, a bit like the old Pony Express. All that, while it was still difficult for our clubs to carry out service projects, due to public safety protocols, such as social distancing and wearing masks.

Prior to our Virtual District Conference, over 60 Rotarians and family members gathered in Newton, properly masked and distanced, to package 16,000 meal servings, to be sent wherever needed. We also shared a meal and much needed Rotary fellowship.

Unable to have an in-person District Conference, the District Leadership Team, especially Kurt Harper, Fred Heismeyer, DeAnn Sullivan and Kent Erb, very capably helped your DG plan, produce and carry out an entertaining and inspiring Conference.

Featured were such headliners as: the irrepressible Jennifer Jones, our RI President-elect, as of this July 1st; Xavier Towson, DG of the San Antonio TX Rotary District, straight-talking with us about our Nation's painful color divide, after the tragic and unnecessary murder of George Floyd and too many others;



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## DG Dana Brewer (cont'd)

Bill Tobin informed us about Shelter Box's disaster relief around the Globe and how we can help; Jason Browne, a Rotarian from Pennsylvania, shared a timely message about how we can interest and engage new Rotarians of diverse skin tones and backgrounds; and I shared my family's story of dealing with and overcoming the physical effects and mental challenges of polio. My Mother, Irma Ames Brewer, who contracted polio while pregnant with me, succumbed to the deadly Coronavirus November 12<sup>th</sup>.

In March, we partnered with our sister Rotary District 5710 (Northeastern Kansas) for the second virtual Heartland PETS. This was led by DGEs Fred Heismeyer and Vern Hendricks, District Trainers DeAnn Sullivan and Neil Wakefield, and Kelle Thompson, PETS Coordinator (5680), and Mandy Shelton Executive Secretary (5710).

Throughout this last year, your Leadership Team has been vigilant about identifying Opportunities to help wherever possible to hold off and eliminate that dreaded Virus. We have worked with Kansas Leadership Center to develop local community responses to inform our neighbors that the vaccines are safe and effective.

We again partnered with District 5710 to sponsor Public Service Announcements on Public Radio stations with coverage across all of Kansas and the Oklahoma Panhandle, to share messages promoting the safety of the vaccines and promoting vaccinations to avoid the worst of the symptoms of Covid, including severe lung damage or death.

Now 5680 and 5710 are collaborating with other partners to provide factual reassurance to our region's parents of school children. Each child and parent vaccinated gets us closer to being able to provide safe, in-person education for those children, this August!

And for those concerned about getting our communities and economies fully reopened, see to it that you and your friends are vaccinated, lest you be part of the main reason keeping that from happening, unvaccinated adults old and bright enough to know better. A whopping 98% to 99.7% of people admitted to US hospitals with a Covid diagnosis were unvaccinated, in several recent studies.

And the Delta Covid Variant, which is reported to be much more contagious, is already causing mini surges in places like rural Missouri, and in some counties in Kansas, where fewer than 30% of those who can be vaccinated, are!

According to Robert Mendoza PDG and the prior District Foundation Chair, this year's total of 10 Global Grant projects, funded with close to \$100,000 of District Deferred Funds, were some of the highest numbers ever, for Our

District! Thanks to Donna Meier Pfeifer District Rotary Foundation Chair and Dave Abbott, Global Grants Subcommittee Chair.

The Local Grants Subcommittee, Chaired by PDG Andrea Krauss, had a successful year with many projects approved, but around \$7,000 was left unclaimed, due to not having enough qualifying projects submitted. Deadline for this year is July 31<sup>st</sup>, so don't miss it! Every community needs something, find it!

One of District 5680's accomplishments, of which I am extremely proud, because it comes from each Rotarian and Club that contributed, is raising over \$530,000 for PolioPlus' End Polio Now Campaign, including all available Matches. As a result, about 177,000 of our world's children will be fully immunized, and their life dreams will not be threatened by childhood diseases as they walk or run confidently towards their future!

The shared Service of Us, the combined power of "we" gets results. Ask Us because We can do it! Let no Rotarian be left behind, share Rotary kindness, carry on with joint devotion to each other and Our Mission of Service Above Self.

Thanks to each and every one of you who served in a leadership role in our District this year. Read down through the District Directory. You will find impressive, dedicated Rotarians, without whom many of our District's programs would not happen.

Special thanks to my wife Tina, who doesn't realize how much her encouragement and support helped me stay focused and carry on. To Kurt and Kelly Harper for creating the roadmap for serving our new, shared Rotary District.

To Fred and Joyce Heismeyer, Ivanhoe Love Jr. and Gloria Homeier, who make up the rest of the talented DG string, you all have great hearts which will reveal opportunities every day to lead us in serving others by meeting their needs. Show the rest of us how to help you and encourage us to meet those challenges.

Thanks for the privilege of serving as your District Governor. Doing so has provided me with many more experiences in our shared Rotary journeys, which continue to show me how life-fulfilling Rotary Service is!

*Dana Brewer*

District Governor 2020-21  
District 5680



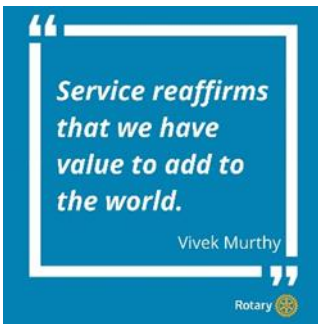
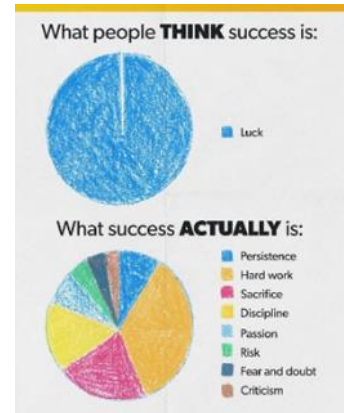
# Small Steps—Big Successes



*Leading to success*

*Needs to be stressed at all levels of Rotary*

**Many think that success is easy, but  
Rotarians know it is not.**

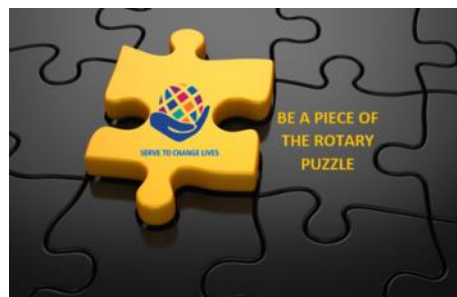


**and Service Above Self takes focus and effort.**

*To achieve our goals –  
we need to engage others.*



***WE ARE ALL A PIECE OF THE ROTARY PUZZLE!***



*Submitted by DGE Fred Heismeyer*

## District Leadership for 2021-22 Announced

We are pleased to announce the appointments of Area Governors and Committee/Sub Committee Chairs for the 2021-22 Rotary year. A **BIG THANK YOU** goes out to these Rotarians for their dedication, time, and talents as they serve our clubs and district. We encourage you to use your Area Governor and/or the various Committee/Sub Committee Chairs as valuable resources to help your club grow and prosper. The district directory is being completed at the writing of this newsletter article. However, the completed version with contact information will be available on the district website ([rotary5680.org](http://rotary5680.org)) as of July 1.

### AREA GOVERNORS

Area	Current Governor	Current Set of Clubs (number)
1	Bud Taylor	Abilene, Lindsborg, McPherson, Salina (4)
2	Preston Rook	Beloit, Clay Center, Concordia, Washington (4)
3	Jesse Janssen	Downs, Hill City, Norton, Osborne, Phillipsburg (5)
4	Alex Lofland	E-Club, Ellis, Hays, Hays Sunrise, Russell (5)
5	Lee Musil	Ellinwood, Great Bend, Lyons, Ness City, Sterling, Larned (6)
6	Jeff Horlacher	Atwood, Colby, Goodland, Hoxie, Oberlin, Sharon Springs (6)
7	Mike Brack	Cimmaron, Garden City, Liberal, Sublette (4)
8	Lisa Perez Miller	Dodge City, Kinsley, Kingman, Pratt (4)
9	Helen Barnes	Beaver, Boise City, Guymon, Texhoma (4)
10	DeAnn Sullivan	E Wichita, Old Town, West SG Cnty, West Wichita, Wichita DT (5)
11	Vacant	Ark City, Derby, Howard, Wellington, Winfield (5)
12	Warrren Baldwin	Hugoton, Johnson, Syracuse, Ulysses (4)
13	Jade Piros de Carvalho	Andover, El Dorado, Hutchinson, Newton (4)

NOTE: Realignment of Areas may change which AG is responsible for which club. See District Directory for updates.

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Finance:	Kurt Harper	New Generations:	Kelle Thompson
Auditor:	Rod Kreie	Rotaract:	TBD/VACANT
Foundation:	Donna A. Meier-Pfeifer	Interact:	TBD/VACANT
Annual Fund:	TBD/VACANT	Public Image:	Lisa Perez Miller
Global Grants:	Dave Abbott	Friendship Exchange:	Arlen Honts
District Grants:	Andrea Krug Krauss	Peace Fellowship:	Geri Appel
Scholarships:	Carol Solko-Olliff	RYLA:	Dean Kennedy
Paul Harris Society:	Randal W Krug	District Trainer:	Arlen Honts
Polio Plus:	Dana Brewer	US Russia Intercountry:	Bart Redford
Community Service:	Helen Barnes	Website Administrator:	Lindsy Berr
International Service:	Michael Andrusak	Youth Exchange:	Rod Kreie
Membership:	David Yoder	Council on Legislation Rep:	Rod Kreie
Newsletter:	Geri Appel		

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Defined by District Bylaws)

Chair:	Dana Brewer (Concordia)	Small Club :	Janie Welsh (Sublette) 2020-2022
Members:	PDG Kurt Harper (Wichita)	Med. Club:	Paul Monty (Washington (2021-2023)
	PDG Andrea Krauss (Russell)	Large Club:	Kelle Thompson (Winfield) 2019-2021
	PDG Sterling Hall (Sublette)		
	PDG Robert Mendoza (Derby)		
	PDG Gary Norris		



## District Grant Applications Due July 31, 2021

District grant applications for the 2021-2022 Rotary year are due July 31, 2021. District grant policies, forms, instructions, and other information about the district grants process is available on the Rotary District 5680 website at: <https://rotary5680.org/page/grants-scholarships>. If your club has an outstanding district grant for the 2020-2021 Rotary year, you must also submit a district grant report by July 31 in order to be eligible for a 2021-2022 district grant.

Failure to meet these deadlines and follow the district grant policies and application instructions will result in disqualification of your club's application. It is very important to read the policy and instructions prior to submitting an application.

If you have any questions about the process, please contact District Grants Subcommittee Chair, Andrea Krauss, at [andrea.krauss@johnofarmer.com](mailto:andrea.krauss@johnofarmer.com) or 785-445-2528.



We had 32 energetic students attend RYLA at Chicken N Pickle in Wichita on June 1. DG Dana and PDG "Mr RYLA" Dean Kennedy, along with Southwestern College in Winfield and several camp counselors led the campers in servant-leadership and team building.

**Water for Gallapo Project**

District 5680 is partnering with the Babati Rotary Club to provide clean, safe water to the village of Gallapo, Tanzania.

We are actively seeking partner clubs from around the world to help us refurbish a large community water system and install The Outreach Program Waterpoint Stationary Systems in four primary and secondary schools in the community.

Safe water is the foundation of a thriving community and you can help.

**Rotary**  **PEOPLE OF ACTION**

For More information Contact  
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(316) 461-0512

**JUNE**

*"There is immense power when a group of people with similar interests gets together to work toward the same goals."*  
Idowu Koyenikan

**ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH**

**Rotary** 

**TAKE ACTION:** Get Involved, Join Rotary

# Club News from around the District

**Rotary Clubs from around Kansas attended the “Night at the Ballpark”** on a hot Saturday June 19. More than 300 Rotarians, families and guests attended. During the 6th inning a PolioPlus promotion was shown, too! We hope to make this an annual event! Thanks to the RC W Wichita for organizing the event.



**Rotary Club W Wichita:** We received a thank you note from a student we sponsored to attend RYLA. *Dear West Wichita Rotary Club, Thank you for providing the opportunity for me to attend this year's RYLA camp. There were about 35 students from around Kansas who attended. I learned new leadership skills that will be helpful in school, sports and life. We also played games and talked about ideas on how we can do community service in our area. It was a great experience. Thank you! — Elijah Hunt*

**Rotary Club Wichita:** Club members and their families enjoyed an evening of fun and fellowship at Tanganyika Wildlife Park. The weather cooperated and cooled down just for us!



**Rotary Club Clay Center:** Our year has been filled with success:

- A Mural Movement speaks for itself – 12 murals completed over the last 11 months by 13 different artists. 215 donations amounting to over \$147k. (Go to <https://qrco.de/bc3VAy> for more info and photos)
- We have grown our Club more than any in the District. We are now up to 10 new members. At a time when 48/60 Clubs in our District have lost members or have stayed neutral.
- We have more women in our Club than at any time in our Club's history.



Art by Fred in the winter of the last mural on the Clay Center Market building and of Clay Center on Hwy

**Rotary Club Washington:** We have a new meeting schedule beginning July 1, 2021!

**Washington Rotary Club**  
**Noon lunch meetings**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month**  
**Gambino's—beginning July 2021**

**Rotary Club Wichita:** We presented our club Service Above Self award to longtime Rotarian, Steve English, a 45-year Rotarian for his years of service to Rotary and our community.



**Rotary Club Andover:** We held our first pickleball tournament fundraising event (Picklemania!) on June 19. We had 70 players registered to play and dozens of spectators. We can't wait to do it again! DGE Fred and Joyce Heismeyer even came out to watch—and shared their Smiley signs with us for the event!



**Rotary Club W Sedgwick Co Sunrise:** Check out our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/sunrisewichita>



**Rotary Club Oberlin:** Our club provided a Rotary grant for benches at a community park and met to assemble the benches. We also awarded to scholarships to graduating seniors and have a trash pick-up scheduled soon.

**Rotary Club Clay Center:** More on our “Mural Movement.” Our team of artists completed this approx. 7,000 sq ft mural yesterday evening. WIBW was here doing a story on it. Our little Rotary project has just passed \$150k raised yesterday and has produced 13 murals in 10 months.





# More Club News



**Rotary Club E Wichita:** We heard a fantastic presentation by Shannon Wedge, Executive Director of the Red Cross. We had invited members to donate personal items to present to Shannon at the end of

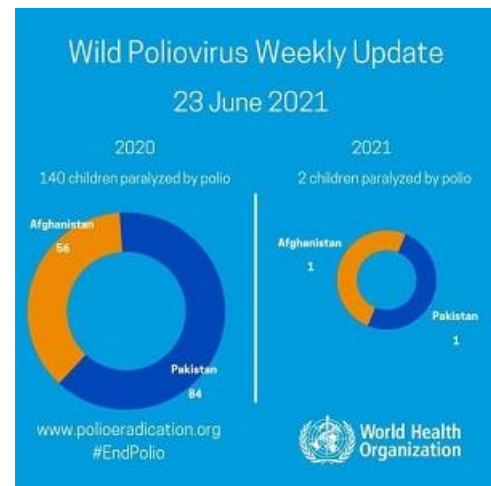
her presentation, items that will be given to our fellow Wichitans served by VA-sponsored programs. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/Rotary-Club-of-East-Wichita-1386660294974740> to read more and see some of fun smiles we had at Rotary that Day!

**Rotary Club W Sedgwick Co Sunrise: Congratulations** to the Wichita Sunrise club on their 20th Anniversary on June 22, 2001. Watch next month's newsletter for more pics and story about their celebration.



**Rotary Club Washington:** President Paul and our two RYLA students had a great time at leadership training. President Paul said he learned a lot, too! Also, our grant project is progressing with the installation of backboards and lights for the ballparks in the city park. We will also be helping with the t-ball tournament in Washington.

**Rotary Club W Wichita:** Mark your calendars for our annual Wine Dinner on October 9. All are invited. Details to follow.



## Earn a Banner for Your Club

Clubs have several opportunities to receive banners recognizing their support of The Rotary Foundation. Banners include:

- 100% Foundation Giving Club
- 100% Every Rotarian, Every Year Club
- 100% Paul Harris Society Club
- Annual Fund Top 3 Per Capita



Use Foundation Reports such as the [Club Foundation Banner Report](#) and the club Recognition Summary to monitor a club's progress towards giving and recognition goals.



Listen to KMUW public radio on July 1, between 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and hear a salute to Rotary leaders and their commitment to ***Serve to Change Lives.***

## Upcoming Events

**June 30, 2021**

District Governor Pin Passing  
RC East Wichita

**July 31, 2021**

District Grant Application Deadline

**Sept. 7-12, 2021**

Zones 25B & 29 Institute  
Houston, TX  
[Register here](#)

**March 31-April 2, 2022**

PETS 2022  
Wichita Marriott

**October 29-30, 2021**

District Conference  
Wichita Marriott

## District Global Grants Update

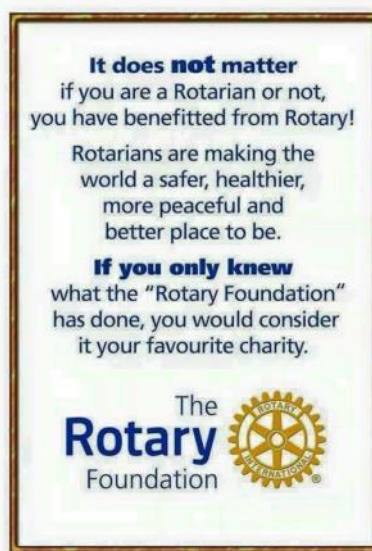
District 5680 participated in 11 Global Grants projects with \$112,689 of DDF funds for a total Projects \$907,946. We did projects in 8 Different Countries, in 6 different type projects. (*Thanks, Dave Abbot, District Global Grants*)

	<u>GRANT #</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Type of service</u>	<u>District 5680 Funds</u>	<u>Total Projects</u>
1	1991594	Zimbabwe	Sunflower project	\$31,178	\$65,106
2	2010656	Peru	Water/sanitation	\$10,000	\$83,084
3	2015618	Peru	Covid 19 supplies	\$10,000	\$155,094
4	2117737	Guatemala	Covid 19 supplies	\$2,000	\$125,890
5	2117775	Philippines	Wheel Chairs	\$3,000	\$59,585
6	2118461	Columbia	medical training	\$10,000	\$80,671
7	2121081	England	Scholarship	\$5,520	\$30,001
8	2122322	India	Dialysis Center	\$8,000	\$30,750
9	2124961	Peru	water/Sanitation	\$10,000	\$80,671
10	2014124	Cancelled project 15000 DDF to be returned			
11	2092638	refund project 1583.16 already returned			
12	2125618	Peru	Clean water	\$10,000	\$155,094
DRAFT	2128183	Tanzania	water filter project	\$13,000	\$42,000
				\$112,698	\$907,946

### Virtual, In-Person Meetings?

As clubs begin transitioning from strictly virtual to in-person meetings, your editor thought this was an article worth sharing as you consider if you should plan to do hybrid—virtual AND in-person meetings in the future. Personally, I have enjoyed attending many other club meetings virtually and hope that opportunity exists long into the future! —  
*Editor*

Jim Marggraff worked with his Rotary Club of Lamorinda, California, to demonstrate how easy it is for clubs to put together a hybrid virtual and in-person meeting. Two videos are available at [TGIG.org](http://TGIG.org). A 25-minute video of the garage meeting with celebrity speakers and a second short 2-minute Quick Start Video that shows how easy it is to run an engaging Virtual/In-Person (V/ IP) meeting. [Learn more](#)



### Did You Know?

You can (and should) view your Donor History Report on [My Rotary](#) to track your giving and recognition for our giving to the Rotary Foundation.

Click here for [Donor Self-Service](#)

Thank you DG Dana and Tina Brewer  
for serving and leading our district this year!



## District 5680 Membership Report As Of May 31, 2021

Club	7/1/2020 MEMBERSHIP	5/31/2021 MEMBERSHIP	NET GAIN 2020-2021
Abilene	59	47	(12)
Andover	26	26	0
Arkansas City	59	57	(2)
Atwood	23	24	1
Beaver	15	15	0
Beloit	40	38	(2)
Boise City	20	20	0
Cimarron	20	23	3
Clay Center	47	55	8
Colby	54	54	0
Concordia	31	35	4
Derby	70	59	(11)
Dodge City	38	37	(1)
Downs	9	10	1
East Wichita	87	81	(6)
E-Club	20	17	(3)
El Dorado	36	32	(4)
Ellinwood	20	19	(1)
Ellis	9	9	0
Garden City	45	40	(5)
Goodland	36	21	(15)
Great Bend	46	42	(4)
Guymon	26	26	0
Hays	64	62	(2)
Hays Sunrise	15	15	0
Hill City	13	15	2
Howard	13	12	(1)
Hoxie	20	20	0
Hugoton	15	16	1
Hutchinson	100	94	(6)
Johnson	15	13	(2)
Kingman	25	23	(2)
Kinsley	15	6	(9)
Larned	16	15	(1)
Liberal	43	40	(3)
Lindsborg	8	7	(1)
Lyons	23	23	0
McPherson	39	35	(4)
Ness City	21	23	2
Newton	53	59	6
Norton	13	15	2
Oberlin	33	31	(2)
Osborne	14	11	(3)
Phillipsburg	49	48	(1)
Pratt	53	51	(2)
Russell	39	37	(2)
Salina	123	116	(7)
Sharon Springs	10	6	(4)
Sterling	20	14	(6)
Sublette	18	17	(1)
Syracuse	16	13	(3)
Texhoma	15	12	(3)
Ulysses	28	26	(2)
Washington	35	33	(2)
Wellington	12	10	(2)
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	38	33	(5)
West Wichita	61	59	(2)
Wichita-Downtown	410	373	(37)
Wichita-Old Town	9	13	4
Winfield	74	74	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2404</b>	<b>2257</b>	<b>(147)</b>

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

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2020-21 RI President  
Holger Knaack  
Hersogtum Lauenburg-  
Mölln Germany



June 12–June 16, 2021  
Visit [convention.rotary.org](http://convention.rotary.org)

Did You Know?

We have a link on YouTube!



## 2021-22 Club Visit Schedule DG Fred Heismeier

### Clubs—Mark Your Calendars

**If you have not yet confirmed your DG club visit with the DG, please do so today!**

CLUB	DATE	CLUB	DATE
East Wichita Rotary	30-Jun	++ Phillipsburg	2-Sep
Lyons	6-Jul	Downs	7-Sep
Colby	13-Jul	++ Arkansas City	13-Sep
Johnson City	14-Jul	++ Wellington	14-Sep
++ Sharon Springs	14-Jul	Pratt	16-Sep
Atwood	15-Jul	Derby	17-Sep
++ Goodland	16-Jul	Liberal	21-Sep
Salina	19-Jul	Sublette	22-Sep
Russell	20-Jul	Hugoton	23-Sep
Guymon, Oklahoma	21-Jul	Great Bend	27-Sep
Texhoma, Oklahoma	27-Jul	++ Kinsley	27-Sep
Boise City, Oklahoma	28-Jul	Ellinwood	28-Sep
Beaver, Oklahoma	29-Jul	++ Larned	28-Sep
Ulysses	3-Aug	++ Howard	29-Sep
++ Syracuse	5-Aug	++ Kingman	5-Oct
++ Hays	9-Aug	++ Lindsborg	6-Oct
Ness Cit	10-Aug	Sterling	11-Oct
++ Ellis	11-Aug	McPherson	12-Oct
Hays Sunrise	12-Aug	El Dorado	13-Oct
++ Osborne	12-Aug	Hutchinson	18-Oct
Beloit	17-Aug	Newton	19-Oct
++ Clay Center	19-Aug	West Wichita Rotary	19-Oct
Dodge City	23-Aug	Winfield	20-Oct
++ Cimarron	24-Aug	W. Sedgwick Cty Sunrise	21-Oct
Garden City	25-Aug	Andover	21-Oct
Concordia	26-Aug	++ Old Town Wichita	25-Oct
Abilene	27-Aug	Wichita Downtown	25-Oct
Hill City	30-Aug	Hoxie	26-Oct
++		++ Washington	9-Nov

**++ Club has NOT confirmed the visit date. If this is your club, please have your 2021-22 President confirm this by responding to [fred@leadingandteaming.com](mailto:fred@leadingandteaming.com).**