



District 5680 News



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Message from

District Governor Dana Brewer

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Hello, my name is Dana Brewer and I am privileged to serve as the Governor of our Great KS OK Rotary District. Great in geographical size and known for our great, bighearted Rotarians and our Service to our communities.



But this isn't about me. Being District Governor is about serving each and every one of you Rotarians and your Rotary Clubs. My mission, as I embrace it, is to serve or help meet the needs of all of you who are already serving. My mission is to serve you who serve.

With the very capable assistance of our talented and enthusiastic District Leadership Team, I will endeavor to provide every Rotary member in our District, the information, training and other resources to become a more engaged, active and impactful Rotarian and each Club avenues by which Rotarians can band together to meet the important needs of our communities and our World.

Critical priorities for all of us will be to find workable solutions to the three major challenges we face in our current challenging environment.

First: How can we keep Rotarians connected with us and engaged? How will we adapt in order to stay in touch, to interact regularly by meeting in person when we

can and when we can't, by virtual Zoom or other meetings. Many Clubs are utilizing hybrid meetings (both in person to the extent they can safely social distance and online).

Second: How do we maintain and possibly increase membership? Every one of our members is important to us. Other

Rotarians are why we joined Rotary! They have mentored us, provided an encouraging, upbeat place for us to regroup and recharge, in the middle of our often chaotic weeks. Let them know we care and we miss seeing them. Using hybrid meetings, Clubs are discovering Rotary is attractive to people who can't physically attend a regular meeting but can get online for 45 minutes or so, without leaving their business or their home.

Third: How do we determine and carry out the projects most needed by our communities? Do some brainstorming about the needs of your local people, now and later on. Rotary Clubs are groups of leaders, creators and doers, People of Action. Figure out where to best apply your gifts!

RI President Holger Knaack, featured with his vivacious and gracious wife, Susann in last month's Rotary magazine, chose for this year's Rotary theme: **“Rotary Opens Opportunities!”**

We face great challenges but the times in our lives that present the greatest chal-



DG Dana Brewer (cont'd)

allenges also often give us the largest opportunities. Watch for those opportunities and take advantage of them, for the greater good of all concerned!

I will address my priorities to the Club Presidents and Secretaries in an email the first part of August. One initiative I will prioritize is to do what we can to help finally eradicate the dreaded scourge of polio. I am very passionate about it. Both of my parents had to deal with it. My Father was even stricken with post-polio syndrome, while I was in high school, pulling himself up onto a farm tractor with his arms and chest muscles, when his legs could barely function. He continued to support Mother and the four of us children, while staying up many nights rocking in a chair because he was too uncomfortable to sleep.

If we can average giving of only \$42 per member to Polio-Plus this year, we can raise \$101,100, which, with a 2 to 1 match by The Gates Foundation, becomes a \$202,200

donation that will qualify for additional matching funds from Rotary International 's World Fund, to raise its ultimate impact to \$404,400. **Wouldn't that be fantastic! That is the power of US, working together!**

During these challenging times, which challenge us to give our very best to others and to encourage others to do the same, we must share love, kindness and compassion. It's the Rotary Way, you know. **Be the best version of you, safely!**

Dana Brewer

District Governor, 2020-21
District 5680



Our Rotary Ride. . . so far

And so the shared ride began:

My wife Tina and I were outside the Airport in Chicago, sitting in the "van" provided by Rotary International, awaiting transport to RI Headquarters in Evanston, when the driver got a call. Another Rotary couple needed to be driven there.

The driver called out for them, "Mr. and Mrs. Harper" several times, while slowly cruising the passenger pickup area, to no avail. Tina and I tried to spot them, not easy, never having seen them before. The driver shrugged his shoulders and was about to pull away when we saw what might be a Rotary couple, whatever that looks like and he hollered again in their direction. That's how we met Kurt and Kelly Harper and the shared ride began.

Our Rotary Journeys have been on parallel tracks for the most part, ever since. Kurt was the District Governor Nominee for former District 5690, as I was for 5670 and the twain were set to merge about a year and a half hence. At that point, only one of us would be needed as District Governor.

We were in Evanston that Winter of '17, for a Zone Institute rudely moved by Hurricane Harvey from its planned site in Houston, (leaving 11 feet of water in our huge convention center). RI Headquarters graciously offered to host us, a great experience, since most of us had never been there. The four of us promptly had our first meal together and spent the next several days getting to know each other. On the ride back to the airport, Kurt and I had the arm wrestling match to decide who would serve as DG first and he graciously won.

We have had many wonderful times since then: training at Zone Institutes, working on PETS twice, the second of which went "viral" and then "virtual." The Harpers came to visit us after I got my new "Persona" (the brand name of my knee implant). We have so far survived the "Covid Period" of our shared history. I think Kurt even managed to lose a little weight, which is unheard of for a DG experiencing the Rotary lottery of 3 rubber chickens in a row or yet one more baked "steak" which died due to smothering. So I guess you can say our Rotary friendships have survived through "sick and thin"?!

Kurt has been incredibly supportive and helpful to me and I have tried to be the same for him. We have been extremely fortunate to have Kurt Harper serve as the first Governor of our merged KS OK Rotary District. His skills as a communicator, his fine legal background and his skills with electronic media, have been tremendous assets in helping all of us come together as a unified and dedicated group of Rotarians! He and Kelly made extra effort to learn about each of our communities and our Clubs and their Facebook Travelogue may never be equaled. Kelly was a superb First Governess, assisting Kurt in countless ways.

Thanks to both of you for your Rotary Service!

And the ride continues.....

Dana Brewer, District Governor

KS OK Rotary District 5680

As we end and begin a new Rotary year . . .

This excellent article is provided courtesy of the Rotary Club of Washington.

As I sit here and think about what to write about in my final column to you, I realized that this term has gone by exceptionally fast. I started this term knowing that there would be challenges to this as there is with everything. Little did I know we would be faced with a major pandemic that would threaten the actual existence of everything in the world as we know. This pandemic made me think about the accomplishments of Rotary International and the fact that in the very first newsletter I challenged myself to learn more about Rotary.

In today's society, we can compare the goals of Rotary to what is happening all across the world today. One cause is fighting disease and to eradicate Polio. This started 30 years ago and Rotary has almost accomplished this feat. Currently, the world is battling coronavirus with each nation doing its best to slow and stop the spread of it. Rotary has created the Disaster Response fund to help clubs with disaster recovery efforts within their communities that are related to COVID-19. Another cause for Rotary is promoting peace. Once again, the great United States of America is being torn apart by hatred and violence. It is the goal of Rotary to train adults and young leaders to

prevent and mediate conflict. Other causes of Rotary are providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene, saving mothers and children, supporting education, and growing our local economies.

With today's society and everything that is going on, Rotary has dedicated itself to doing exactly what is needed in this day and age. To promote peace and fight diseases. These causes are weakening the country as we know it and as Rotarians it is our duty to use the information and resources, we have received from this great organization to help resolve these issues as they exist.

I will leave you with this quote:

"And once the storm is over, you won't remember how you made it through, how you managed to survive. You won't even be sure, whether the storm is really over. But one thing is certain. When you come out of the storm, you won't be the same person who walked in. That's what this storm's all about."

— Haruki Murakami, [Kafka on the Shore](#)

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President the past year.

Ryan Kern, 2019-20 President
Rotary Club of Washington

2020 RI Convention Continues

Rotary's first-ever virtual convention attracted more than 60,000 registrants and 175,000 viewers during its week-long program. The robust participation shows that Rotary members are finding ways to experience fellowship and fun, key parts of Rotary's annual international convention, despite the COVID-19 pandemic that forced the cancellation of the in-person convention planned for Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, this year. Read the full story . . .

<https://www.rotary.org/en/rotarys-first-virtual-convention-inspires-members-innovate-and-stay-connected?fbclid=IwAR2ahS0jfBj02ULfV6xW-5vnKlz3-Ytrpw-zG-jETENTFU5pO0CrDwDpU>

The Convention brought together our members from around the globe to hear from inspirational speakers and renew our connections. **Learn more about the event and how you can watch the sessions.**

<https://on.rotary.org/2DsFKof>

The Convention continues through July 31 with [breakouts](#) and the House of Friendship. Use the link above to access more information.

Guymon Meeting Location & Meeting Dates

Our meets on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays at the Pub on the Bricks, 120 NE 5th. The second Wednesday is a Community Service noon and the fourth is a social at 5:01, also at the Bricks.

PDG Kurt Harper named ARC

What is an "ARC" you might ask. It's an Assistant Rotary Coordinator who can share ideas and best practices, assist with membership engagement and attraction strategies, advocate for innovative and creative approaches that support and strengthen clubs, connect you with clubs and districts that excel in membership, and set up/assist with training programs for districts and clubs.



Congratulations to Immediate Past District Governor Kurt Harper, who has been named ARC for Rotary Districts 5610, 5630, 5680 and 5710! Each Zone has ARC's assigned for the districts within the Zone. We are in Zone 25B.

The "Plus" in PolioPlus

With decades of experience stopping polio outbreaks, Rotary and our partners have a critical role to play in protecting communities from the COVID-19 pandemic, just as the we did with Ebola, yellow fever, and avian flu. From Pakistan to Nigeria, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative is supporting governments in their COVID-19 response efforts. This truly represents the "plus" in PolioPlus. Learn more about the foundations of the polio infrastructure. <https://www.endpolio.org/the-plus-in-polioplus>



Will you help by donating to End Polio Now? Your contribution will be automatically tripled by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Donate now! <https://www.endpolio.org/donate>

New Area of Focus in Rotary—Supporting the Environment

The Rotary Foundation Trustees and Rotary International Board of Directors have both unanimously approved adding a new area of focus: supporting the environment.



supported by global grants. It joins peacebuilding and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and community economic development.

More than \$18 million in Foundation global grant funding has been allocated to environment-related projects over the past five years. Creating a distinct area of focus to support the environment will give Rotary members even more ways to bring about positive change in the world and increase our impact.

Grant applications for projects will be accepted beginning on 1 July 2021. Gifts and commitments from Rotarians and others will be sought to provide global grant support for the new area of focus.

Supporting the environment becomes Rotary's seventh area of focus, which are categories of service activities

More information about this new cause will be announced soon.

Suggested Videos from your Editor



Rotarians around the world recognize past RI President Cliff Dochterman as the best speaker they have ever heard. In what is probably Cliff's last speech (his words), this link will entertain and inform. So if you have time (approximately 1 hr.) take a look [HERE](#).

One of the **best** speeches Cliff ever gave is [HERE](#). Titled "You Are The Conductor" was directed to District Governors, but it absolutely applies to leading your club or a committee, for that matter.

Another great speech Cliff is recognized for is "If I Could Be President Again." In it he says, "Club President is the best job in Rotary." I agree! Listen to it [HERE](#). Especially for Presidents!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sept. 8-13, 2020
Zone Institute (Virtual Meeting)
"Rotary's On Fire"
Houston, TX

October 23-24, 2020
District Conference
Salina Hilton Garden Inn
Salina, KS

Food For Our Neighbors—another COVID-19 Project

ACTION REQUIRED BY JULY 31, 2020

To: Club Presidents and Secretaries

Your District Leadership Team is excited to announce that we have received a \$25,000 grant from Rotary International for another COVID relief project in our District!

After discussion, it was decided to provide food again, as that will provide essential assistance to those in our communities who need it most.

As District Governor Nominee Ivanhoe Love said “The Food for Our Neighbors Project was a home run!”. Not only did it help provide the most essential of services, it allowed all of us to be a part of a humanitarian project, during a period of time where just operating as a Club of Rotarians, has been challenging.

The process, though not perfect, went pretty smoothly and we believe our second go-round can be even more efficient. **One change however, is that in order for the food to go where it is most needed, we are requesting**

that Clubs notify us of your intention to “opt in”. All Clubs which do so will share equally in the food being distributed.

If all 60 Clubs participate, each will receive about 30 of the Pantry Pack 42 meal serving boxes. It is currently projected that the meals would be delivered in mid to late September, when families’ resources are often at the lowest point, due to expenses of getting our communities’ children back to school. And who knows what that ever changing scenario will look like by then.

The “drop dead” (or “show you are alive”) deadline is **5:00 pm on July 31st, 2020**. Respond to Kent Erb District Executive Secretary & Treasurer at rotary5680@gmail.com.

Thanks for all the good you do through Rotary Service,

Dana Brewer, 2020-21 District Governor
Fred Heismeyer, 2021-22 District Governor
Ivanhoe Love, 2022-23 District Governor
KS OK District 5680

Set your Rotary Foundation Goal in Rotary Club Central



Club Presidents:

Have you entered your Club Goals for this year in Rotary Club Central? In order to qualify for a 2020-21 Rotary Citation, you must do this!

To achieve the citation:

- * Go to Rotary Club Central
- * Review the 25 available goals
- * Select at least 13 goals (or more than 50% of the available goals)
- * Achieve those goals
- * Report achievement in Rotary Club Central

If you have not yet entered your club goals, go to the Rotary website (rotary.org) and login to Rotary Club Central. Next, navigate to the **Goal Center**, select the **year**, and click on the **All tab** to see the goals. There are 25 goals listed. You must select 13 goals Below are the goals for the 2020-21 Rotary year.

Please be sure to set your goal for Membership, Annual Fund Giving Fund and Polio Plus Fund at minimum so that your club members, the district and RI know what they are. If you need help achieving your goal(s), reach out to your Assistant Governor who will help you.

Thanks!

Club News from around the District



Rotary Club Ulysses: We sported our masks for the parade! And we won 2nd place!



Rotary Club Great Bend: Our Club was pleased to be involved in the food distribution project. Past President Chad Stefan went to Russel and picked up the food. In Great Bend, Rotarians Lee and Carolyn Musil, Chad, and new President Gail Santy unloaded and presented the food to the Community Food Bank of Barton County. Our Club donated \$250 and Central National Bank donated \$100 to the Food Bank.



Rotary Club Washington: Our club is looking for a new meeting location with a decision to be made in July. We are involved in pee-wee baseball and helped the District Pee Wee Tournament here run smoothly. We continue to hold virtual and in-person meetings. Also, see article on page 3 as our past president reflects on Rotary.



Rotary Club Wichita: We hold weekly virtual meetings but on June 29 we had a both virtual and live meeting to bid farewell to past president Doug Stark and welcome 2020-21 President Sue Tirukonda as well as recognize our outgoing and incoming board members for both the club and our Wichita Rotary Charitable Fund.



Rotary Club Dodge City: An article in the Dodge City Globe as they delivered food to the local food bank. Rotarians Dave Wetmore (L) and Jan Scoggins (R) made the presentation.



Rotary Club W Wichita: At a live meeting we recognized past president Vern Klaasen (R) and incoming president Colin McKenney (L). As is our tradition, all attending past presidents lined up to pass the gavel up through the years until it reached Colin.



Rotary Club W Wichita: We have a new Major Donor to the Rotary Foundation! Congratulations to past president John Mosley on receiving his recognition in the form of an engraved crystal and Major Donor pin. Foundation Chair Stan Krehbiel made the presentation.



The Rotary Club of Pratt received press coverage in the *Pratt Tribune*. [Read the full story here.](#)



From the article: To help during this crisis, the Pratt Rotary Club is providing food boxes to feed 60 families in the area. Working with the food bank and

RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program), Pratt Rotary is one of 61 rotary clubs in Kansas and the Oklahoma panhandle that is working to provide food for over 6,300 families, said Pratt Rotary President Donna Meyer Pfeifer.

Rotary Club Washington received press coverage in their local newspaper of the food delivery: "Sixty families in Washington County are receiving nutritious, easy to cook meals through Washington County Ministerial Association due to the efforts of the Rotary Club of Washington. This project is a part of a coordinated effort of Rotary clubs across Kansas and the panhandle of Oklahoma to distribute food to over 6,300 families during this time of food insecurity, job loss, and pandemic worries. The boxes were distributed on July 3 as an extra free bonus to those picking up food from the Harvesters food distribution. The boxes themselves originated from a \$25,000 grant from The Rotary Foundation."



Why the Four-Way Test is My Ethical Guide



By S.R. Yogananda, past district governor, past regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, and a member of the Rotary Bangalore East, Bengaluru, India

The year was 1987. I had come back from the Sultanate of Oman and was running a consumer products distribution company in Bangalore, India, when a business executive came to my office one evening. He said “I have been watching the way you do business. You are not taking short cuts, you have asked your staff and accountants to follow all the government regulations. I would like to invite you to join my Rotary club.” Rotary, he said “amongst other things, stands for integrity”

After attending a few meetings, I was inducted into the Rotary Club of Bangalore East during a colorful event in a lovely atmosphere. I attended all club and district events and began to gain a deeper understanding of this wonderful organization. I was delighted to learn that Rotary does not endorse any particular religion and is beyond boundary restrictions. Integrity is a pillar on which Rotary stands.

The story of Herbert Taylor, the past RI president who created [The Four-Way Test](#), fascinated me, so much so that when I became president of my club I put up a large sign of the test along a busy road in Bangalore. I got it printed on a silver plate and gave it as a memento to every speaker at our meetings. I also gave it to our members on their birthdays and wedding anniversaries.

I served as the national coordinator and awards administrator for a national essay competition on The Four-Way

Test held all over India, administered through Rotary clubs. This project, held for five years, was sponsored by District 6400 and the Rotary Club of Windsor, Canada.

Many times in my business, I made decisions that to an outsider might have looked unwise. There was an occasion when we could have bought a product without the taxes and sold it to make a handsome profit. When this proposal was brought to my attention, I put my foot down and said no. It failed The Four-Way Test. It was not fair to the tax authorities and to other dealers who did not have this advantage.

Another incident etched in my memory, even before joining Rotary, I was heading the special equipment division of a leading company in the Middle East. I was handling global tenders and multimillion-dollar deals. I was sitting with a top ranked bureaucrat from an important ministry who was a major customer, and he asked about the delivery of a piece of equipment that had been delayed due to a problem at the loading port. I was tempted to lie to avoid embarrassment, but working up my resolve, decided to tell him the true reason for the delay. Surprisingly, in my future dealings with him, he seemed to treat me with increased respect. Now I see this as validation of the principles behind The Four-Way Test.

The Four-Way Test is one of our great benefits as members of Rotary. It is a trustworthy ethical guide. And we have an opportunity to share it with eager young minds to the benefit of all.

Source: Rotary Voices, July 24, 2020

New Courses in the Learning Center

[Committing to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion](#)—Learn more about Rotary’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement, including what it means and how you can use it to create positive experiences for everyone.

Toastmasters courses—Two new courses this month in our Toastmasters series can help you continue to develop your speaking skills:

[Inspirational Speech](#)

[Interpersonal Communication and Networking](#)

Find more role-based and professional development courses in the [Learning Center course catalog](#)

Rotary's Vision Statement

“Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.”

District 5680 Membership Report As Of June 30, 2020

Club	7/1/2019 MEMBERSHIP	6/30/2020 MEMBERSHIP	NET GAIN 2019-2020
Abilene	56	59	3
Andover	32	26	(6)
Arkansas City	68	59	(9)
Atwood	26	23	(3)
Beaver	19	15	(4)
Beloit	43	40	(3)
Boise City	20	20	0
Cimarron	22	20	(2)
Clay Center	45	47	2
Colby	57	54	(3)
Concordia	31	31	0
Derby	67	70	3
Dodge City	38	40	2
Downs	7	9	2
East Wichita	102	88	(14)
E-Club	18	20	2
El Dorado	41	36	(5)
Ellinwood	20	20	0
Ellis	9	9	0
Garden City	47	45	(2)
Goodland	37	36	(1)
Great Bend	38	46	8
Guymon	25	26	1
Hays	63	62	(1)
Hays Sunrise	17	15	(2)
Hill City	10	13	3
Howard	14	13	(1)
Hoxie	20	20	0
Hugoton	16	15	(1)
Hutchinson	100	100	0
Johnson	16	15	(1)
Kingman	24	25	1
Kinsley	8	15	7
Larned	17	16	(1)
Liberal	54	43	(11)
Lindsborg	9	8	(1)
Lyons	22	23	1
McPherson	45	39	(6)
Ness City	17	21	4
Newton	57	53	(4)
Norton	13	13	0
Oberlin	37	33	(4)
Osborne	13	14	1
Phillipsburg	49	49	0
Pratt	56	53	(3)
Russell	37	39	2
Salina	139	123	(16)
Sharon Springs	10	10	0
Sterling	17	20	3
Sublette	18	18	0
Syracuse	18	17	(1)
Texhoma	15	15	0
Ulysses	30	28	(2)
Washington	36	35	(1)
Wellington	12	12	0
West Sedgwick Co Sunrise	43	38	(5)
West Wichita	61	61	0
Wichita-Downtown	412	409	(3)
Wichita-Old Town	8	9	1
Winfield	84	74	(10)
TOTALS	2485	2405	(80)



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Rotary International Convention
Taipei, Taiwan
June 12-16, 2021
www.rotary.org/convention
Register today!

